

# Brookfield Zoo Rain Garden

Brookfield, Illinois



In 2005 CLS was contracted by the Chicago Zoological Society to install a rain garden in the administration area of Brookfield Zoo. The project was constructed in collaboration with Conservation Design Forum Inc.

A linear rain garden was installed to capture rain water in an *employees only* area that was previously maintained as turf. This rain garden is a continuation of sustainable landscape practices being utilized throughout the Zoo and is currently a popular spot for employees to enjoy their lunch. The rain garden was installed using the following sustainable techniques:

- Aggregate infiltration trench
- Geotextile installation
- Engineered soil placement
- Native seed installation
- Erosion control blanket installation
- Native plant plug installation

Client: Chicago Zoological Society

Project team: Conservation Land Stewardship  
Conservation Design Forum

Status: Work completed in 2005

Project budget: \$8,000