



# EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Programming is offered to communities, schools, senior centers, and other related groups that may not have the opportunity or means to visit the Metroparks. All programs are provided either inside the organizations facility or in a designated outdoor space.

To schedule a program, please contact: 810-819-7799 or [stephanie.kozak@metroparks.com](mailto:stephanie.kozak@metroparks.com). If you don't see a program you are looking for, we are happy to customize one to meet your needs.

## Adults - 18 and up

### Introduction to Rain Gardens

YEAR-ROUND • INDOOR • ADULTS • 1 HOUR

In this one-hour class you will learn about rain gardens and how you can solve local water problems by installing one. Throughout the class we will cover how a rain garden works and how it is different from other gardens. We will also go over the environmental benefits a rain garden provides, the beauty it can flaunt, and the maintenance that a rain garden needs to thrive. This class is an introduction to a five-week course, Master Rain Gardener Class, that goes more in-depth and explains the process of installing a rain garden.

### Master Rain Gardener Class

YEAR-ROUND • INDOOR • ADULTS • 1 ½ HOURS

In this five-week class, you will learn how to design your own rain garden! Rain Gardens filter and cool stormwater so that our streams and rivers run clean. Join us to receive step-by-step instructions to create your garden, protecting your home against flooding and helping the birds and butterflies. And in the process, you will become a neighborhood expert!

This is a five-week certification course where participants will earn their certification – including a t-shirt and sign – by building your own rain garden or adopting a public rain garden. The class seasons are 1.5 hours offered once a week with optional office hours. One optional off-site field trip to an existing rain garden is included.

### Native Plant Swap

SPRING, SUMMER, FALL • INDOOR • ADULTS • 2 HOURS

Let's host a Native Plant Swap. Have an abundance of native plants or too many of one kind? Bring your extras to the plant swap! Whether you've started them from seed, have leftovers from your garden, or just need to make space, this potluck-style event is a great chance to trade and discover new native varieties.

No plants to swap? No worries – you're still welcome to come and pick up a few native plants for your garden or yard!

Discover more about native plants, invasive species, and how you can become a Master Rain Gardener. Our knowledgeable staff will be on hand to answer questions and offer tips on enhancing your garden, saving money, supporting local wildlife, and more!

## Preschool - Youth

### Planting Seeds for Clean Water

SPRING, SUMMER, FALL • INDOOR • PRESCHOOL - YOUTH • 1 HOURS

Participants will discover the world of plants by learning about different plant parts, their life cycles, and how they can help keep our water clean. We'll use hands on activities to explore these concepts and learn the importance of native plants in the water cycle. Each child will then plant a seed to take home, fostering a connection with nature and a hands-on understanding of environmental care. Join the Huron-Clinton Metroparks for a fun and educational journey into the world of plants and water conservation!

### How Water Moves!

YEAR-ROUND • INDOOR • PRESCHOOL - YOUTH • 1 HOURS

Join the Huron-Clinton Metroparks for a fun and interactive one-hour adventure exploring how water moves around our planet! Through a hands-on game, kids will dive into the water cycle—learning about evaporation, condensation, precipitation, and more. Discover where water lives on Earth and how it travels from place to place in this exciting, science-filled journey!

### A Stormwater Journey Through Your Watershed

SPRING, SUMMER, FALL • INDOOR • PRESCHOOL - YOUTH • 1 HOURS

Join us for an interactive demonstration exploring stormwater, water coming from heavy rain and snow. Explore how stormwater shapes our environment using an interactive watershed model. Take a journey with a fish as it travels along our local rivers and see how human activity impacts its path. Then, plant a native seed to take home and learn how you can help protect our waterways.

### Planting for Pollinators

SPRING, SUMMER, FALL • INDOOR • PRESCHOOL - YOUTH • 1 HOURS

Let's buzz into the world of pollinators and plants. In this interactive program, we'll explore how bees, butterflies, and other pollinators rely on native plants and how plants, in turn, depend on these creatures. Then, we'll roll up our sleeves and make native seed balls filled with native wildflower seeds. Each participant will take one home to help support pollinators in their own outdoor space.

