

Help Plant Ithan Elementary School Rain Gardens!

The Ithan Elementary PTO Green Team, Radnor Township Education Association (RTEA), and the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, in partnership with the Radnor Educational Foundation and with assistance from the Radnor Township School District, are transforming an area behind Ithan that has been overwhelmed by invasives into an area dominated by native plants. The project includes three rain gardens to slow, infiltrate, and clean stormwater runoff. When finished this project can be enjoyed by Ithan's students for viewing and learning about the values of nature up close.

We need your help!

You might have seen the tarps laid down behind the school. Those tarps have helped kill the roots of invasive species that dominated that area. Recently, the team removed many of those tarps and sculpted the rain gardens which are now ready for planting. We need your help to plant shrubs, perennials, grasses and a few trees.



What: Planting Rain Gardens

When: Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 9:00 AM to 5 PM (come when you can)

Where: Behind Ithan Elementary School, near the Bird Garden

Why: Improve habitat; infiltrate and clean stormwater runoff

Sign-up: Contact John Nystedt at john@delawareriverkeeper.org by Oct. 10

Pizza lunch will be provided. Bring a trowel and shovel if you have one; many will be provided.

Concept image of a rain garden in a meadow



Supporters

Fundraising is under way and current funding is being provided by the Radnor Educational Foundation who has provided a supportive grant. Funding and technical support are also being provided by the PA Consortium for Scientific Assistance to Watersheds, an anonymous foundation donation, and private donations.

For more information on how you can volunteer, or to find out how to donate funding for the project, please contact Maya K. van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper at keepermaya@delawareriverkeeper.org Tel. 215.369.1188, ext. 102, or John Nystedt at john@delawareriverkeeper.org, Tel. 215.369.1188, ext. 112.