

GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL



In May, Grant Middle School students went to Bridgeton Township Park and boat launch to install a rain garden. The park was redone in 2008, and there were plans for future plantings. However, the township did not have the funds to complete the plans. Through funding from West Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative and Muskegon River Watershed Assembly, the first steps in completing the dream plan were taken. Students researched Michigan Native plants and determined the best plantings for the area. They then designed the overall look of the garden. Then on May 13, 2016, 110 seventh graders went to Bridgeton to plant 1200 plants, 3 trees, and 6 bushes. Some of the plants included Marsh Blazing Star, Joe-Pye Weed, and Cardinal Flower.

*"I wish we could do this every day."
- Matthew*



Benefits to a rain garden:

1. Controls erosion
2. Plants use standing water
3. Creates habitat for Michigan animals

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About 25 Grant Middle School students were interested in trying to minimize the amount of monofilament being discharged in lakes and streams. They decided to build 5 monofilament recycling bins to place at four Newaygo County Parks and one township park. The students researched how to build them and ordered the parts through Rosenberg's True Value in Grant. The students built the recycling bins and then traveled to Diamond Lake, Sandy Beach, Kimble, and Ed Henning Parks to install them. They also stopped at Bridgeton Township Park and boat launch and installed one there. Finally, the students raked leaves and picked up garbage at the different parks.

In addition, Grant Middle School students wanted to start a recycling program at school for plastic bottles. Currently, GMS is only recycling paper and cardboard. Students put together a presentation for administration to install a bottle-fill / drinking fountain in the 7th and 8th grade hallways. Administration is still discussing that possibility. In the meantime, we purchased recycling bins for disposable water bottles and have started educating the student body about water bottle waste. Seventh graders are campaigning to get students to use refillable water bottles instead of purchasing disposable ones.

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- Kollin



