A Garden That Fights Pollution
This raingarden keeps dirty runoff out of the Mississippi River

Raingarden
A raingarden is a depressed (bowl-shaped) garden with sandy soils and deep-rooted native plants. Raingardens act like natural filters, capturing dirty stormwater runoff and letting it soak into the ground, where the soils trap and remove harmful pollutants.

In addition to managing stormwater runoff, raingardens provide beneficial habitat for pollinators and other wildlife.

Native Plant Examples

- Blue Flag Iris
- Prairie Blazing Star
- Swamp Milkweed
- Butterfly Milkweed
- Ruby Star Coneflower
- ‘Little Joe’ Dwarf Joe Pye Weed
- Mardi Gras Sneezeweed

An Urban Watershed
The highlighted area represents the local watershed. Stormwater runoff in this area drains directly into the Mississippi River.