



**Native plants,  
raingardens and  
shoreline plantings  
help keep our water  
clean.**

Resources are available through the Blue Thumb program and local EMWREP partners to help you design native gardens, create raingardens and plant shorelines. Get in touch with grants, garden blue-prints, local nurseries and landscape companies, how-to guides, workshops and more!

Contact Angie Hong for info:  
**651-275-1136 x.35** or  
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## Local Native Plant Nurseries and Contractors

### **Cedar Hill Natives**

3374 Staples Place, Stillwater, MN  
651-252-7598  
www.cedarhillnatives.com  
\*Plants, design and rain barrels

### **Critical Connections**

14760 Oakhill Road, Scandia, MN  
651.433.4410, www.ccesinc.com  
\*Design and installation

### **Dragonfly Gardens**

491 State Highway 46, Amery, WI  
715.268.7660  
www.dragonflygardens.net  
\*Plants

### **EJ Houle Inc.**

55 SW 2nd St. Forest Lake, MN  
651.464.3326  
\*Seed and low-mow grass

### **Hedberg Aquatic Addiction**

8400 60th St. N, Stillwater, MN  
651-770-1122  
www.hedbergaquaticaddiction.com  
\*Plants and hardscaping

### **Houle's Seed Store**

10010 N 60th St. Stillwater, MN  
651.777.7229  
\*Seed and low-mow grass

### **Kinnickinnic Natives**

235 State Road 65, River Falls, WI  
715.425.7605, www.kinninatives.com  
\*Plants and design

### **Landscape Alternatives**

25316 St. Croix Trail, Shafer MN  
(651) 257-4460  
www.landscapealternatives.com  
\*Plants

### **Landscape Renovations**

12515 40th Street S., Afton, MN  
651-796-8697  
www.landscaperenovations.com  
\*Design and installation

### **Outback Nursery**

15280 110th Street S., Hastings, MN  
651.438.2771  
www.outbacknursery.com  
\*Plants

### **Prairie Restorations Inc.**

Hawkinson Bus. Park, Scandia, MN  
651.433.1435, www.prairieresto.com  
\*Seed and plants

### **St. Croix Valley Landscaping**

389 280th St., Osceola WI  
715-294-4471  
www.stcroixvalleylandscaping.com  
\*Design and installation



Brown's Creek Watershed  
Carnelian Marine - St. Croix Watershed  
Comfort Lake - Forest Lake Watershed  
Middle St. Croix Watershed  
Ramsey - Washington Metro  
Watershed Rice Creek Watershed  
South Washington Watershed  
Valley Branch Watershed

Cottage Grove • Dellwood • Forest  
Lake • Lake Elmo • Stillwater •  
Willernie • West Lakeland

Washington Conservation District  
Washington County

EMWREP is a city-county-  
watershed collaborative  
working to improve  
lakes, streams, rivers and  
groundwater resources in  
the east metro area through  
education and outreach.

Contact your local EMWREP  
partner for a free site visit or  
cost-share \$\$\$:

**www.mnwcd.org/  
cleanwater**

Find how-to's, blueprints, plant lists and more: **www.BlueThumb.org**

## Water Resources in the East Metro

Bound by the Wild and Scenic St. Croix River on the east and the Mighty Mississippi River on the south, the EMWREP region contains seventy major lakes, including White Bear Lake, Forest Lake, Big Marine Lake and Lake Elmo. The region is also home to five designated trout streams, including Brown's Creek and Valley Creek, and several smaller ponds, marshes and wetlands. Eight of the ten cleanest lakes in the metro area are in Washington County.

Groundwater provides 100 percent of the drinking water, and virtually all of the water for commercial, industrial and irrigation needs in the EMWREP area. The majority of the groundwater used in the area is pumped from the Prairie Du Chien and Jordan aquifers.

Common surface water pollution problems within the EMWREP area include excess nutrients, which cause algal blooms, and mercury contamination from atmospheric deposition. Also, groundwater overuse and contamination are problems in some of the east metro communities.

Find info on water resources, habitat restoration and conservation projects at:  
**[www.mnwcd.org](http://www.mnwcd.org)**

## EMWREP Garden Projects to Visit

**Edgewater Park Raingarden (Woodbury)** – Located near the intersection of Edgewater Drive and Lake Road in Woodbury, at the south end of Colby Lake. The raingarden is located within Edgewater Park, between the west end of the parking lot and the lake. Project was completed in 2005.

**Washington County Fairgrounds Raingardens (Baytown Township)** – Located at the Washington County Fairgrounds, along the east side of Building D. Four demonstration raingardens were installed in 2006 using different styles and plant materials. Interpretive signs located near the raingardens explain the project.

**Carpenter Nature Center Raingarden (Denmark Township)** – Located in front of the main visitor center (12805 St. Croix Trail South, Hastings). This raingarden was installed in 2006 using partial cost-share assistance provided by WCD. Please call ahead to arrange for a staff person to give a guided tour. (651) 437-4359.

**Washington County South Service Center Bioretention (Cottage Grove)** – Bioretention cells (engineered raingardens) are installed throughout the front parking lot at the new Washington County South Service Center. The site is located at 13000 Ravine Parkway South (off of County Road 19, about one mile north of Highway 61; across from the intersection of 90th Street South and CR 19). The project was completed in 2006.

**Gunnard Olson Rain Garden (Scandia)** – This small raingarden was installed in 2005 to capture runoff from a small parking area and a mowed yard. The site is located at 18804 Layton Avenue North, between Layton Avenue North and Big Marine Lake.