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High school students plant rain gardens in East Stroudsburg

With help from local students, Brodhead Watershed Association has recently planted several new rain gardens in East Stroudsburg.

In the first week of October, East Stroudsburg High School South students from Pat Bixler's environmental science class planted three small gardens next to the East Stroudsburg firehouse on Lackawanna Avenue. The gardens will intercept parking lot runoff before it goes into an underground water storage basin and from there to an underground tributary to Brodhead Creek.

On Friday, Oct. 14, BWA volunteers planted two small gardens at the historic Dansbury Depot on Kistler Street. Stormwater from that area also flows to the Brodhead.

East Stroudsburg municipal public works crews prepared the sites for planting.

Rain gardens are bowl-shaped depressions filled with native plants. The gardens capture runoff from roofs and paved areas, allowing the water to seep slowly into the ground as the plants filter out pollutants. The new rain gardens will help prevent runoff from reaching nearby Brodhead Creek.

A grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation pays for the rain gardens with municipal in-kind match.

For information about other local rain gardens and how to create your own, see brodheadwatershed.org/RainGardens.html.



Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed, and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring. For information: info@brodheadwatershed.org or 570-839-1120.