

OUR TASK?

Reshape La Crosse area landscapes to soak up water. Keep yard trimmings, trash and chemicals out of streets where rain and snowmelt carry them directly to storm drains, creeks and the Black, La Crosse and Mississippi Rivers.

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VISIT!

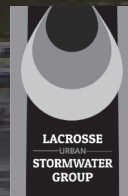
La Crosse Area Habitat For Humanity ReStore Stormwater Learning Center

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La Crosse Urban Stormwater Group

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TOWN OF HOLLAND
TOWN OF ONALASKA
TOWN OF SHELBY
VILLAGE OF HOLMEN
VILLAGE OF WEST SALEM



DON'T LET WATER RUN
OFF YOUR PROPERTY

Soak It Up!

VISIT LA CROSSE
HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY
RESTORE TO
LEARN HOW YOU
CAN BECOME
PART OF OUR
LOCAL CLEAN
WATER SOLUTION

Become part of the solution.

8 WAYS YOU, FRIENDS & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS CAN REDUCE POLLUTED RUNOFF TO LOCAL RIVERS

YES, YOU!

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Polluted surface runoff is the largest remaining source of water pollution.

WHY DO ORDINARY CITIZENS NEED TO DO SOMETHING?

Our communities are working as hard as they can to protect streams and groundwater, but the challenge is so big that local and mandated federal goals can only be met with private investment.

WHAT CAN YOU LEARN ABOUT PROTECTING WATER AT THE RESTORE PROPERTY?

Demonstrations and interpretive signs show how regrading land holds water, so rain soaks in and doesn't carry pollution to the river. Learn to prevent erosion, build rain gardens, use native plants, locate a rain barrel, and integrate food and places for people in the landscape. See infiltration basins, hugelkultur, and porous pavement options.

WHERE DO I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

lacrosseareawaters.org
& your local government website



01

Point downspouts to basins where earth & native plants soak up water



02

Use less turf grass and more diverse native plants, especially on shorelines.



03

Use deicer instead of salt, and apply carefully.



04

Wash your car at a car wash where water is treated, not in the driveway.



05

When you construct, plan ahead. Use silt fences. Keep soil in place and out of streets.



06

Drain hard surfaced areas to low basins, not storm drains.



07

Clean up after your pet. Do not put waste in street drains.



08

Minimize pavement! When you need it, choose material with openings so water soaks through and doesn't run off.