What is a Rain Garden?

A shallow depression that captures stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces. Rain gardens:

SLOW, SPREAD, & SINK stormwater runoff
Typical Cross Section

Stormwater Pollutants Treated: Sediments, Bacteria, Organics, Metals, Oils & Grease
Treat the runoff at the source
Treatment Train
Erosion Control & Stabilization
Adaptive Management
Keep Adapting & Improving
SARA Rain Gardens:
600 East Euclid Avenue
Before
After
One Growing Season

April 2014

September 2014
Spring to Spring

April 2014

April 2015
Fall to Fall

September 2014

September 2015
One Growing Season

June 2014  July 2014  September 2014
Spring to Spring

June 2014

March 2015
Fall to Fall

September 2014

September 2015
Purple skullcap
Scutellaria wrightii

Mealy blue sage
Salvia farinacea

Gregg’s mistflower
Conoclinium greggii

Turkscap
Malvaviscus arboreus

Four-nerve daisy
Tetraneuris scaposa

Mexican plum
Prunus mexicana
Frogfruit
*Phyla nodiflora*

**HEIGHT:** 3-6 inches  
**LIGHT:** Full sun to full shade  
**BLOOM:** May-October  
**MOISTURE:** Dry to wet, inundation  
**SOIL:** Clay, loam, sand  
**ATTRACTS:** Butterflies, pollinators
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- Rain Garden Resources:
  - Short Instructional Videos
    - Overview
    - Percolation Test
    - Blueprint Planning
    - Digging & Planting
  - Simple Diagrams
  - Questions & Answers
  - Tips
QUESTIONS?

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