

# WELCOME TO OUR RAINGARDEN!

## What is a raingarden?

Raingardens are bowl-shaped, shallow gardens built to capture rainwater runoff from roofs, lawns, and parking lots before it reaches our lakes, streams, and rivers. The plants and soil in the garden clean the rainwater of pollutants and soak water into the ground, providing clean water downstream as well as habitat for pollinators and other wildlife.



**Native plants** intercept rainwater runoff & create habitat for wildlife

**Stormwater** flows from lawns and parking lots

Compost adds... nutrients to soil

Water soaks into the ground through tunnels created by roots

This raingarden will absorb over

**436,112**  
GALLONS

of rainwater  
EACH YEAR

That's over

**60**  
SCHOOL BUSES

full of Rainwater!



Less  
Runoff  
=  
Cleaner  
Lakes!



**Ironweed**  
*Vernonia gigantea*



**Joe Pye Weed**  
*Eutrochium purpureum*



**Long-Headed Coneflower**  
*Ratibida columnifera*



**Culver's Root**  
*Veronicastrum virginicum*



**Wild Bergamot**  
*Monarda fistulosa*

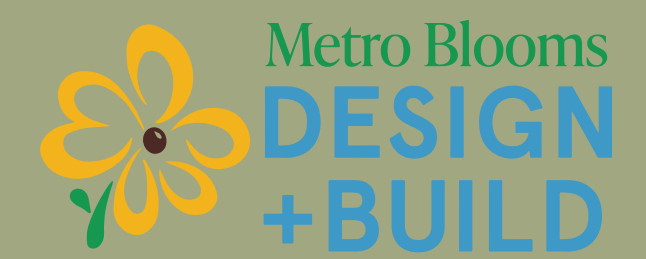


**Purple Coneflower**  
*Echinacea purpurea*



**Woodland Sunflower**  
*Helianthus divaricatus*

Look and find these flowers that are super tasty for pollinators!



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