

COMFORT LAKE PUBLIC WATER ACCESS

RAIN GARDENS

An Eagle Scout looking for a project took on the task of converting two of the parking islands in the Comfort Lake Public Water Access parking lot into rain gardens. The parking lot originally drained into a small wetland near Comfort Lake. All of the oil, dirt, garbage, and other materials on the parking lot were washed into the wetland and eventually to the lake itself. By converting the parking islands into rain gardens, some of the runoff water can soak into the ground, where it is filtered and cleaned.

The Eagle Scout's project involved digging out the parking islands to shape depressions where water could run off the parking lot into the garden. This was all done by hand. The gardens were then tilled, planted with natives, and mulched. Funding for the plants and mulch was provided by the Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District.



Partners:

Chisago SWCD
MN DNR
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District

Targeted Water:

Comfort Lake

Completion Date:

August 2011

May I Visit?

Yes.

