

## A Rainwater Garden In My Yard?

The City of Prior Lake is working to get grant funding for a rain garden program as part of the upcoming street reconstruction program in the Brooksville Hills neighborhood and would like to find interested residents to participate. The following is a before and after photo of a similar rain garden installation in Burnsville.



Rain gardens such as these have perennial plants and flowers in a clean looking pattern and incorporate small retaining wall features to fit just behind the curb line. The gardens also provide a benefit to water quality because runoff that would normally go down stream is collected and used as a resource.

The rain garden functions by collecting nutrient rich runoff from roofs, driveways, yards and streets and allowing it to pool in a depression behind the curb where the water then is use by plants and infiltrates into the soil.

If you are interested in the possibility of installing a rain garden as part of the upcoming street reconstruction program or would like to learn more about installing your own, contact the City Water Resource Engineer, Ross Bintner at 952-447-9831,