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Holler Park Dedication to Honor Cooperative Efforts

Alderman Terry Witkowski, along with the Garden District Neighborhood Association and the Holler Park Neighborhood Association, will host a rain garden dedication in Holler Park on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 12:15 p.m. The event will take place just east of the Holler Park Lodge, 5151 S. 6th St.

The rain garden is the result of a collaborative use of resources and invested residents to remake Holler Park. The project was supported with a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant through the City of Milwaukee and the Garden District. The grant, administered by Dave Ciepluch, included nearly \$10,000 worth of plants and resources. Funding for the project increased significantly when Ciepluch, in a very generous gesture, donated his administrative fees from the grant to the project.

The project was made possible through a unique set of partnerships at every level including private groups, school groups, city coordination and the national EPA funding. "The coordination of so many dedicated people and groups really shows what a little hard work can do," Ald. Terry Witkowski said. "From school children to local officials, the investment in this project has been outstanding and the neighborhood and city should be proud of the result."

The rain garden is a capstone to many of the plantings and other landscaping projects throughout the park. The group plans to host future training and educational opportunities to teach residents about rain gardens and their use. The Holler Park Neighborhood Association will continue to maintain the garden. Chris Kuester, the organization's leader said, "This project enhances the growing reputation of the 13th District as the Garden District and sets the example for how private groups can be involved in the improvement of Milwaukee County Parks," Kuester said.

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