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## **RAINWATER GARDEN WINS 2014 “CATCH THE RAIN” PHOTO CONTEST**

*Community Invited to See Best-in-Show Garden at Glendale’s Main Library*

**Glendale, Ariz.** — The City of Glendale’s Water Services Department, Conservation and Sustainability Division known for its award-winning programs took home another honor. Glendale received top ranking in the 2014 Water Resource Center’s “Catch the Rain” photo contest and the Best-in-Show prize for a picture capturing the Glendale Rain Garden in action during a summer monsoon.

Hosted by The University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center, the annual contest seeks photos telling the story of Arizona's uncommon connection to and use of rain. Glendale Water Conservation Specialist, Joanne Toms snapped the award-winning picture of the Glendale Rain Garden outside the Glendale Main Library during an Aug. 12 storm.

Glendale is one of three cities to install rainwater gardens featuring native Sonoran Desert plants through a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant. This past April, more than 30 FedEx volunteers “dug in” at the



Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden to help create a rainwater garden. The volunteers assisted with installing rainwater harvesting basins and planting 50 native plants. [Watch video](#) of the volunteers working in the Glendale Rain Garden. The 3,500 square foot garden is located near the north entrance of the Glendale Main Library. The Water Services Department coordinated the project in partnership with the Watershed Management Group.

The summer monsoon and a 12-second video brought community and media attention to the newly installed Glendale Rain Garden. [A video](#) of rainwater streaming down a series of basins to soak the plants and soil received more than 2,800 views. Visit [Glendale’s Water Conservation and Sustainability Division](#) for more information on the award-winning programs available.

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