## 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://www.dnr.state.wi.us/runoff/rg/>, 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 with required items (listed below)
2. Attend rain garden workshop (will be held at least once per year in the spring)
3. Partnership staff or designee will visit proposed rain garden site
4. When approval is received, installation may proceed
5. When installation is complete, submit receipts to Partnership
6. Partnership staff or designee will visit installed rain garden
7. Reimbursement will follow if staff verify that installation satisfies program requirements

**Items required with application:**

1. Drawing of the proposed rain garden. Does not need to be to scale, but dimensions are required. Drawing should include:
   1. Area to be excavated
   2. Any berms or structures
   3. Information about soils and their ability to allow rain to percolate
   4. Any underdrains or overflow devices
   5. Nearby buildings, or distance to nearest building
   6. Depth of ponding capacity
2. Anticipated plant list

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

Elkhart County SWCD

Rain Garden Program

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## Rain Garden Plant Reimbursement Application

**Property Owner / Applicant Information**

Contact Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

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

Property Location / Address (if different from above):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Total Rain Garden(s) size (square feet): Click or tap here to enter text.

Total Number of Plants Required: Click or tap here to enter text.

Total Anticipated Cost of Plant Material: Click or tap here to enter text.

(Reimbursement cannot exceed $250)

Proposed Installation Date:Click or tap here to enter text.

A DRAWING AND PLANT LIST MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION. PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS.

**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.

Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text.

Signature of Property Owner Date

Submit Application to:

**For Partnership use only**

Pre-approved? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Attended Workshop? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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