

# RBC Blue Water Project™

## Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust – RBC Rain Garden

In 2009, the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT) became the first organization in the British Isles to receive a leadership grant from the RBC Blue Water Project.™

“We are absolutely thrilled to have received a donation of £55,000 from RBC,” said Kevin Peberdy, Head of Centre Development for WWT. “We have created a new sustainable garden in our London Wetland Centre in Barnes which supports our national campaign, ‘WIMBY’ – wetlands in my back yard.”

The objective of the RBC Rain Garden is to raise awareness of water conservation, demonstrating how water can be used more wisely in our every day lives. It also educates on the value of wetlands in our gardens.

“We are delighted that a local organisation as prestigious as WWT has been successful in receiving a RBC Blue Water Project grant,” explains Francis Binney, Environmental Officer for RBC Wealth Management in the British Isles. “It’s an exciting and innovative project that will help education thousands on the importance of water conservation in our homes and gardens.”

## National Trust for Jersey

In 2011, the National Trust for Jersey became the second organization in the British Isles to gain funding from the RBC Blue Water Project™, being awarded £75,000 to protect, enhance and promote Jersey’s wetlands over the following three years.

“We’re really excited about this grant” says Jon Horn, Lands Manager at the National Trust for Jersey. “It’s going to make a really significant impact to our island. Our inland wetlands are little understood and therefore underappreciated” he explains. “We hope by building a visitor interpretation centre and improving accessibility we can open a window to islanders to how them how important these wetlands are.”

Francis Binney, Environmental Officer at RBC Wealth Management, worked closely with Jon to secure the grant. “This is a massive achievement for Jersey - we are just as pleased as the Trust” he says. “We have a well-developed and successful relationship with Jon and his team. Our volunteers from RBC Wealth Management have worked on wetland management projects for the past two years – and we will stay involved throughout this important and exciting project.