Build Your Own Rain Garden!

Rain Garden Installation Process:

1. Find a spot to install the garden
2. Test the drainage of the site
3. Design the site
4. Obtain plants

Planting Day
a. One day of installation should suffice with enough help from the EC and volunteers (potentially high school environmental club)
b. Spray or flag area
c. Remove grass
d. Digging the depression
e. Plant
f. Apply Mulch
g. Water plants (immediately after and then 2x/week until established)
h. It is important to avoid compacting the soil as much as possible
i. Supplies needed: Shovels, Rakes, Level, Hose, Plants, Stones, Mulch, Educational sign (optional)

Ongoing maintenance:
1. Watering until plants are established (2x/week)
2. Weeding invasives (more often in beginning and less as years go on)
3. Mulching (1x/year)
4. Pruning (1x/year)
5. Replanting anything not thriving (can replace with something that is growing well) (1x/year)

Plant Species Recommendations:
Buffer - Outermost Layer
Slope - Middle Layer
Base - Innermost Layer