Many local congregations are rethinking how to manage water on their property by installing raingardens. Raingardens capture and clean storm water while beautifying church property and providing a welcoming landscape to the community - people and pollinator alike!

Enjoy your tour of the various church raingardens around the East Metro.
Stop #1 All Saints Lutheran Church, ELCA 8100 Belden Blvd, Cottage Grove, MN

In order to be good stewards and good neighbors, All Saints constructed a large raingarden of native flowering plants that are known to attract monarch butterflies in late summer. The gardens are maintained by the All Saints “Gang Green Team.”

Stop #2 Woodbury Community Church 2975 Pioneer Dr Woodbury, MN

Woodbury Community Church features one large and two small raingardens that capture water from their roof and parking lot and beautify their property.

Stop #3 St. Peter’s UCC 111 Orleans St. E. Stillwater MN 55082

St. Peter’s UCC features three beautiful raingardens: one small and one large raingarden off the parking lot and a larger curb cut raingarden that filters storm water from the street.
Stop #4 First Presbyterian Church  
6201 Osgood Avenue North, Stillwater, MN  
First Presbyterian used a need to do good. When their parking lot needed replacing, they decided to design with water in mind. Features include a promenade of pervious pavers, multiple large raingardens, and a labyrinth.

Stop #5 Cross Lutheran Church  
1945 Prosperity Rd, Maplewood, MN  
Cross Lutheran’s congregation held a festive multi-generational gathering to plant and celebrate the completion of a large, very colorful rain garden that extends the length of their parking lot.

Stop #6 Hope Lutheran Church  
1340 Hazel St North, St. Paul, MN  
Hope Lutheran transformed a drainage challenge into a blessing on their grounds by installing a dry creek bed and two new lovely rain gardens that capture hillside and roof run-off.
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