

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/rq/>, 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:
 - a. Area to be excavated
 - b. Any berms or structures
 - c. Information about soils and their ability to allow rain to percolate
 - d. Any underdrains or overflow devices
 - e. Nearby buildings, or distance to nearest building
 - f. 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
59358 County Road 7
Elkhart, IN 46517
(574) 523-2030
jhess@elkhartcounty.com

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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): _____

Total Rain Garden(s) size (square feet): _____ Total Number of Plants Required: _____

Total Anticipated Cost of Plant Material: _____ (Reimbursement cannot exceed \$250)

Proposed Installation Date: _____

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.

Signature of Property Owner

Date

<p align="center">For Partnership use only</p> <p>Pre-approved? _____</p> <p>Attended Workshop? _____</p>
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