



# Flint Creek Watershed Partnership

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Rain Garden Workshops Scheduled**

(Barrington, IL) Flint Creek Watershed Partnership has scheduled rain garden workshops March 6 and 13 and a construction demonstration April 24. Learn why rain gardens are important for cleaning stormwater and controlling flooding and how to build one on your property at the workshops; observe one under construction at the demonstration.

Iva McRoberts and Kevin Rische of Trillium Native Landscapes, Barrington will teach the workshops March 6 at Barrington Village Hall and March 13 at Ela Area Public Library. The workshops start at 9:30 and run until 11:30. The construction demonstration is April 24 from 11:00 to 12:30 at a site near the Barrington Area Library.

Rain gardens protect water quality and decrease flooding. A rain garden recreates nature's system of handling rainwater by keeping water where it falls. Before development, rain fell and seeped into the ground. After development, impermeable surfaces like roof tops, driveways, parking lots and roads created stormwater with no place to go except downhill, collecting pollutants from lawns and roads along the way. Waterbodies – wetlands, lakes and streams – are the lowest points in the watershed and become recipients of these pollutants. Build a rain garden and help recharge groundwater aquifers (vital to all the communities that depend on well water), reduce flooding and clean water – both above and below ground.

Kevin Rische is a member of Flint Creek Watershed Partnership's Rain Garden Initiative and has volunteered to visit residences this spring to verify proper siting of rain gardens. This service is available only to landowners in the Flint Creek Watershed who attend one of the workshops. Check the map on our website, [www.flintcreekwatershed.org](http://www.flintcreekwatershed.org), to see if you live in the watershed. All the programs are free. RSVP to Patsy Mortimer [pmortimer@earthlink.net](mailto:pmortimer@earthlink.net).

Flint Creek Watershed Partnership brings together stakeholders to preserve, protect and improve the Flint Creek sub-watershed of the Fox River. More information is at [www.flintcreekwatershed.org](http://www.flintcreekwatershed.org) or contact Patsy Mortimer, [pmortimer@earthlink.net](mailto:pmortimer@earthlink.net) 847-381-8663.

*Flint Creek Watershed Partnership presents*

## **“How to Build a Rain Garden” Workshop**

March 6      9:30-11:30 Barrington Village Hall *or*

March 13     9:30-11:30 Ela Area Public Library

Instructors: Iva McRoberts & Kevin Rische, Trillium Native Landscapes

Citizens for Conservation’s Community Education Committee presents

## **“Rain Garden Program”**

April 24      9:30-10:30 Barrington Area Library

RSVP this program only to Citizens for Conservation 847-382-7283

## **“On-site Construction Demonstration”**

April 24      11:00-12:30 Site near Barrington Area Library

Trillium Native Landscapes

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Learn why rain gardens are important for cleaning and controlling stormwater and how to build one at either of the March workshops; see photos of established rain gardens and observe one under construction in April. All programs are free. Watershed residents wanting a free on-site visit in the spring for the purpose of siting a rain garden in their yards must attend one of the March workshops. Consult our website [www.flintcreekwatershed.org](http://www.flintcreekwatershed.org) for a map of the watershed. Citizens for Conservation will offer specially-priced rain garden packages at its native plant sale May 1.



Flint Creek Watershed Partnership - dedicated to the preservation, protection and improvement of the Flint Creek sub-watershed of the Fox River. Our mission is to realize a long-term vision for a healthy watershed and educated citizens. Our goal is to educate while building partnerships for projects to improve water quality, reduce flooding, and preserve and restore wetlands, prairies, and other natural features for future generations.

*Barrington Area Conservation Trust, Barrington Area Council of Governments, Barrington Area Development Council, Citizens for Conservation, Barrington and Cuba Townships, Villages of Barrington, Barrington Hills, Deer Park, Hawthorn Woods, Lake Barrington, Lake Zurich, and North Barrington*