

Additional Information

A lot of valuable information can be found on the internet. A few sources to check out include:

- www.for-wild.org
- www.chicagowilderness.org
- greenvalues.cnt.org
- www.prairienursery.com

Rain gardens can be combined with other storm water management solutions as part of a storm water master plan.

If you plan on installing a rain garden, the Village recommends that you select a landscaper familiar with native plantings.

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Rain Gardens

What is a rain garden?

Rain gardens are small depressions that collect rainwater runoff from roof downspouts, sump pump discharges, driveways and/or lawns. Within the rain garden the water is absorbed or infiltrated into the soil and/or filtered through the vegetation. Rain gardens are typically planted with a variety of native wildflowers and grasses suited to periodically wet conditions.

The primary purpose of a rain garden is to reduce the amount of water being conveyed to the local storm water system. Benefits of rain gardens include:

- Absorbing and filtering storm water runoff
- Removing commonplace pollutants from storm water runoff
- Creating wildlife habitat and attracting butterflies and birds
- After the first few years of establishing they are low maintenance
- Rain gardens can be aesthetically pleasing landscaping features

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Now, residents who are interested in creating a rain garden on their own property may be eligible for help from the Village!

Any proposed rain garden with a drainage benefit and a strong native planting plan can be **eligible for a Village Grant of 50% of the project costs up to \$1,000.** Here's how to get started:

1. Submit a **Rain Garden Program Application along with four sets of proposed plans** to the Village's Development Department (you can access the application at www.glenview.il.us/go_green). The plans should reference the Village's rain garden standard detail and suggested plantings. Also, you'll need to sign a document agreeing to maintain the rain garden for five years and allow the Village to monitor the rain garden's progress.
2. Upon Village review to ensure a drainage benefit and a proper native planting plan, an approval will be granted.
3. Once approved, the rain garden can be installed by the homeowner.
4. Upon completion, an inspection should be scheduled by calling (847) 904-4340.

1. Once the inspection is complete — and the garden has been approved — provide a paid receipt for Village review. A reimbursement of 50 percent of the project costs up to \$1,000 will be processed.

Please note: if funding for this program becomes limited due to strong resident interest, the Village will weigh each project on the following three criteria:

- 1) *Does it provide benefits to multiple residents?*
- 2) *Does it provide benefit to the Village?*
- 3) *Are there limited other options to address this drainage issue?*

