

Joan and Laurie

Master Water Stewards Joan Freese and Laurie Bruno installed a large raingarden at the Lutheran Church of Christ the Redeemer (LCCR) on Penn Avenue in Minneapolis. This 400 square foot raingarden was installed to capture runoff from the church's parking lot. Several of the raingarden installation days involved digging out class 5 gravel and breaking it up with pick axes, probably from when the parking lot was originally created. Soil amendments were added to the very sandy basin to add nutrients for the plants.

Joan and Laurie conducted several outreach efforts. The first event was a creek walk on August 20th with members of LCCR. Joan and Laurie talked to the members about why water is important to us and how to care for it. They also showed where their raingarden would be and talked about how to care for storm drains. Next, they presented at the church's adult education hour the morning of August 28th about their project and how to protect water. For their final event, they had a table at the LCCR's annual block party. They gave out educational materials and free leaf bags. Many people stopped by to talk with Laurie and Joan about their project.

