



Showcase Projects

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Rain Garden – Access Event Centre – Morden, Manitoba

The first official rain garden was installed in Morden, thanks to funding from the RBC Blue Water Project and a partnership between Pembina Valley Conservation District (PVCD) and the City of Morden. The project was completed in May 2015. Rain gardens are an attractive and efficient way to sustainably utilize rainwater runoff and reduce surface water contamination. The concept has become more popular in recent years thanks to water conservation initiatives such as the RBC Blue Water Project. Morden prides itself on being a green place and the people are progressive and interested in sustainable environmentally friendly activities and systems. The partnership with the City, Conservation District and the RBC Blue Water Project created this demonstration project that shows the sustainable use of water and techniques urban areas can employ to positively impact their environment. The rain garden was installed at the Access Event Centre and utilizes rooftop rainwater runoff, channeled toward the garden as well as a small reservoir for Parks staff to use for watering flower pots, gardens and trees. Using captured rainwater for watering City plants instead of treated water is another great water conservation practice. Morden is always seeking innovative ways to green the city while being aware of the investment required for many of these initiatives. The rain garden and reservoir takes an old concept and applies it in an innovative way to an urban setting. An additional reservoir has been added to the arena roof line and is being considered for other City owned facilities. The information will be shared with the business and commercial operations throughout the community for possible implementation. The City of Morden prides itself on providing a vibrant community with an extraordinary quality of life. Environmental management is a key project in our Corporate Plan.