

# Amery Hospital & Clinic - a regional leader in health and wellness

Amery Hospital & Clinic provides quality healthcare services that enhance the quality of life in our community and contribute to our environmental health. Our new medical center recognizes the importance of our environment to the general health and well-being of our community.

We have incorporated the following elements listed below with the planning and construction of our new facility and grounds. We invite you to enjoy these amenities for your leisure, reflection, contemplation, and health.



**1. LANDSCAPING FOR WILDLIFE + WATER QUALITY:**  
Landscaping with native plants improves the environment. Native plants are hardy because they have adapted to the local environmental conditions and, once established, native plants do not require pesticides, fertilizers, or watering. Take a walk around the grounds and through our restored prairie and you will discover the many varieties of birds, butterflies, and animals that are attracted to native plants.



**2. RAIN GARDENS:**  
Raingardens allow stormwater to infiltrate the soil and re-charge groundwater. By retaining stormwater, raingardens reduce soil erosion caused by excessive runoff, and pollutants are naturally filtered from the runoff before it enters our lakes and rivers.



**3. GREEN ROOFS:**  
Covering our roof are several thousand square feet of living plants. Known as a 'green roof,' this system provides superior insulation, thus reducing heating and cooling costs. Green roofs also reduce runoff and contribute to cleaner water as the soil and plants absorb precipitation. Many of the second floor rooms enjoy views of our rooftop gardens.



**4. TRAIL AND RIVER OVERLOOK:**  
Along the Apple River's edge there is a contemplative trail where you can explore the natural river environment. Overlooking the river is a viewing area where you can rest your legs and perhaps catch a glimpse of a Bald Eagle.



**5. RAPTOR NEST:**  
Partnering with Xcel Energy, the Raptor Resource Project, and EOR, an Osprey nesting platform was installed on site. Ospreys readily build their nests on man-made structures and nest platforms specially designed for it. Such platforms have become an important tool in re-establishing the Osprey in urban areas. A local pair or their off-spring is expected to take up residence here.



**6. PERVIOUS SURFACES:**  
A pervious ground treatment was used for the fire lane access area as opposed to traditional asphalt. Water runoff is thereby reduced by allowing it to soak into the soil. This minimizes our impact on the land and helps promote water retention while decreasing erosion and pollution.

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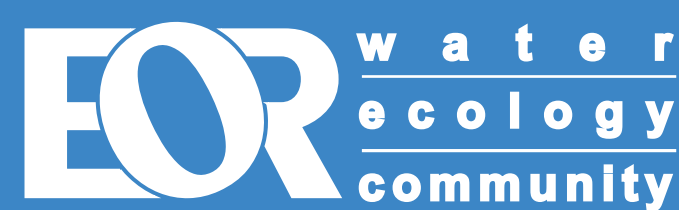
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