

Resources are available to help you design native gardens, create raingardens and stabilize shoreline. Check out a garden near you, visit a local Blue Thumb nursery or contact the East Metro Water Resource Education Program for more information.



East Metro Water Resource Education Program -



a dynamic partnership working to improve the quality of surface and groundwater resources in the east metro area through education and outreach.

To request a free site visit or learn about grants for projects in your area go to www.mnwcd.org/cleanwater.

Local Blue Thumb Nurseries and Landscapers

Ecoscapes Sustainable Landscaping 2183 Storland Rd., Eagan MN 55122
612-965-0848 www.ecoscapes.com

Hedberg and Aquatic Addiction 8400 60th St. N, Stillwater, MN 55082
(651) 770-1122 www.hedbergaquaticaddiction.com

Holm & Olson Landscape PO Box 10760, St. Paul MN 55110
651-222-0521, www.holmandolsonlandscape.com

Landscape Alternatives 25316 St. Croix Trail, Shafer MN 55074
(651) 257-4460 www.landscapealternatives.com

Landscape Direction 25730 Oakman Ave., Lindstrom MN 55045

Landscape Renovations 12515 40th Street S, Afton, MN 55001
651-796-8697 www.landscaperenovations.com

McGough & Associates, Inc. 1765 Hague Ave., St. Paul MN 55104

Mickman Brothers Inc. 14630 Highway 65, Ham Lake, MN 55303
763-434-4678 www.mickman.com

Minnesota Mulch and Soil PO Box 270101, St. Paul MN 55127
651-330-0299, www.mnmulchandsoil.com

St. Croix Valley Landscaping 389 280th St., Osceola WI 54020
715-294-4471 www.stcroixvalleylandscaping.com

Sunrise Native Plants P.O. Box 336, Center City MN 55012
651-257-4414 www.sunrisenativeplants.com

www.BlueThumb.org

*For how-to's, blueprints, retailers and more

Rain Garden Self-Guided Tour

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

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

Carpenter Nature Center Rain Garden (Denmark Township) – Located in front of the main visitor center (12805 St. Croix Trail South, Hastings). This rain garden 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 rain gardens) 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 rain garden was installed in 2005 to capture runoff from a small parking area and a mowed yard adjacent to Big Marine Lake. The site is located at 18804 Layton Avenue North. The rain garden is located between Layton Avenue North and Big Marine Lake.

Host a Blue Thumb Party for friends and neighbors

Are you looking for an excuse to eat, drink and be merry? Invite your friends and neighbors to your home for a Blue Thumb Party. Learn how the Blue Thumb - Planting for Clean Water program can help to create beautiful gardens for your home that are inexpensive, easy to maintain, attract birds and butterflies and help to keep local lakes and rivers clean. Get in touch with grants, garden blue-prints, local nurseries and landscape companies, how-to guides, workshops and more! Volunteer to host a party and we will create invitations for you to deliver to neighbors and arrive armed with pretty pictures, fun activities and information packets for your guests to bring home.

To host a Blue Thumb Party, call or e-mail Angie Hong:
651-275-1136 x.35 or angie.hong@mnwcd.org

