



Capitol Region Watershed District

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**St. Paul Raingarden Tour
Monday, September 15th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Friends of the Mississippi River will host a tour of St. Paul raingardens led by CWRD Staff and Shawn Tracy of the Association of Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The tour will feature several raingardens constructed by Capitol Region Watershed District as part of the Arlington Pascal Stormwater Improvement Project, a recipient of Mayor Coleman's Sustainable St. Paul award last spring, and a 2007 Blooming St. Paul Award from St. Paul Parks and Recreation. In addition to improving water quality, these raingardens are also a neighborhood amenity, contributing beauty, wildlife interest, and an opportunity for education in a subwatershed of Como Lake known as St. Paul's "Garden District". The tour will also include a visit to the new demonstration raingarden outside the Eco Experience building on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, and the residential garden of a CRWD Stewardship Grant recipient. Bus transportation is provided for the tour. The tour is free and open to all, but pre-registration is required. Contact sue rich at 651-222-2193 ext. 14 or srich@fmr.org.



A residential raingarden in St. Paul's St. Anthony neighborhood.

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