

Rain Gardens

Rain Gardens are attractive bio-retention devices for your yard. “Bio-retention is an upland water quality and water quantity control practice that uses the chemical, biological and physical properties of plants, microbes and soils for removal of pollutants from storm water runoff.” (from www.bioretention.com)

In layman’s terms, rain gardens are hard working tools to control pollution from storm-water run-off. They will also save you money on fertilizer and pesticides, create wildlife habitat in your yard, and look great while doing it! The LaPorte County SWCD encourages the installation of rain gardens and would love to help you install yours.

Here are some links to get you started, but please call our office for assistance, too!

Rain Gardens of West Michigan

<http://www.raingardens.org/Index.php>

Rain Gardens-A how-to Manual for Homeowners

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/dsfm/shore/documents/rgmanual.pdf>