



# Rain Garden

## Helen Tyson Middle School, Springdale, Arkansas

In May of 2014, students at the Helen Tyson Middle School in Springdale, Arkansas helped install a rain garden at their school. Two students and their facilitator attended the Illinois River Watershed Partnership (IRWP) Rain Garden Academy in October 2013. The students then completed a mini-grant application with IRWP and were awarded funding for their project.

Like most green infrastructure projects, this rain garden captures and treats stormwater runoff from the roof of the school building and provides community benefits in addition to helping to manage wet weather flows. This bowl-shaped garden was planted with native grasses, shrubs, and flowers to help stormwater from the roof of the school building to soak into the ground and receive natural filtration from the plants' roots and the soil. This project was completed with grant funding from the U.S. EPA and the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission.

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Helen Tyson Middle School rain garden under construction.