

Kansas Municipal Utilities Training Center Rain Garden

Project Description: While planning its new training center, Kansas Municipal Utilities saw potential for the campus to demonstrate good stormwater management practices. In partnership with KDHE, Kansas Municipal Utilities created a 5,000-square-foot rain garden surrounding its training center. Native grasses and flowers were planted in the rain garden and surrounding landscaping. The large rain garden was designed to manage runoff from the building and parking lot, and features nearly 1,400 native plants.

Project Location: 2090 E. Ave. A, McPherson, Kansas

Project Sponsor: Kansas Municipal Utilities

Project Partners: Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Project Funding: Kansas Municipal Utilities with financial assistance from EPA Section 319 funds administered by KDHE.

Construction Completed: 2018

Key Green Infrastructure Components:

- Rain garden
- Native vegetation

Environmental benefits:

- Treats runoff pollutants from nearby parking lot
- Retains stormwater on site
- Attracts pollinators
- Reduces landscaping maintenance needs

