

# Raingarden & Native Plantings

## What is this Project?

Master Water Stewards Drew & Jeff installed two small raingardens in Drew's backyard. These gardens collect rainwater in the yard rather than letting it flow directly into an adjacent alley. In addition, Drew & Jeff added two small gardens containing native plants, which will also soak up water, prevent flooding and erosion, and provide habitat for pollinators.

## Why Install a Raingarden or Plant Natives?

This project helps rainwater soak into the ground rather than pool and flood the property. It also reduces the volume of water that runs off streets into storm drains. This helps keep our lakes and rivers clean! In addition, native plants beautify yards and provide wildlife habitat.

## Project Details:

- ◆ **434 sq ft raingarden area captures water from 500 sq ft of roof**
- ◆ **Soaks up about 8,244 gallons of rainwater each year!**

