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*ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT OUR RIVERS AND STREAMS?*

*WANT SOMETHING PRODUCTIVE TO DO THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE FUTURE?*

*DO YOU LIKE PLANTING GARDENS?*

Well, we have a project for you that combines all those interests. We need your help to plant a rain garden at Columbus Mennonite Church. This project is part of FLOW's "Soaking It In" campaign where we hope to install rain gardens and similar structures to protect the Olentangy River.

**What is a rain garden?** It is an area that is designed to allow water, collected from rooftops and driveways, to soak into the ground with the help of deep rooted plants.

**Why is it important?** When it rains, instead of the water seeping into the ground, it travels off the roofs and driveways and gushes into the stormwater and sewer systems carrying trash, pesticides, oil etc.. The goal is to decrease the volume of water and pollutants from entering the Olentangy River.

With the rain garden project at the Columbus Mennonite Church, nearly 1500 gallons of water will remain on site to seep into the ground! Plus, additional components will be installed such as rain tank and an infiltration trench that with the rain garden will divert water from 6,590 square feet of roof. This is nearly the entire roof of the church!

**PLEASE JOIN US** at the Columbus Mennonite Church at 35 Oakland Park in Columbus, Ohio 43214 on the following dates:

**RAIN GARDEN DAY 1:** Plant, mulch and water rain garden.

**DATE:** Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 9 AM-2PM

**RAIN GARDEN DAY 2:** Water rain garden and complete any remaining planting.

If it storms on August 28<sup>th</sup>, then the planting will occur on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**DATE:** Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 9AM-12PM

**PLEASE sign up for the events, so in case there is a change you can be notified.**

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Please wear closed toe shoes, and bring shovels and gloves.

Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

**THANK YOU:**

Columbus Mennonite Church for partnering with FLOW .

Honda of America Mfg., Inc. for funding the "Soaking It In" project.

URBAN WILD: RAIN GARDEN DESIGN AND OVERSIGHT  
SCIOTO GARDENS: PLANTS  
RAIN BROTHERS: RAIN TANK

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