

Tugaloo Rain Gardens



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On November 2 volunteers from the HOA A&E committee, the Garden Club, and WATeR came together with the POA Public Works to plant Rain Gardens at Tugaloo. Using principles that can be found in the Tennessee [SmartYards](#) program, the Rain Gardens are designed by specialists at the Maryville College to manage and absorb storm water run-off and are intended to improve water quality at the Tugaloo swim beach after heavy rain events. This project was funded by the POA as a result of water quality studies performed by WATeR.

The rain gardens are located between the parking lot and the dog park fence, and at the lower end of the parking lot, left of the pavilion. After 2 or 3 years these gardens will mature and provide beautiful native flowers and foliage, and in addition to absorbing water and nutrients, the roots systems will provide a healthy environment for soil ecology to filter and process impurities from the run-off. More information can be found at www.tellicowater.org/protect.