

## Rain Garden Plant Reimbursement Program

The Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership may reimburse residents up to \$250 for plant material that is planted in an approved rain garden. To qualify for reimbursement, rain gardens must be a minimum of 100 square feet total per property, with no more than one (1) plant per square foot. More than one rain garden per parcel may be installed, but the total reimbursement will not exceed \$250 per parcel.

Guidance for designing and placing a rain garden can be found in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources rain gardens manual. It can be downloaded at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/shorelandzoning/documents/rgmanual.pdf>, or a hard copy is available at the address below. Partnership staff or designees must review the rain garden design and plant choices prior to installation and approval of reimbursement application. In addition, the applicant must attend a Partnership-sponsored rain garden workshop prior to installation of the rain garden (non-Partnership rain garden workshops may be substituted with prior approval). The program is intended for residential properties only.

### Process for application:

1. Submit application
2. Attend rain garden workshop (will be held at least once per year)
3. Partnership staff or designee will visit proposed rain garden site
4. Submit required supporting documents (see below)
5. When approval is received, installation may proceed
6. When installation is complete, submit receipts to Partnership
7. Partnership staff or designee will visit installed rain garden
8. Reimbursement will follow if staff verify that installation satisfies program requirements

### Supporting documents are required before approval will be granted (Partnership staff may be able to help applicant complete this requirement):

- 1) Rough drawing of the proposed rain garden. Does not need to be to scale, but dimensions are required. Drawing should include:
  - a. Area to be excavated (including total square footage)
  - b. Any berms or structures
  - c. Information about soils and their ability to allow rain to percolate
  - d. Distance to nearest building
  - e. Depth of ponding capacity
- 2) Anticipated plant list and cost of plants

For more information on application requirements and workshop schedules, please contact:

Elkhart County SWCD Rain  
Garden Program 17746-B CR 34  
Goshen, IN 46528  
574-533-4383 ext. 3  
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## Rain Garden Plant Reimbursement Application

### Property Owner / Applicant Information

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Property Information Where Rain Garden(s) is Installed

Property Location / Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Installation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Rain Garden Agreement

I hereby request to be reimbursed for the plant material installed in the rain garden(s) at the above property and I hereby certify that:

- 1) I am the owner or contract purchaser of the property.
- 2) I agree to maintain the rain garden(s) for a minimum of five (5) years.
- 3) I agree that photos of my rain garden(s) may be used for promotional purposes by the Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Property Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

For Partnership use only
Supporting Documents? _____
Pre-approved? _____
Attended Workshop? _____

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