

Rusty Schmidt, co-author of *The Blue Thumb Guide to Raingardens*, will be the featured speaker.

Mr. Schmidt is a landscape ecologist employed by the Washington Conservation District in Minnesota. Mr. Schmidt designs and constructs alternative methods for managing stormwater runoff. He has created hundreds of designs for habitat restorations, rain gardens, bio-infiltration swales, bio-retention basins, and stormwater ponds. His rain garden projects have ranged in size from small backyard rain gardens to large multi-acre rain gardens.



Mr. Schmidt helps train homeowners and design professionals on the techniques of rain gardens nationwide. He has assisted rain garden initiatives like the “10,000 Rain Garden Initiative” in Kansas City and the MetroBlooms and BlueThumb Programs in Minnesota. He is a co-author of three books, two on plant selections for stormwater management and a homeowner guide to rain gardens.

The publication entitled *The Blue Thumb Guide to Raingardens* by Rusty Schmidt, Dan Shaw, and David Dods will be available for purchase at the workshop. Price: \$18.00

DIRECTIONS

The Normandy Barn
 Indiana State Fairgrounds
 1202 E. 38th Street
 Indianapolis, IN 46260

Use the main entrance off E. 38th Street to enter the fairgrounds. The parking fee will be waived for those attending the meeting (let the parking attendants know that you are attending the workshop).



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LANDSCAPING WITH RAIN GARDENS:

The ABC's of Design and Construction



The Normandy Barn Indiana State Fairgrounds

February 16, 2010

8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

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The Barn at the Indiana State Fairgrounds

LANDSCAPING WITH RAIN GARDENS

8:30 Check-in

9:00 Welcome/Introduction

9:05 Morning Program

- **Why Rain Gardens?** – *Lori Kaplan*
- **Overview of Rain Gardens and Bio-retention** – *Rusty Schmidt*
- **Where Are They Not Appropriate**
Rusty Schmidt
- **Rain Garden Design:** What looks good – *Rusty Schmidt*
- **Break**
- **Rain Garden Design (Con't.)**

11:45 Lunch

12:30 Afternoon Program

- **Rain Garden Tour** – *Ron Lauster and Justin Armstrong*
- **Plants** – *Bruce Behan and Rusty Schmidt*
- **Residential Rain Garden Installation** – *Rusty Schmidt*
- **Break**
- **Maintenance** – *Bruce Behan and Rusty Schmidt*
- **Rain Garden Enhancements** – *Myrene Brown*

3:00 Wrap Up

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This workshop is for professional landscapers, garden centers, nurseries, landscape suppliers, park departments, groundskeepers, and others who may be asked to design, construct, or maintain rain gardens.



WORKSHOP FEES

\$50 per individual

\$80 per vendor (Includes one workshop registration and one covered table)

Registration fee includes handout materials, snacks, and lunch. ***If you have a dietary need, please contact the council office at (317) 290-3250.***

For more information about the program and/or to register, please contact the RC&D office at (317) 290-3250. Also visit the RC&D website at www.hhrcd.org to view a copy of the brochure.



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