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## **FLINT CREEK WATERSHED INSTALLS FIRST RAIN GARDEN IN BARRINGTON AT THE LIBRARY**

Volunteers from Flint Creek Watershed Partnership installed a rain garden and planted native sedges and flowers at the Barrington Area Library on Thursday, Aug 6. The rain garden at the library is the first as part of a larger project to install rain gardens in Barrington.

Patsy Mortimer of Flint Creek Watershed explains how rain gardens work: "Rain gardens help keep water where it falls. When rainwater falls and flows across the landscape, the water picks up pollutants and carries those pollutants back to the main water source. A rain garden helps to keep this from happening."

The soil for the rain garden was physically prepared by workers from the local Barrington business, Trillium Native Landscapes who donated construction, maintenance and additional native plants as needed for this project.

"When we look at that kind of participation, we might be able to put in quite a few rain gardens. Their donation is going to really help us stretch our grant money,' Mortimer said.

The rain garden has been made possible by a grant from the Barrington Area Community Foundation and is the first to be installed as part of the Flint Creek Watershed Plan.

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