

Please see the information below and help spread the word in any way possible. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas...please let me know!

STORMWATER 101

Permeable Paving – Various paving techniques that allow movement of stormwater through the paved surface. In addition to reducing runoff, pervious pavement effectively traps suspended solids and filters pollutants from the water. Types of permeable paving include:



A GREAT PROJECT: STORMWATER LEARNING AT THE HABITAT RESTORE

Soak It Up! is just one week away from major construction. If you want to see things first hand, now is the time to get on limited tour lists. The first tour, which includes excavation of old rock and soil and biofilter installation, is on September 1st from 11am to 1pm. The second tour, which includes installation of swales and biofilter planting, is on September 17th from 11am to 1pm. Guests may come for a short time, or the entire tour. To put your name on the tour list, email amy.smith@onnewground.com.

LOCAL NEWS

Every property owner (home, business, nonprofit and government) is charged a Stormwater Utility fee. This fee helps cover costs associated with maintaining and improving public drainage systems, carrying out good water quality practices like street sweeping, maintaining stormwater detention basins, enforcing erosion control standards, and reducing the risk of flooding. In some cases, property owners can reduce the user fee up to 80% by installing rain gardens, porous pavements, rain barrels, stormwater ponds or bio-retention cells. Many local people are making huge changes to their properties to not only decrease their Stormwater Utility fee, but to better our local environment. To learn how to reduce your Stormwater Utility fee, click [HERE](#).



Honda Motorwerks, in downtown La Crosse, installed pervious asphalt in a portion of their parking lot. Notice the pervious asphalt on the left, and the old, regular asphalt on the right.



Mayo Clinic Health System paved a large section of their West Avenue parking lot with pervious asphalt. You can see that even in a heavy rain storm, rainwater soaks into the pavement almost immediately!

YOU CAN HELP

Reserve a stop on the limited tour lists.

The purpose of the *Soak It Up!* project is to **show** local people what can be done to help protect our local environment. Let us **show** you. Sign up friends, family, and co-workers by emailing amy.smith@onnewground.com.

Continue to spread the word!

Forward this email, include this info in a newsletter or on social media, or link our website on yours: www.lacrossewaters.org/newstormwater.asp.

Volunteer at Habitat for Humanity.

The ReStore always needs people to help in the store. But on August 31, for this project, volunteers are needed to remove and wash existing landscaping rock. *To pitch in, e-mail Amanda at: volunteer@habitatlacrosse.org.*

Donate old garden tool heads at the ReStore.

We're getting ready for artist Karl Unnasch and Western Technical College students to build a sculpture for the entry to the ReStore parking lot next winter. They'll use old garden tool heads and other reused material to draw attention to the ReStore's mission and water management learning opportunities at the store. Be part of the fun! Donate your old tool heads at the ReStore.