

- **Heritage Tree Ordinance.** A Heritage Tree Ordinance was adopted on 10/28/09 for the purpose of preserving the Village's many heritage trees. A "Heritage Tree" is defined as any tree having a Diameter Breast Height of twenty inches (20") or larger. The preservation of these trees offers numerous benefits to the Village such as enhancing the Village's scenic beauty and preserving property values among others. Removal of any Heritage Tree is prohibited and subject to violation penalties. To view the ordinance in its entirety, you may come to the Village Hall or click [here](#).
- **Village of North Barrington, Illinois Watershed BMP Handbook.** The development of the Watershed BMP Handbook was facilitated by the Barrington Area Conservation Trust. It was funded as a cooperative effort between the Village of North Barrington, the Barrington Area Conservation Trust, the Barrington Area Council of Governments and the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. The project was funded by a grant from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. The Handbook can be found [here](#).
- **Conservation@Home.** Conservation@Home is a program offered by Barrington Area Conservation Trust that encourages homeowners to maintain their properties using conservation practices that benefit the environment. Conservation@Home naturalists provide simple, easy-to-implement steps to encourage conservation-friendly practices on private land. There is no fee for the consultations. Yard signs are available to BACT members who complete Conservation@Home certification for no charge. If you would like to learn more about Conservation@Home or schedule a consultation, please visit bactrust.org or call BACT at (847) 387-3149.
- **Rain Gardens.** A rain garden is simply a shallow depression in your yard that is planted with native wetland or wet prairie wildflowers and grasses. It is designed to naturally collect water that runs off from your roof or is discharged from your sump pump. Rain gardens make good use of stormwater runoff; conserving precious water supplies and helping protect water quality in downstream lakes and streams. Rain gardens provide food and shelter for birds, butterflies and beneficial insects, such as mosquito eating dragonflies. More information can be found at Lake County's website [found here](#). The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources also has an informational website [found here](#).
- **Illinois Environmental Protection Agency National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II.** The Village of North Barrington is authorized to discharge stormwater under IEPA General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. ILR40. As part of the Permit, The Village is required to set goals over a five year period to reduce pollution to its receiving waters. These goals are described in the Notice of Intent (NOI) found [here](#). After each year (March - March) the Village must document status of compliance with the NOI and any changes to the NOI in an Annual Report found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact the Village Hall.
- **Potential Stormwater Ordinance Violations** Please contact the Village Hall (847) 381-6000 to report potential stormwater ordinance violations, construction site erosion and sediment control problems, suspected illicit discharges to the stormwater system, and maintenance issues.
- **A Citizen's Guide to Riparian Area Management** From the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. A Riparian area is the shoreline and immediate adjacent area to a lake, stream or creek. This guides gives steps for stabilizing shorelines and streambanks, as well as outlines successful stream management practices. This guide can be [found here](#).