



## **DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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### **Ron Clark Construction and Design selected as Outstanding Conservation Cooperator**

The Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District has announced the selection of Ron Clark Construction and Design as the District's Outstanding Conservation Cooperator for 2006. Ron Clark Construction and Design was selected based on their implementation of innovative stormwater management practices associated with their Pearlmont Heights Twin Home Development in Eagan.

In April of 2005 Ron Clark Construction and Design approached the Soil and Water Conservation District with a proposal to partner on a stormwater quality improvement project for their proposed residential development. Their energy and enthusiasm to protect local water quality lead to an innovative development design that incorporates five rainwater gardens with multiple cells designed to capture and absorb the "first flush" of runoff from impervious surfaces.

"The Pearlmont Heights community will be an important demonstration site for water quality awareness associated with stormwater runoff", states Brian Watson, District Manager with the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District. "The development site will be included in local conservation tours and presentations".

Ron Clark Construction and Design development team is also producing education and marketing materials that will address the importance of stormwater quality and rainwater garden functionality for new homeowners and community maintenance staff.

Ron Clark Construction and Design will be eligible to compete for the statewide Conservation Cooperator of the Year Award announced at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts annual convention held December 3-5 in Bloomington. A special luncheon will be held at the convention to honor the Ron Clark Construction and Design development team as well as other conservation cooperators from throughout the state.



*Rainwater Garden Installed at the Pearlmont Heights Development  
Photo courtesy of Dakota County SWCD*