



The University Baptist Church (UBC), at the corner of University Avenue SE and 13th Ave. SE, announces the installation of four raingardens to help improve water quality.

Residents of the Marcy Holmes Neighborhood are invited to celebrate with Partners and members of UBC at the Garden Dedication on Sunday Sept. 19, 2021, at 11:30, as well as to participate in a Garden Tour on Sunday, October 17 at noon.

Raingardens have a variety of benefits including slowing stormwater runoff and increasing infiltration, improving habitat for pollinators, and decreasing sediment and phosphorus, which are pollutants to streams, lakes, and rivers. An estimated 133,000 gallons will be filtered annually.

Funded by an Action Grant from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization and a Good Steward Grant from Hennepin County, the raingarden installation brings together six local partner organizations, which have agreed to receive stormwater education. Partners include the following: University Lutheran Church of Hope, First Congregational UCC, St. Lawrence Catholic Church and Newman Center, Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association, Twin Cities Shape Note Singers, and Gaia Democratic School. This project was designed and installed by Metro Blooms, with planting by Helping Hand Companies.

Additional information and photos of the project can be found here:

<https://www.mwmo.org/projects/university-baptist-church-raingardens/>