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### **Learn more about Stormwater Management**

Schoolcraft College is committed to the environment and strives to be a good steward of the land within its jurisdiction by using appropriate Best Management Practices to contribute to the improvement of water quality within the Rouge River Watershed where the district is located.

Schoolcraft College encourages all students, faculty, staff, parents, and visitors to get involved through opportunities provided by the local watershed groups including Friends of the Rouge and Alliance of Rouge Communities.

### **Why worry about stormwater?**

Many people may not realize that stormwater collected in drains located on the street curbs does not flow to their local water treatment plant. Rather, this water remains untreated and is discharged directly into the waterways. During this journey to the waterways, stormwater collects and carries a broad range of pollutants. Stormwater is a nonpoint source of pollution thus making it extremely difficult to address and the single greatest threat to our water quality and watershed health. Nonpoint source pollution comes from many diffuse runoff sources such as rainfall and snowmelt, flowing over and through the ground, picking up pollutants as it goes. Some of these pollutants occur naturally, such as nutrients from sediments, manure, or pet waste. Other pollutants such as fertilizers, automotive grease, and oil occur from our interaction with the environment. Stormwater acts as a carrier of nonpoint source pollution and is therefore considered a major cause of water quality problems both in Michigan and nationwide.

### **Public Notice of Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP)**

To this end, the school district has developed and implemented a “Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP)” to reduce the discharge of pollutants from their MS4 to the Maximum Extent Practicable and protect water quality in accordance with the appropriate water quality requirements of Michigan Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, Part 31, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the district National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit (NPDES).

A copy of the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) is available for review on the district’s website at <https://home.schoolcraft.edu/college-policies/stormwater-management>. Any questions or comments regarding the Stormwater Management Plan should be directed to the Stormwater Program Manager at (734) 462-7658.



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Claude Allison Monthly Rain Garden Spruce-Up- July



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# Claude Allison Monthly Rain Garden Spruce-Up- July

**Restoration****10:00am - 1:00pm**

**Register Now**(<https://volunteer.bloomerang.co:443/JE/f4vhjc9m0337w3>)



### Location

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*Claude Allison Park 18250 Beech Daly, Redford Charter Twp, MI 48240*

(#) (cite).





## Site Coordinator

Adam Huttenstine

[ahuttenstine@therouge.org](mailto:ahuttenstine@therouge.org) (<mailto:ahuttenstine@therouge.org>)

## Description

Thank you for your interest in taking action for a healthier Rouge River! This small rain garden is a colorful spot in Claude Allison Park.

How do rain gardens improve water quality in your Rouge River? They collect, absorb, & filter stormwater coming off of the pavement. This reduces the amount of polluted rainwater that rushes into the storm drain, dumping into the river. Rain gardens minimize pollution, erosion, and flooding! Plus, they are planted with beautiful native plants that provide a home for songbirds, butterflies and other pollinators.

You can help maintain this garden by participating in one of the Spruce Up events. At these events, you may be removing weeds, picking up trash, mulching, planting more native plants, and/or doing other tasks as needed.

Taking care of this garden helps the native plants to do their job – improving water quality in your Rouge River, providing habitat for songbirds and pollinators, and looking beautiful! Thank you for joining your Friends of the Rouge!

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July Gals in the Garden: PARC Rain Garden Spruce-Up



# July Gals in the Garden: PARC Rain Garden Spruce-Up



Restoration



9:00am - 12:00pm

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## Location

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*Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex 650 Church St., Plymouth, MI 48170*

## Site Coordinator

Susan Shell, Restoration Coordinator

[sshell@therouge.org](mailto:sshell@therouge.org) (<mailto:sshell@therouge.org>)

## Description

Enjoy a morning with the ladies! We'll start out getting some fresh air in the garden then make bouquets from your favorite flowers in our gardens to take home with you! Enjoy some fresh morning air, great conversation, and learn about native plants!

All ages and gardening experience are welcome!

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Black Pack Paddle Trip



Jul

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# Black Pack Paddle Trip



Recreational



9:30am - 12:00pm

[Register Now\(https://motorcitycanoerental.com/events.php\)](https://motorcitycanoerental.com/events.php)



### Location

[Dearborn Hills Golf Course \(#\)](#)

1300 S Telegraph Rd, Dearborn, MI 48124

### Site Coordinator



Herman Jenkins, Trails Manager

[hjenkins@therouge.org](mailto:hjenkins@therouge.org) (<mailto:hjenkins@therouge.org>)



## Description

Join Friends of the Rouge and The Black Pack for a paddle trip from Dearborn Hills Golf Course to Ford Field Park on Saturday, July 19, from 9:30am – 12:00pm. The Black Pack creates opportunities for Black, indigenous, and people of color to experience the outdoors through mentorship and special events!

There is a \$50 boat rental fee that includes shuttle service. There is a \$15 service charge if you are bringing your own boat. ALL FEES DUE IN ADVANCE.

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# Redford Water Department Monthly Rain Garden Spruce-Up- July



Restoration



10:00am - 1:00pm

[Register Now\(https://volunteer.bloomerang.co:443/JE/oemrl0dicxa6u7\)](https://volunteer.bloomerang.co:443/JE/oemrl0dicxa6u7)



### Location

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Cathy L. donated \$50 🍷  
West Bloomfield, United States

Donate

12200 Beech Daly, Redford Charter Twp, MI 48239



## Site Coordinator

Adam Huttenstine

[ahuttenstine@therouge.org](mailto:ahuttenstine@therouge.org) (mailto:ahuttenstine@therouge.org)

## Description

Thank you for your interest in taking action for a healthier Rouge River!

This rain garden is an oasis in a concrete desert. How do rain gardens improve water quality in your Rouge River? They collect, absorb, & filter stormwater coming off of the pavement. This reduces the amount of polluted rainwater that rushes into the storm drain, dumping into the river. Rain gardens minimize pollution, erosion, and flooding! Plus, they are planted with beautiful native plants that provide a home for songbirds, butterflies and other pollinators.

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# Summer Magic Paddle Trip and Health Fair



Recreational



9:30am - 1:00pm

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### Location

[Venoy Dorsey Park \(#\)](#)

*Venoy Dorsey Park, Westland, MI*

### Site Coordinator



Herman Jenkins, Trails Manager

[hjenkins@therouge.org](mailto:hjenkins@therouge.org) (<mailto:hjenkins@therouge.org>)



## Description

Sign up for the Inkster Summer Magic Paddle Trip & Health Fair presented by the Inkster Task Force on Saturday, August 2, from 9:30am – 1:00pm. We will meet at Venoy-Dorsey Park and paddle downstream to Colonial Park.

The event will also feature a Health Fair at Colonial Park from 11am – 1:30pm. Experience the Friends of the Rouge Dry Dock Pop Up and MetroParks outdoor games and a boys and girls bike raffle!

There is a \$50 boat rental fee that includes shuttle service. There is a \$15 service charge if you are bringing your own boat. Health Fair admission is free.

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