

## Easton High students plant rain garden

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Students at Easton High School in the environmental science, biology and Advanced Placement environmental classes have been working on a rain garden at the school to catch the run off from the school parking lot. The end-of-year project for Jacob Aylward and Rosalie Hemming involved design concepts, grant writing and planting. With help from Environmental Concern, the project was able to secure a \$5,000 grant from the Waterfowl Festival, excavating from Severn Grove Ecological Design, and plants. Environmental Concern gave a 10 percent matching grant on the plants. Environmental Concern took the student design plans and made a design that included their thoughts and was ecologically beneficial to the school and the stream nearby. Native plantings include bee balm, columbine, cardinal flower, monkey flower, blue eyed grass, blue vervain, black eye susan, lurid sedge, northern sea oats, sweet bay magnolia, willow oak, red osier dogwood and winterberry. Environmental Concern will care for the project for the first year to make sure the plantings are well established, and then the garden will be cared for by students and community volunteers.

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