

Raingarden 2011

April 2011 Westville High School Students-Breaking Ground



CTA Julia Plumb demonstrates



Extra Effort Required!





Teacher Rob Walker leading by doing



Creating the boundary



Planting Plugs



This part is fun



Relaxing after a hard day's work



July 8, 2011 Workday

When the compacted soil proved too much for manual tools, the unplanted area was machine tilled. Then workers formed an enclosing earth berm before planting.



Finishing earth berm

Rear of Rain garden newly roto-tilled, leveled and bermed, ready for plants!





CTA Julia Plumb, SWCD Supervisor Myrna Harder and SWCD Ed. Coordinator Nicole Messacar sorting plants 7-2011

Planting plugs





Raingarden after July 2011 workday. Outer 3/4 rototilled, larger earth berm established, additional plant plugs in place.



Big drink of water for new raingarden plants.



Plants thriving—August 2011





August 2011 blooming plants (above) and view from road (below)





Emerging Plants—April 2012

Big progress by May 22, 2012





Rain brings blooms May 30, 2012





August 5, 2012: Purple Coneflower (above), Swamp Milkweed (below)





August 23, 2012:Black-eyed Susan

September 7, 2012

