

RIVER WALK PARK RAIN GARDEN



WHAT IS A RAIN GARDEN?

A rain garden is a specially designed garden that collects rainwater from roofs, driveways, and other surfaces. It holds the water temporarily and allows it to soak into the ground slowly, instead of flowing into storm drains. This helps to reduce runoff and pollution, while also supporting plants that are adapted to wet and dry conditions.

HOW DO THEY WORK?

Rain gardens work by soaking up water from low-lying areas that frequently experience ponding. The runoff seeps into the garden's soil and is slowly absorbed by its roots. Pollution in the runoff is absorbed into the soil and, over time, can break down into a less harmful substance. Excess water will also steadily reenter the nearest waterway.

A GARDEN FIT FOR POLLINATORS

We installed a pollinator rain garden in River Walk Park. A pollinator rain garden is a regular rain garden geared toward pollinators' needs. Some plants that make it pollinator-friendly include...

Milkweed:

Milkweed is a flowering plant known for its distinctive pink flowers and role as a host plant for monarch butterflies. Its nectar-rich flowers attract various pollinators, including bees and butterflies, while its leaves provide essential food for monarch caterpillars.

New England Asters:

New England asters are vibrant, late-blooming perennials with daisy-like purple or pink flowers that attract a wide range of pollinators. Their rich nectar and pollen serve as a crucial food source for bees, butterflies, and other insects, especially in the fall when other food sources are scarce.

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