



Outreach & Volunteer Activities 2019

Overview

Environmental Resources staff conducts various outreach activities throughout the year. These outreach efforts are a great way to connect with residents & businesses to help foster the environmental connection to the natural resources of Lakeville. These activities also meet the State’s permit requirements. The following activities were completed in 2019.



Landscaping for Clean Water

Introduction: April 8 Design: April 15 & 17

The City of Lakeville has been involved with Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District’s Landscaping for Clean Water program since it’s debut in 2007. Environmental Resources staff coordinates workshop logistics, assists in project design, as well as attends some site visits. The program helps residents understand stormwater runoff from their property and the positive impacts they can make by planting a raingarden, native garden, or shoreline restoration. The program consists of a free introductory workshop and then interested residents can attend design workshops that produce site specific plans and the possibility of receiving a \$250 grant to install a practice on their property. The classes are held throughout Dakota County from March—June annually.

In 2019, there were 32 participants at the Lakeville introductory class, 32 at design, with 5 raingardens and 1 native garden installed in Lakeville. This program is for all Dakota County residents. After 13 years, there have been 4,618 participants and 575 projects installed in the county.



Lakeville raingarden planted in 2009.



Lakeville LCW Intro class on 4/9/19.

Practices

- ◆ Education for adults

Project Benefits

- ◆ Baseline knowledge to promote better environmental stewardship in the Lakeville community such as:
 - protect water quality
 - conserve water
 - support of local plants and wildlife
 - promote waste reduction and increase recycling
- ◆ Community Connectivity

Timeline

- ◆ Year Round

Partnerships

- ◆ Dakota County Soil & Water Conservation District
- ◆ Dakota County

Over 73 projects have been installed in Lakeville since 2007



Lakeville Landscape Home & Garden Show

March 9

Environmental Resources staff took shifts at this heavily attended event sharing information to attendees about the upcoming Landscaping for Clean Water workshops, signing up groups to participate in Watershed Cleanup Day, and answering questions. Approx. 3,000 people attend annually.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-off Day

May 4

Environmental Resources staff assisted with HHW drop-off day by directing vehicles to drop-off locations throughout the site at the Central Maintenance Facility on May 4. Residents of Dakota County were able to drop-off HHW, along with mattresses, paper shredding, electronics, small & large appliances as well as eyeglasses this year. There were 1,075 cars counted.



Fall Nature Walk for Active Adults

September 19

Environmental Resources staff partnered with the Heritage Center to offer nature walks for Active Adults. The first ever walk occurred on September 19 at East Community Park where participants were able to see the goats that were there performing woodland management. This event was well received by the 5 attendees.

Organics Drop-off Meetings with Dakota County

September 25 & 30

The City of Lakeville hosted two meetings for those interested in participating in the City of Lakeville's Organics Drop Site at the Water Treatment Facility that became operational on October 1, 2020. Dakota County staff lead the meetings. Both meetings were well attended with 37 attendees on 9/25 and 33 on 9/30. Topics at the meeting included how to use the site and specifics about what is accepted and not accepted at the drop-site.



Buckthorn Bust at Casperson Park

October 12

The Lake Marion Association organized and carried out their 2nd Annual Buckthorn Bust at Casperson Park. There were 12 attendees at the bust that took place for 6 hours. Parks Maintenance staff also used 13 man hours to chip the removed buckthorn.

