

GRANT MIDDLE SCHOOL



In May, Grant Middle School students went to Bridgeton Township Park and boat launch to install a rain garden. Many projects have taken place in the last few years to enhance this park with new plantings. In 2016 a rain garden was planted and in early 2017, 30 trees were installed. Through funding from West Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative and Muskegon River Watershed Assembly, more work has been completed. 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 10, 2017, 132 seventh graders went to Bridgeton to plant 700 plants and 12 bushes. Some of the plants included Marsh Blazing Star, Joe-Pye Weed, and Cardinal Flower.

"I will never forget this day."
- Drewe



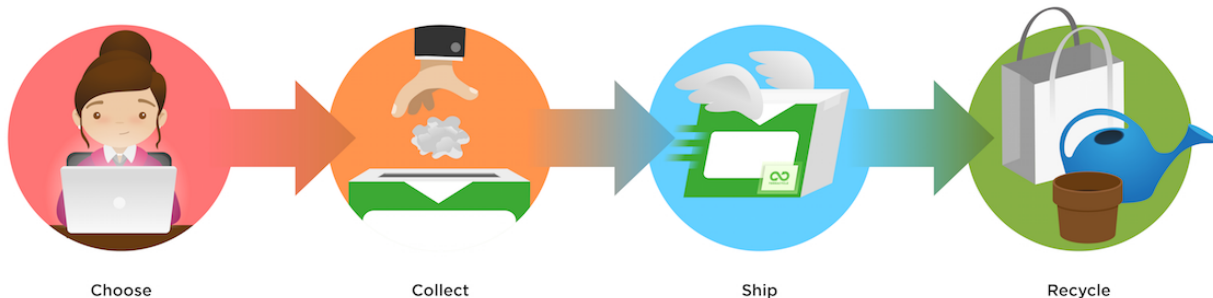
Our Community Partners:

True Value



Benefits to a rain garden:

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



In addition to the rain garden, Grant Middle School students are working to improve our recycling program at school. Currently we only recycle plastic bottles, office paper, and cardboard. We will purchase zero waste containers for candy and snack wrappers. This will begin in the 2017-18 school year. As for now, seventh graders have started educating the student body about recycling and switching to reusable containers at lunchtime. Seventh graders are campaigning to get students to reduce the amount of lunch waste in our cafeteria. They have started stacking our styrofoam trays to save on landfill space - a step in the right direction.



"I feel good about doing something to help our environment."
- Nolan

