Rainscaping Iowa: Landscapes for Clean Water

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For all the residents of Brook Run Village

When: Thursday, February 28, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Where: Altoona Public Library meeting rooms NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION

"Don't Just Landscape.... RAINSCAPE!"

Traditional development and landscaping designs cause rainfall to flow off roofs, sidewalks, driveways, and compacted lawns. Water flows into he street, down the storm drain and through the storm sewer to the nearest stream, river or lake. Along the way, it picks up pollutants that degrade water quality. Learn more about the many rainscaping practices that help reduce runoff and water pollution.

Rain Gardens * Bioswale * Native Landscaping * Rainwater Harvesting * Native Turf

Why does this matter to BRVOA?

Brook Run is built around streams and ponds that make up its watershed. This program is open and free of charge to all Brook Run residents to highlight favorable rainwater and soil conservation practices. We should all be concerned about soil erosion, especially those who live along the waterways. However, all Brook Run members can benefit by learning more about the advantages of controlling rainwater runoff, not only because of common ownership of the neighborhood's retention ponds, but also for improved water quality in general. Attendees will receive useful information on how to create beautiful landscapes that manage water sustainably.

This FREE program has been made possible by the Brook Run Village Owners Association. If you have any questions, please contact your HOA Manager at 515-520-8817 or rwaskel@benchmarkreg.com.