



NOAA B-WET Project: Alcona Schools

RAIN GARDEN



"It's like adding my own little stamp on the county and I like that." - *Abby Kozlow*, student

"Place-based education is a powerful tool to increase student motivation."

Kathrin Luce, Environmental Science Teacher



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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Alcona High School students visited Harrisville Harbor in the fall of 2022 to explore stewardship opportunities. After noticing the steep slope of the parking lot and the way water moved when it rained, they chose to install a rain garden to prevent marine debris and chemical pollution from entering the Lake Huron watershed. They concluded the rain garden would be a great natural filtration system and a way to educate the public, support pollinators and beautify the harbor.

After successfully writing a Lake Huron Forever grant and with other funding support from the Partners for Fish and Wildlife, NOAA Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) program, students got to work in Spring 2023 installing the garden alongside community partners. With a maintenance plan in place and open communication with Harrisville Harbor, this will be a stewardship project Alcona High School students continue to build on year after year.



BY THE NUMBERS

25 student stewards

450 native plants planted

1037 square feet garden

PROJECT PARTNERS



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