

Meet Glenda

"My rain garden has led to so many connections with neighbors and people walking by – they love the strawberries! We also have a neighborhood project that works on recovering property values (after urban renewal). Landscaping and gardens are so important."



A longtime resident of Asheville, Glenda has had her rain garden for one full growing season. She was selected to be part of a RiverLink program to install rain gardens and said she felt like she won a contest! The garden has been very fruitful (with mint, strawberries, echinacea, and flowers) and has required almost no work to maintain.

After an abundant harvest, Glenda and her family froze their extra berries and made enough jam to share with their neighbors. Glenda's daughter used the homegrown strawberries in her baking business. Glenda even bartered with a neighbor a few streets over, trading her strawberries for pears from the neighbor's garden, and she has friends who come pick mint for evening tea.



Because the rain garden made her start thinking about erosion and stormwater, Glenda now plans to install rain barrels in her backyard to manage stormwater on that side of her property.

Did you know?

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