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Rain garden planting is underway in Delta with Mayor Lois E. Jackson on hand at Richardson Elementary school yesterday to assist students with their plantings.



Delta's rain garden program was developed in collaboration with local elementary schools who coordinate a community planting day with the Cougar Creek Streamkeepers, school children, and neighbourhood volunteers. A "Rain Gardeners" education program accompanies the rain garden construction, allowing students to take care of and learn about their rain garden throughout the school year.



Rain gardens benefit the environment by absorbing rain water from paved surfaces, which helps keep polluted water out of creeks and ravines.

"This partnership between the local streamkeepers, the municipality, and the school board is so beneficial to enhancing strong linkages in the community and paving the way for green infrastructure in the region," said Mayor Lois E. Jackson.

Mayor Jackson will be helping out at two other rain garden planting events this fall: Gibson Elementary on November 1<sup>st</sup> and Heath Traditional Elementary on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Residents are encouraged to visit the school rain gardens on planting days to support the kids.

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