



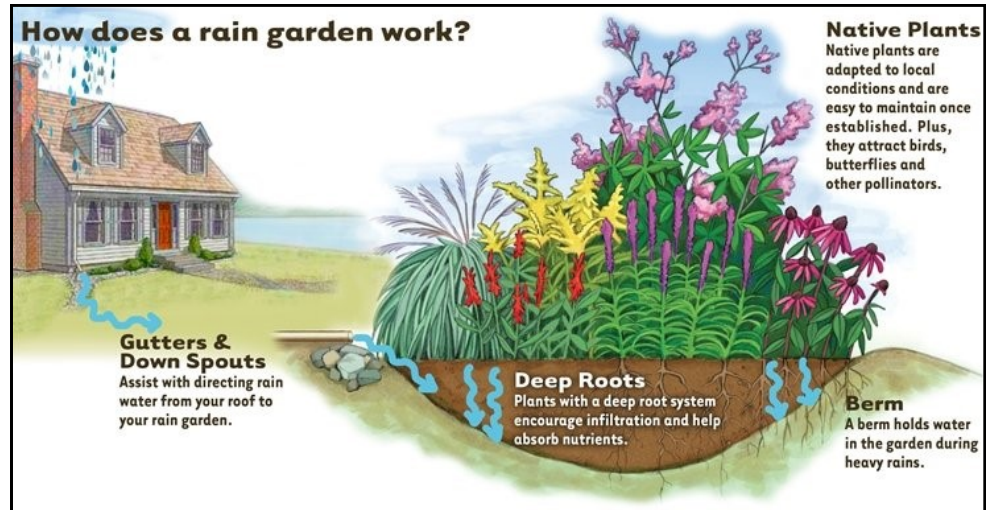
Rain Gardens



Douglas SWCD has funding available to help pay for the design and installation of rain gardens in the Alexandria area. If you reside in the area indicated on the map on the back side of this sheet you are in the grant area.

What is a rain garden?

Rain gardens are depressional areas landscaped with perennial flowers and native vegetation that soak up rainwater. They are strategically located to capture runoff from impervious surfaces, such as roofs and driveways. Rain gardens fill with a few inches of water after a storm and then water filters into the ground rather than running across the property. Water from downspouts can be directed into a rain garden. A rain garden can be installed where water is naturally pooling in your yard.



Benefits of rain gardens...

- Infiltrates up to 30% more runoff than grass
- Filters sediment and fertilizers out of the water
- Recharges groundwater
- Helps prevent flooding
- Habitat for butterflies and birds
- Beautifies a low spot in the yard

Interested and want to learn more about rain gardens and the funding available? Contact the Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District today! Funding will only be available for a limited time.

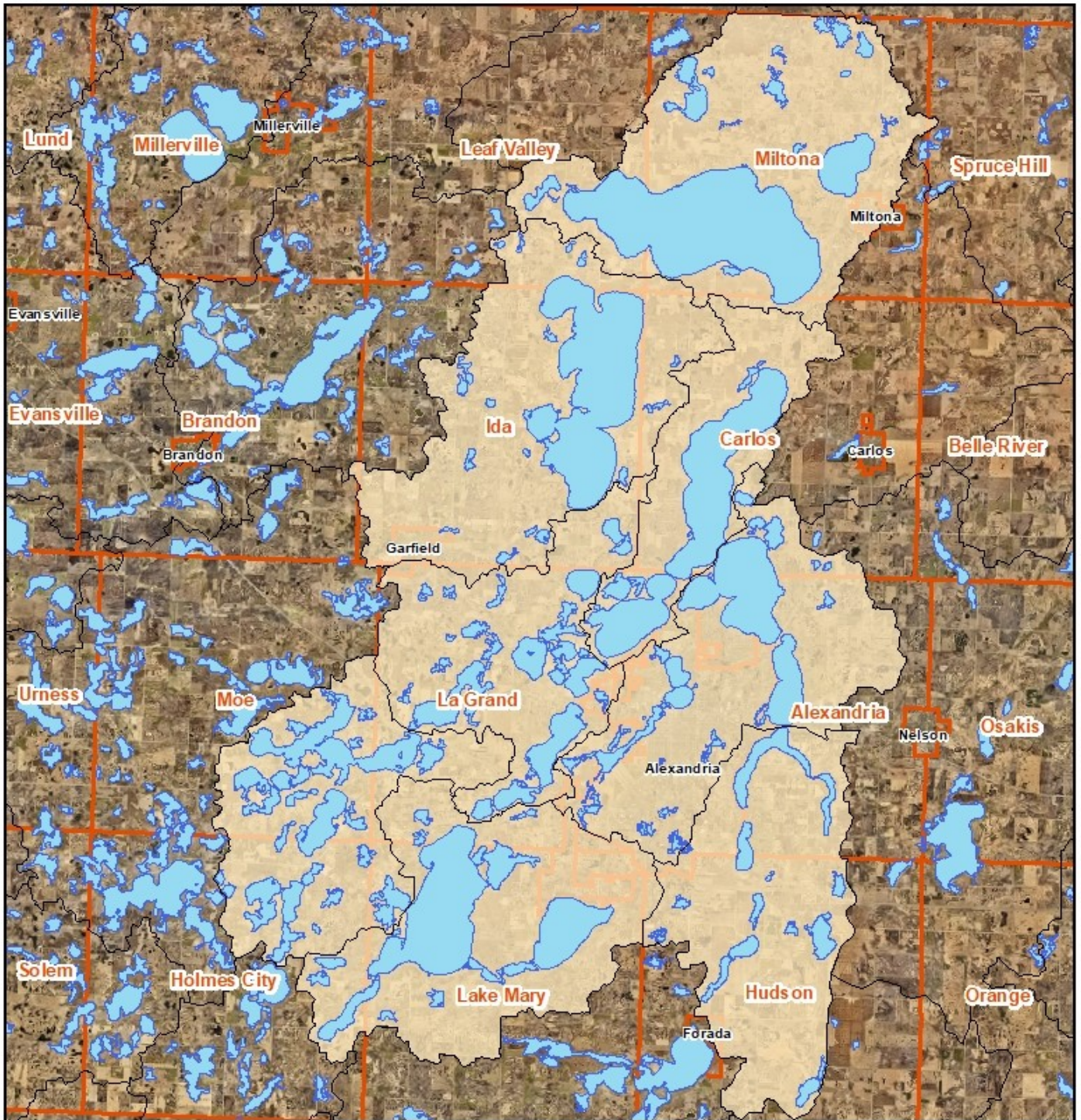
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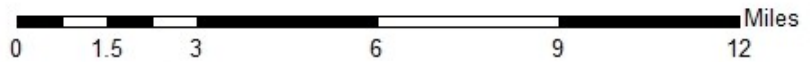




Douglas SWCD Grant Areas



- HUC12 Subwatershed
- DNR Lakes
- Grant Area
- Townships



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