

**Merrillville Rain Garden Project Featured in *Great Lakes Green Streets Guidebook*
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The Town of Merrillville was featured in the *Great Lakes Green Streets Guidebook*, which is a publication by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and was funded through a grant from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This publication contains information on road improvement projects within the Great Lakes Watershed that have successfully incorporated green infrastructure techniques to manage stormwater runoff and benefit water resources.

You will see on **page 22** where the Merrillville 54th Court bioretention/rain garden project was selected as one of the featured case studies in the Great Lakes region. Also note on **page 17** that Merrillville's project is the only one representing Indiana. Additionally, Merrillville is the only town represented.

Merrillville Stormwater Utility anticipates incorporating similar design strategies to other areas of the town to help make our roadways more sustainable and alleviate drainage issues. Stormwater Utility Executive Director Matt Lake and Public Works Director Bruce Spires will continue to coordinate and, with the Town Council's input, select future demonstration sites. These types of sustainable measures can also be part of future developments to reduce roadway maintenance and make infrastructure development more cost-effective for developers.

See [Great Lakes Green Streets Guidebook](#) on our Documents Page to view this publication.