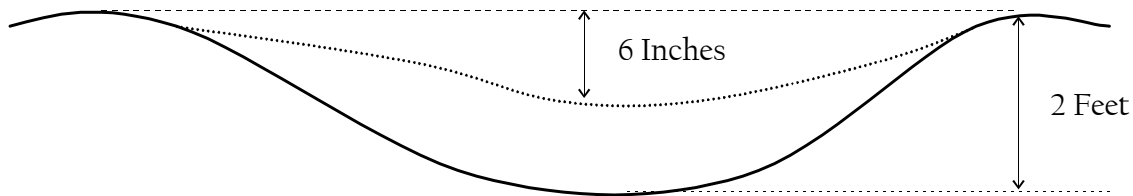




Rain Gardens

- SIZE:** 20-30% of the drainage area (e.g. A 1000 square foot drainage area should have a 200-300 square foot garden).
- LOCATION:** At least 10 feet away from structures; pay attention to neighboring vegetation.
- SOIL:** 50-60% sand, 20-30% topsoil, 20-30% compost; use some of the same soil already on site if possible; **NO CLAY!**
- GRADE:** Center should be at least 6 inches below the grade of surrounding land
Gently slope garden toward lowest point



PLANT SELECTION:

Consider the following:

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| ☒ Zone | ☒ Soil Type |
| ☒ Sunlight | ☒ Size |
| ☒ Moisture | ☒ Color |
| ☒ Native/Nonnative | ☒ Texture |

Keep in mind:

- ☒ The lowest point in the garden will need water-loving plants.
- ☒ Sides closest to the lowest point will need plants that like moist soils.
- ☒ Sides furthest from the center will need plants that tolerate dry conditions.

