



Kirksville hosted a Healthy Yards for Clear Streams workshop in January:

A Healthy Yards for Clear Streams workshop was held January 14-15, 2010 from 9:00-4:00 at the Missouri Department of Conservation Northeast Regional Office in Kirksville. Twenty-two people from six counties attended the January 14 workshop featured topics: Why Connect Yards to Streams? Rain Gardens, Soils and Erosion Prevention, Healthy Lawn Care, Companion Planting, Raised Bed Gardening, and Plant Selection for Site

Thirty-two participants from 10 counties attended the January 15 workshop. Topics covered: Native Plant Gardens, Integrated Pest Management, Making and Using compost, Controlling Invasive Plants, Where Have all the Bees Gone? and Insects and Diseases of Woody Plants and Their Control

When asked on the evaluation what practices participants planned to change, responses included: control invasive plants, design a native plant or rain garden in their yard or in their community, use companion planting to control insects, use IPM strategies, make and use more compost, identify common tree diseases and prevent or control them before they become a problem, use healthy lawn care practices, and do a soil test when needed.

Customer quotes: "The workshop was informative and enjoyable". "Both days were very well planned and presented, thank-you". "Every talk was informative and interesting".