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## TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS INSTALLS A RAIN GARDEN



With funding received from the Great Lakes Clean Communities Network and led by Senior Environmental Planner Erin Campbell, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) has installed a demonstration rain garden. The rain garden will filter rainwater from the office parking lot, reducing polluted runoff



from entering our stormwater systems that lead directly to Sycamore Creek. Signage will be installed in the near future and will inform all who visit TCRPC about the usefulness of a rain garden.

## SAVE THE DATE: MICHIGAN WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION WATERSHED/STORMWATER SEMINAR-DECEMBER 6, 2016

The 2016 Annual Watershed/Stormwater Seminar will help attendees expand their understanding of technical, regulatory, funding, and policy issues impacting stormwater management, surface water quality, and watershed planning. The presentations are carefully selected to provide a comprehensive view of the latest best practices in stormwater and watershed planning, design, implementation and regulatory compliance. Save the date, and share this announcement with others. [Register here.](#)



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THE GLRC ON FACEBOOK  
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# WE ALL LIVE IN A WATERSHED

No matter where you live, you live in a watershed. A watershed is the land area that drains to a single body of water such as a lake or river. Watersheds come in many different sizes. A few acres might drain into a small stream or wetland, or a few rivers might drain into a large lake. The actions of people who live in a watershed affect the health of the waters that run through it. Rainfall and snowmelt wash chemicals, fertilizers, sediment, and other pollutants from the land into surface water. To achieve healthy watersheds we need your help!

You can help protect our surface water by following the top ten things we can do to protect our watersheds:

1. Always conserve and reuse water wisely.
2. Soil test before you apply fertilizers. Use low or no-phosphorus fertilizers.
3. Use native vegetation and reduce turf grass by increasing native wildflowers and grasses.
4. Capture and reuse rainwater to control stormwater runoff.
5. Dispose of pet waste properly in the trash or toilet (not onsite septic systems).
6. Wash your car on the lawn instead of pavement (if allowed by local ordinance).
7. Maintain all vehicles, eliminating leaks and spills.
8. Recycle and dispose of household chemicals properly (motor oil, household cleaners, paint, etc.).
9. Inspect and maintain onsite septic systems and sewers.
10. Participate in the GLRC or join a local watershed organization.

Having a clean environment is of primary importance for our health and economy. Clean waterways provide recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, and add beauty to our landscape. All of us benefit from clean water and all of us have a role in getting and keeping our lakes, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater clean. For more easy steps on protecting our lakes and streams, visit [www.mywatersheds.org](http://www.mywatersheds.org).

## Upcoming Events & Meetings

GLRC Executive Committee Meeting  
TCRPC Large Conference Room  
December 8, 2016  
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

GLRC Full Committee Meeting  
TCRPC Large Conference Room  
December 8, 2016  
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Groundwater Management Board Holiday Breakfast  
East Lansing Hannah Community Center  
December 14, 2016  
9:00 a.m.

TCRPC 60th Anniversary Gala  
Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum  
December 15, 2016  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



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