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Want to learn more about rain gardens?

Here are some helpful links:

Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District
www.msdlouky.org

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
<http://dnr.wi.gov/runoff/rg/links.htm>

Rain Garden Network
www.raingardennetwork.com

Low Impact Development Center
http://www.lowimpactdevelopment.org/raingarden_design/whatisaraingarden.htm

Healthy Landscapes
<http://www.uri.edu/ce/healthylandscapes/raingarden.htm>

Virginia Department of Forestry
http://www.dof.virginia.gov/mgt/resources/pub-Rain-Garden-Tech-Guide_2008-05.pdf

Greenscapes
<http://www.greenscapes.org/Page-198.html>

Raingardens.org
www.raingardens.org

City of Indianapolis
<http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/SustainIndy/WaterLand/GreenInfra/Pages/BuildYourOwnRainGarden.aspx>

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**Improving Water Quality
One Garden At A Time**

About the Rain Gardens

In early 2011, the Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) submitted an application to the Indiana American Water Environmental Grant Program to establish *Reading Rain Gardens for Water Quality* within the Silver Creek watershed. In June 2011, Indiana American Water awarded a grant to the SWCD. The SWCD began work immediately to install the three gardens pictured in this brochure.

Each Reading Rain Garden includes native trees and plantings, and a bench to afford people the opportunity to sit, read, and relax while enjoying the view of each garden. In addition, books about water quality and rain gardens are available for loan at the Sellersburg Library location.

Clark County 4H Fairgrounds
9608 Highway 62, Charlestown, IN



Riverside Elementary School
17 Laurel Ave., Jeffersonville, IN



Garden Locations

Have you installed a rain garden?
We want to know about it!
As part of our grant, we are tracking the number of rain gardens established in the Silver Creek Watershed and surrounding areas. Please visit the "Rain Garden Counter" page at readingraingardens.weebly.com and submit your garden's information.

Sellersburg Public Library
430 N. Indiana Ave., Sellersburg, IN

Immediately after planting



Before planting



What Rain Gardens Do

Rain gardens reduce the amount of pollution in nearby streams and waterways by providing areas for stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces to be absorbed into the soil. Stormwater flows from hard surfaces such as roofs and driveways, into storm pipes, drainage channels, and streams. It collects harmful oil-based products, lawn chemicals, pesticides, pet waste, and toxic substances. When these containments reach our water supplies they harm fish and wildlife, kill native vegetation, and make recreational areas unsafe. Our Reading Rain Gardens absorb runoff from the roofs of nearby buildings.