

Big Lake Elementary

Mat-Su Rain Gardens



Before

Big Lake Area Elementary has a drainage pipe located in a high-visibility area at the front of the school. The pipe drained over a few rocks and onto a lawn. Schoolchildren helped install a rain garden in 2010.



After

Additional rocks were added to soften the impact of water dripping from the pipe onto the soil, and to lead water to the new rain garden. Rain now goes into the garden instead of puddling on the lawn. The rain garden improves the aesthetics of the school entrance.

Constructed: May 2010



2012: Summer #3

The garden is still beautiful and functioning well. Some weeds have encroached and need to be pulled.

