



RED OAK RAIN GARDEN

Garden Report: August 2020

- **Volunteers:**
 - Extension volunteers still working in garden.
 - Academic volunteers lined up for fall plant installation.
 - RORG Student Team created from ENVS 492: Sustainability, Energy, and Environment Capstone class. Their projects involve social media and infiltration tests.
- **Monitoring:**
 - **CoCoRaHS:** Rain gauge volunteers established. Not much rain in August.
 - **Soil:** Prof. Andrew Margenot lending his lab equipment to measure infiltration.
- **Observations of note:**
 - **August blooms:** Royal Catchfly, Rosinweed, Purple Coneflower, Rose Mallow, and Black Eyed Susan are all in full bloom. See photos on the new [This Week in the Garden](#).
 - **Build it and they will come:** Seeing multitudes of Monarch butterflies and bees.
- **Social media highlights:**
 - Kate Gardiner interview with Extension's Dennis Bowman about his drone footage documentation of the garden. <https://redoakraingarden.org/2020/08/25/drone-days-with-dennis-an-interview-with-extensions-dennis-bowman/>
- **Progress** toward Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Grant (as of 9/8/20):
 - **Volunteer Stewardship** to be completed by 8/31/21.
 - Physical: 105 hours. [Need 400 hours to receive \$4,000.]
 - Social Media: 49 hours [Need 100 hours to receive \$2,000.] Expect a rapid rise with fall planting.
 - **Donation Match**
 - \$1013 donated [Need \$7,000 to receive \$21,000.]
 - Submitted request for \$3040 to ICECF.



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