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ROCKAWAY VALLEY GARDEN CLUB



Photo by Lloyd Charlton

All smiles as they admire the finished project, from left, Rutgers engineering student Dan Yu, Rockaway Valley Garden Club President Ingrid Witt, Christopher Obropta Water Resources Extension Specialist for Rutgers Cooperative Extension, and Amy Boyajian, program associate.

THINKING 'GREEN' WITH A RAIN GARDEN PROJECT

Members of the Rockaway Valley Garden Club (RVGC) planted a Rain Garden at Leonard Park in Boonton Township on Tuesday, June 30, as part of their club's goal of "going green." The club, based in Boonton Township, has members from throughout the county.

Keith Brown, Juanita Galuzzi, Lloyd Charlton, landscape architect - J.S.L. Greentree, and Club President Ingrid Witt worked with Christopher Obropta, who is the water resources specialist for Rutgers Cooperative Extension, and his program associate, Amy Boyajian, and one of the undergraduate Rutgers engineering students, Dan Yu, to make this project possible.

According to the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station in Rutgers, a rain garden is a landscaped, shallow depression that allows rain and snowmelt to be collected and seep naturally into the ground. This helps recharge the ground-



Photo by Lloyd Charlton

With the pond at Leonard Park behind them, Keith Brown, Da Yu, Christopher Obropta, Juanita Galuzzi, Ingrid Witt and J.S.L. Greentree organize the garden.

water supply and prevents a water quality problem called polluted runoff, which is non-point source pollution.

As storm water runs over streets, parking lots and lawns it can pick up and carry many

kinds of materials such as fertilizers, pesticides, bacteria from pet waste, eroded soil, road salt, grass clippings, litter, etc., which get washed into nearby waterways. Rain gardens are a very simple means to enhance

the landscaping around homes while improving water quality of local waterways.

For more information, call (973) 263-6317 or visit the Web site at www.water.rutgers.edu.



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The land before planting, left, and after planting, right.