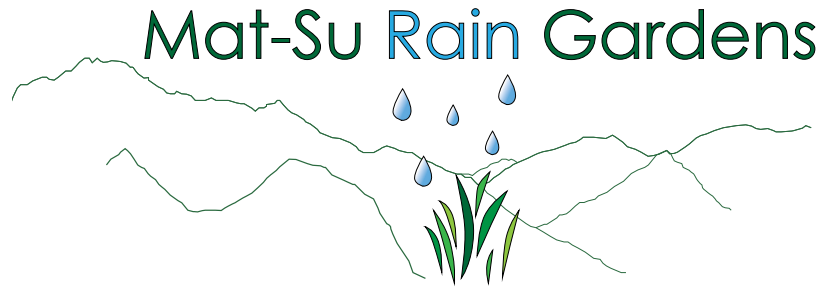


Plant Materials Center



DNR Plant Materials Center created a rain garden in front of their office located in the Butte near Palmer. They had a variety of plants on-site that were transplanted into the garden. The garden catches runoff from the building and the parking lot.



Constructed: Aug 2012

Size: 150 sq. ft.

Total Cost: \$330

Excavation: Donated

Topsoil: \$ 330

Mulch: Donated

Plants: Donated



Plant List:

Iris setosa (Blue Flag Iris)

Calamagrostis Canadensis (Bluejoint Reedgrass)

Beckmannia syzigachne (American Sloughgrass)

Leymus mollis (Beach Wildrye)

Salix spp (Willow)

Polemonium pulcherrimum (Jacob's Ladder)

Epolobium angustifolium (Fireweed)



Plants were selected from the grounds of the PMC which included some unusual varieties such as beach grass and fireweed.

The rain garden project was featured in the PMC's August newsletter. They will be monitoring the garden to see what plant varieties are successful.



Matanuska-Susitna Borough staff prepares the ground for a rain garden



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