

A



B



C



D



E



Figure 1. Examples of the many types of urban and suburban stormwater management facilities, commonly called Best Management Practices (BMPs): (A) above-ground retention pond, (B) rain garden, (C) rain barrel, (D) sand filter, and (E) sand filter and detention pond in series. BMPs help to slow the flow of stormwater from the landscape to streams to mitigate streambank erosion, prevent degradation of stream habitat, and reduce the load of contaminants, including nutrients and sediment, transported in stormwater runoff to local streams and then downstream to Chesapeake Bay.