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GET HELP PLANNING NATIVE GARDENS, RAIN GARDENS OR NATIVE SHORELINES DURING FREE WORKSHOPS

Burnsville and Dakota County residents are once again invited to attend the popular “Landscaping for Clean Water Workshops.” These introductory workshops provide tips and tricks on creating native gardens, rain gardens and shoreline stabilization projects that benefit local water quality and provide much-needed habitat for pollinators.

What: Landscaping for Clean Water
When: Tuesday, March 12 OR April 9 | 6 - 7 p.m.
Where: Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway
Cost: FREE

During the workshops, which last one hour, participants will learn about low-maintenance native gardens, rain gardens and native shoreline stabilization projects that help keep waterbodies clean.

In addition, trained instructors will provide dozens of affordable examples of gardens that transform conventional urban yards into beautiful and beneficial landscapes – all while providing habitat for pollinating insects. These gardens also help filter storm water runoff, which helps stop pollutants from flowing to lakes and streams.

Registration is required by emailing swcd@co.dakota.mn.us or calling 651-480-7777.

Visit www.dakotacountyswcd.org for more information.

Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District offers grants opportunities up to \$250 for these types of water quality improvement projects. The City of Burnsville also offers grant opportunities of up to \$1,000 for residents. The application deadline for the City grant program is Monday, May 6.

Residents are invited to attend workshops in other communities: Farmington (March 11); Apple Valley (March 13 & April 16); South St. Paul (March 20); Lakeville (April 8); Eagan (April 29); Minnesota Zoo (June 4); and Rosemount (June 27).

For more information on Burnsville grant opportunity and the City Natural Resources Department visit www.burnsvillemn.gov/WQGrant.

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