

A bioretention area in the middle of a parking lot provides stormwater retention and beautiful landscaping. [www.lagunabeachcity.net/government/departments/waterquality](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/government/departments/waterquality)



“The quality of water and the quality of life in all its infinite forms are critical parts of the overall health of this planet of ours.” — Capt. Benjamin L.E. Bonneville

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” ~Anne Frank

“In the end, our society will be defined not only by what we create but by what we refuse to destroy.” — John Sawhill



Chicago City Hall's green roof helps save money on heating and cooling costs. [www.cityofchicago.org](http://www.cityofchicago.org)

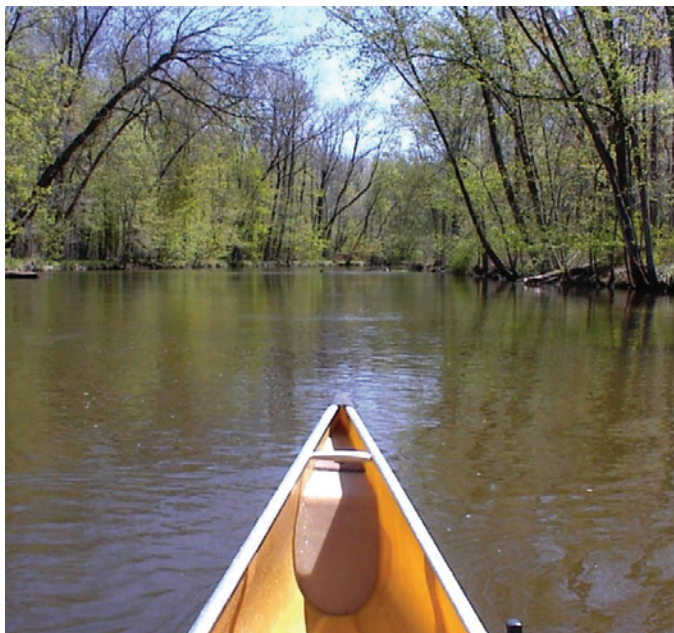


Photo courtesy of Stuart Meade

An Agricultural Cost-Share Program is also available for anyone interested in installing agricultural management practices in one of the 14 critical areas. Contact the Elkhart County SWCD or visit [www.elkhartriveralliance.org](http://www.elkhartriveralliance.org) for an application.

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## *Elkhart River Alliance (ERA)*

# Urban Cost-Share Program



A rain garden example from the City of Maplewood, MN. Rain gardens provide native landscaping and attract wildlife.

## Interested in Installing Innovative Stormwater Management Practices?



An old whiskey barrel has been turned into a rain barrel. Usually, a rain barrel is plastic and not wood.

**WHO**—Anyone interested in installing innovative stormwater management practices.

**WHAT**—An Urban Cost Share Program.

**WHEN**—The first application deadline is June 30, 2008. But please still apply after June 30th.

**WHERE**—If you are located in one of the ten Urban Critical Areas you are eligible for this cost share program. Examples of the Urban Critical Areas are Goshen, Ligonier, Albion, Milford, and Rome City. For a complete list see the ERA's website.

Pervious Concrete allows water to quickly percolate through its pores and into the underlying rock and soil.



Table 3: Elkhart River Urban Cost-Share Program

Practice	Pollutants addressed	Percent cost Shared	Not to exceed	Maximum per applicant	Program funds not to exceed
Rain Garden	sediments, nutrients	75	\$15/square foot	\$750	\$37,500 combined
Rain Barrel	sediments, nutrients	75	\$50/Barrel	\$250	
Pervious Paving Options	sediments, nutrients	75	\$15/square foot	\$10,000	\$50,000
Bioretention Practices	sediments, nutrients	75	\$15/square foot	\$5,000	\$50,000
Green Roof	sediments, nutrients	75	\$20/square foot	\$10,000	\$50,000
Natural Stream Buffer	sediments, nutrients	75	\$150/acre	\$1,500	\$15,000
Wetland Restoration	sediments, <i>E. coli</i> , nutrients	75	n/a	\$5,000	\$15,000
Naturalized Wet-bottom Detention Basin*	sediments, nutrients	75	\$15/square foot	\$5,000	\$15,000
Filtration Basin	sediments, nutrients	50	n/a	\$1,000	\$5,000
Soil Infiltration Trench	sediments, nutrients	50	n/a	\$1,000	\$5,000
Sand Filter	sediments, nutrients	50	n/a	\$1,000	\$5,000

\* Applications will only be considered to retrofit existing basins in order to add a water quality benefit. The grant cannot pay for practices that are primarily used to create a water quantity benefit.

### HOW TO APPLY

You will need to fill out Sections A and B of the Urban Cost Share Application Form (319-U). This form is available for download on the ERA's website.

You will also need to provide a written narrative of no more than 500 words explaining what type of stormwater management practice you would like to install and where the site is located. **For example**, on the west side of S Liberty St. between Oak St. and Columbus Ave.

You will also need to provide a map showing the location of your project. It will need to be descriptive enough for someone to follow.

You will also be able to find the ranking sheet the ERA will use to determine which projects are cost-shared on the ERA's website.

If you need a paper copy of the application form or you need help filling out the application form please contact the Elkhart County SWCD.

The above table provides information on the 11 different stormwater management practices the ERA will be cost-sharing. The Table includes information on what pollutants each practice will help reduce as well as information on how much money you could receive for a given practice. **For example**, if you would like to install a rain barrel then the ERA will pay up to 75 percent of the cost for the rain barrel but will not pay more than \$50.

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