Bioretention & Rain Gardens Focus of Workshop on Jan. 22

Landscapes today are designed intentionally to do more than just be beautiful. In the case of rain gardens, they help slow and soak in rainfall to protect and conserve water. Rain gardens attract pollinators and add biodiversity to landscapes.

Rain gardens and bioretention gardens are the focus of a workshop sponsored by Nebraska Nursery and Landscape Association. The workshop will be 1–5 pm, Monday, January 22, at Hotel RL by Red Lion, 3321 S. 72nd St., Omaha.

Speakers include Kelly Feehan, Steve Rodie, Tom Franti, and Andy Szatko.

Among topics participants will learn about are:

• Stormwater runoff and the role of green infrastructure
• Debunking myths associated with bioretention/rain gardens
• In-depth information on rain garden design and step-by-step installation
• Effective plant selection and functions of plants in rain gardens
• Maintaining a landscape with bioretention features
• Case studies and lessons learned from bioretention/rain gardens installed in Nebraska

Attendees will receive a copy of the manual, “Bioretention Gardens—A Manual for Contractors in the Omaha Region to Design and Install Bioretention Gardens.”

Click here for more information and registration.

Housing Innovation Marketplace is March 13–14

The 2018 Housing Innovation Marketplace will be held at the La Vista Conference Center March 13–14. Sponsored by Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and Nebraska Housing Developers Association, this annual conference brings together more than 400 community leaders and housing partners to discuss affordable housing and community development. Attendees will be able to take part in educational sessions, receive continuing education credits, network with colleagues and visit an array of exhibitors.

If you submit a workforce housing project for your community or neighborhood and “Pitch Your Project” you’ll get a discount on your registration.

For more information and to register, visit this link.