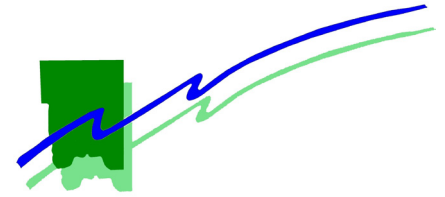


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Raingarden Installed at Parks and Recreation Como Central Service Facility

In 2010, the Department of Parks and Recreation resurfaced a quarter-acre parking lot at the Como Central Service Facility. To implement best management practices and manage storm water runoff from the nearly half-acre parking lot watershed, Parks and Recreation created a partnership with the Capitol Region Watershed District and the Ramsey Conservation District to design and implement a raingarden with the capacity to capture and infiltrate a 100-year storm event. Conservation Corps Minnesota provided the labor force to install plant material and final erosion and sediment control measures to complete the rain garden. Now, all water falling within the one-half acre watershed is directed to the raingarden and infiltrated on site. This water is intercepted before entering the storm sewer, protecting the water quality of the Mississippi River.

On September 23rd, following a three and a half inch rainfall event, the raingarden filled with over 26 inches of rainwater, 23 inches of which infiltrated within 16 hours. The first photo, below, was taken at 4:00 pm, the next was taken at 8:00 am the following morning.

