



SHIP - Education and Outreach Overview at Jakes Branch County Park

While participating in active and passive recreation, visitors including watershed residents, turf managers, and stormwater professionals to Jakes Branch County Park, will:

- Learn how to maintain their property through practices such as compaction reduction, organic soil amendments, low fertilizer use, native plantings, water conservation, etc.;
- Identify and select appropriate native plants for gardens, landscaping and stormwater management applications;
- Have access to tools and techniques (via signage, literature, interpretative and instructional programs, diagrams, online resources etc.) to be able to take knowledge into action;
- Understand the ecologic and economic benefits of these practices;
- Appreciate the interrelated connections between the highlighted practices and healthy Barnegat Bay ecosystem functions;
- Be able to visualize an attractive alternative to a lawn;
- Become better consumers and more informed about ecosystem friendly purchasing;
- Share what they learned with others;
- Feel empowered to encourage additional local, sustainable practices.