

Pollinator friendly landscaping event planned for Minneapolis stormwater flood pond

October 14th, 2017

9:00 to Noon

Shingle Creek Stormwater ponds, Upton Avenue N and 52nd Ave.

The Minneapolis Department of Public Works, Surface Waters and Sewers Division is excited to announce:

“Plants for Pollinators Neighborhood Event”

Joining local and national efforts to help dwindling populations of butterflies, bees and other pollinators, Surface Waters and Sewers will be increasing the pollinator habitat through a neighborhood planting event. Pollinators require two essential components in their habitat; somewhere to nest and flowers from which to gather nectar and pollen. Native plants are undoubtedly the best source of food for pollinators, because plants and their pollinators have coevolved. Many varieties of garden plants are also good for these important insects.

In addition to the pollinator benefit this event will reinforce our goals and objectives related to managing our Stormwater Infrastructure:

“Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected” and our contractor’s stated mission *“to restore and protect resilient landscape and communities, to educate the public about ecological restoration, and to work with existing natural resources and conditions.*

The event will start at 9:00 with registration and refreshments, participants then can browse interpretive displays and resources or ask questions of City Staff. After brief introductions participants will learn about the function of the stormwater pond, pollinator friendly plantings, things that they can do in their own yards to make a difference and finally how to plant the plugs. After that it’s time for work, together we will be creating a foraging habitat that not only helps the bees and butterflies that pollinate these plants, but also beautify our neighborhood.

Please RSVP for the event paul.chellsen@minneapolismn.gov RSVP’s are encouraged but not required to attend.

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“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better...it's not.” Dr. Seuss in The Lorax”

