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|  | **Greening Your Congregation:**  **Being Water Wise**  **Networking Gathering & Workshop**  **Thursday October 15**  6:15pm to 8:30pm  **Pax Christi Catholic Church**  12100 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN 55347  [www.afors.org/congregations](http://www.afors.org/congregations) | | |
| **Meet active volunteers from congregations in Eden Prairie, Minnetonka & West Metro**  **Free event, snacks & refreshments provided!**  **Please** **RSVP** at [**http://tinyurl.com/aforsrsvp**](http://tinyurl.com/aforsrsvp)  Please plan to bring 2 to 4 volunteers and/or staff from your congregation | | | |
| Raingarden Planting at Family of Christ Lutheran, Chanhassen | | Raingarden Planting at Oak Grove Presbyterian, Blmngton | |
| * + - * Learn about **successful raingarden projects** from **Oak Grove Presbyterian** and **Family of Christ Lutheran**. Share the projects your congregation is working on.       * **Find simple steps** to **soak in storm water and conserve on water use** at your organization and home to protect our lakes, streams and ground water.       * **Meet volunteers** active with other congregations in Minnetonka, Eden Prairie and the West Metro       * Learn about project **matching grant programs** available from your Watershed & County.       * Meet with an **experienced landscape designer** to brainstorm possible next steps(using google earth)       * **Featuring inspiring speakers** from the Arboretum, Nine Mile Creek & Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed Districts, Cities of Minnetonka & Eden Prairie, congregations & Alliance for Sustainability.   **Learn how to become a Master Water Steward at fall open house events** [**www.masterwaterstewards.org**](http://www.masterwaterstewards.org) | | | |
| **Questions? call Sean Gosiewski**, **Alliance for Sustainability** 612-250-0389 [sean@afors.org](mailto:sean@afors.org) | | | |
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**Watershed Districts**

**Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District**

<http://www.rpbcwd.org/news/cost-share-available-2014/>

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**Nine Mile Creek Watershed District**

<http://www.ninemilecreek.org/CostShare/CostShareGrants.asp>

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**Green Partners Environmental Education Applications Due November 6, 2015**

Green Partners Environmental Education program guidelines and application materials can be found at www.hennepin.us/GreenPartners. Note that changes have been made to the Branch and Root groups for the spring 2016 funding round.

**Natural resource protection grants - Due November 6, 2015**

Funding is available for projects that preserve and restore natural resources in Hennepin County. The goal of the grants is to support projects that implement best management practices that preserve and restore critical habitats, reduce erosion and reduce the amount of nutrients and sediment going into the county’s lakes, streams and rivers. Government agencies, organizations and landowners are eligible to apply. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on November 6. Learn more and apply. For more information, contact Jim Kujawa at james.kujawa@hennepin.us or 612-348-7338.

**Master Water Stewards** -  please invite interested volunteers from your congregation to apply on line by December 15 to join the 2016 class of Master Water Stewards  <http://masterwaterstewards.org/become-a-master-water-steward/>  to learn how to Help neighbors have a positive impact on water quality!

**10,000 Salty Lakes: A Seminar for Residents  -**

Salt from our roads, parking lots, and driveways is polluting our lakes and creeks. Join the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District and Greg Wilson from Barr Engineering to learn more about the problem facing our local water bodies and what you, as a local resident, can do to help!

When: **Wednesday, December 9, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

Where: **Minnetonka Community Center** in the Community Room - 14600 Minnetonka Blvd Minnetonka, MN

Register: [https://saltseminar.eventbrite.com](http://https/saltseminar.eventbrite.com)