



# Lloyd Street School Rain Garden

## Milwaukee, Wisconsin



In 2005 Conservation Land Stewardship, in collaboration with Conservation Design Forum, was contracted by Milwaukee Public Schools to construct a rain garden for Lloyd Street School. The goal was to convert 12,000 square feet of unused asphalt space into a functioning rain garden as a way to infiltrate storm water and create green space for the school. The school incorporated lessons about biodiversity and water conservation into the children's curriculum to reinforce the importance of the rain garden.

The rain garden featured an outer perimeter of precast runnels to slow the initial flush of rain water and allowed it to cool as it infiltrated the garden. Other features include:

- An outdoor classroom at the center of the garden complete with bench seating
- Retaining walls constructed of reclaimed concrete
- Concrete seat walls
- Hand imprints of the current students cast in the concrete entrance to the garden
- Installation of native seed
- Installation of live native plants

Client: Milwaukee Public Schools

Project team: Conservation Land Stewardship  
Conservation Design Forum

Status: Construction completed in 2005  
Stewardship completed in 2006

Project budget: \$90,000