Rain Garden Open House

What: The HLWD is hosting a Rain Garden Open House. This open house will include a self-guided tour of the rain gardens installed in the City of Fulda. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

When: The event will take place on Thursday, July 16, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(Rain date – July 23, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

Where: Participants will meet at Seven Mile Park in Fulda. A meal will be provided.

How: If you are interested in attending, please register with the HLWD office by July 13, 2015 at 507-793-2462 or contact Jan Voit at jan.voit@mysmbs.com.

Fulda Phosphorus Reduction Initiative

The HLWD sought to instill a sense of personal responsibility for the two lakes in the Fulda area by engaging local organizations and the general public in the awareness of the effect of water pollution on the Fulda Lakes through unique educational displays, hands-on opportunities, and various printed media. Through the use of an Environmental Protection Agency Section 319 program grant, several education events were held and six rain gardens were installed within the City of Fulda.
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Thursday, July 16
5:00–7:00 p.m.

What Benefits Do Rain Gardens Provide?

A rain garden is a garden of native shrubs, perennials, and flowers planted in a depression, which is generally formed on a natural slope. It is designed to temporarily capture and soak in rain water runoff that flows from impervious surfaces such as rooftops, driveways, patios, or lawns. Rain gardens are effective in removing 90% of nutrients and chemicals and up to 80% of sediments from rain water runoff. A rain garden is not a water garden. Because rain gardens will drain within 12 to 48 hours, they prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. After a storm, water fills rain gardens and then slowly filters into the ground rather than running directly into a storm drain or lake.

Rain gardens improve water quality by filtering out pollutants; decreasing stormwater runoff by 80 percent; keeping 10 to 20 pounds of phosphorus from entering storm drains and lakes. They are aesthetically pleasing, preserve native vegetation; provide localized stormwater and flood control; attract beneficial birds, butterflies, and insects by providing valuable habitat; and are easy to maintain after establishment.

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

Fulda Lakes Rain Garden Open House
July 16, 2015 (rain date July 23, 2015)
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. • Seven Mile Park, Fulda

HLWD board meeting
July 21, 2015 • 8:00 p.m. at the HLWD office

Note that the HLWD board meeting dates and times are tentative.

Please contact the HLWD office for the exact date and time.

Contact us with your questions or concerns; call 507-793-2462 or email jan.voit@mysmbs.com.

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