



Rain Garden Renovation From Mud to Magic

**Anne White Harrington
Ann Arbor West Side
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The Process

- Relocated yard dirt
- Dumped bags of mushroom compost
- Planted and prayed
- Topped with bags of hardwood mulch

The Plants

Back and Sides 5-20'

- Curly Yellow Willow
- Red Twig Dogwood
- Dappled Japanese Willow

Mid-range 4-6'

- Blue Muffin Viburnum
- Wild Iris: yellow and blue flag
- Siberian Iris, Marsh Marigold

Transition Area 6"-4'

- Ferns: Ostrich, Maidenhair
- Astilbe, Hosta, Lungwort





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Magic!

February 2012



Mud



Presentation Suggestions

1. Create your “story”
 - The problem
 - The plan with the plants
2. Keep it short and simple
3. Include photos or drawings
4. Practice for timing
5. Focus on the audience
6. Relax and enjoy the feedback