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### **ANOTHER GOAL UNDERWAY TOWARDS A HEALTHIER DIAMOND LAKE**

*Rain garden projects help clean run off*

**Mundelein, Illinois—Two rain gardens will not only beautify sections of Diamond Lake, but will also serve a more important purpose: slowing down and cleaning run off before it reaches the lake.** This will filter out chemicals that are harmful to the lake. Bill Grinnell of Fremont Township Highway Department and his staff begin excavation on an easement at 26346 N. Hickory in the Oak Terrace subdivision on Monday and planting of the gardens will take place Saturday, August 27 from 9 am to noon. The rain gardens will cover roughly 850 square feet. There will be 400 plants in the rain garden.

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## **Diamond Lake Rain Garden Project**

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The rain garden project is a goal of the Diamond Lake Preservation Alliance (DLPA) which consists of a group of concerned stakeholders who want to ensure Diamond Lake remains healthy for future generations. The group reached another goal by teaming up with Mundelein Park & Recreation District to share input for a Diamond Lake Management Plan. This plan lays out best practices for weed control and recreation activities.

The group is open to the public and meets monthly to discuss concerns and solutions to lake issues. Presentations vary monthly and have included experts from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Lake County Health Department's Lake Management, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission and other environmental consults.

**Volunteers are encouraged to come out and help plant this Saturday. Bring hand shovels and garden gloves. For more information, call Tracy Kleinschmidt at 224-637-5268 or Tori Trauscht at 847-354-2661.**

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