

# Capitol Region Watershed District

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## Hamline United Methodist Church Wins Raingarden Award

*Gardening Club Wins Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association Award*

The Project: Amy Schultz and her fellow gardeners at the Hamline United Methodist Church persevered through hours of committee meetings and fundraising to create a large beautiful raingarden alongside their church parking lot in the Hamline Midway neighborhood of St. Paul (District 11). The garden replaced an unsightly trench which had become a weedy collection spot for litter. The garden is a great example of working with partners to beautify their surroundings – the Capitol Region Watershed District provided a supportive grant to the project, and several local retailers made generous plant donations.

The Award: Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association Award is awarded to an individual, group or organization that has organized and implemented an exemplary community greening project in parks or public space. The project can be new or on a reclaimed area and must create a gathering place for community members. Recreational or educational in nature and contributes to the communities "living" spaces. Community members, businesses and organizations need to be involved as partners.



*HUMC garden crew*



*The garden receives runoff from a 6000' parking lot*

*“Our mission is to protect, manage, and improve the water resources of the Capitol Region Watershed District.”*