



Rainwater Rewards Program

The City of Apple Valley will offer financial assistance to landowners interested in installing water quality project improvement projects: raingardens, shoreline buffers, and native gardens. The goal of the program is to empower landowners to make positive impacts to the quality and quantity of water resources—lakes, ponds, and wetlands—in their community.

GIVE ME THE DETAILS

Projects may receive 50% the cost of the water quality improvement component of their project, not to exceed \$500 per lot or project. **All funding is distributed on a first-come, first serve basis.** Preference will be given to projects with a high impact to water quality (such as raingardens) and for complete applications from first-time applicants. This is a reimbursement grant; paid receipts and project photos are required before final payment. Purchases made prior to grant execution are not eligible.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

1. **Attend** a Dakota County Landscaping for Clean Water (LCW) Introductory Workshop. We highly encourage applicants to attend the LCW Design Workshops to complete your project design.
2. **Submit** application with your selected design.
3. **Complete** required maintenance agreement upon staff approval.
4. **Install** your project per approved plan, take photos, & inform staff when your project is complete.
5. **Submit** paid receipts (outlining eligible items) & photos for reimbursement.
6. **Maintain** and enjoy the project for a minimum of 5 years.
7. **Celebrate** your project! Let the City feature your project in City communications.

REIMBURSEMENT

- Maintenance agreement must be approved by the City of Apple Valley prior to the start of construction to be eligible for reimbursement.
- Projects must be completed and installed **no later than November 1st** in the year approved.
- Prior to reimbursement, City staff must perform a final inspection that confirms all conditions of the grant agreement have been met and receive a copy of all paid receipts to verify expenses.
- Paid receipts must be itemized and received by December 15th in the year of grant approval.
- If the project is receiving assistance from any other organizations, the sum of all monies received from all organizations must not exceed the total cost of the project or reimbursement under this program will be adjusted accordingly.
- Project locations shall not impede existing easements, right-of-way, or utility locations.
- Funding caps for materials may be implemented – contact City staff with questions.
- Staff may inform you of any required permitting.

See reverse side for application and additional information

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All landowners in Apple Valley.

WHAT IS ELIGIBLE?

- Raingardens
- Shoreline buffers
- Native gardens
- Rented equipment



WHAT IS NOT ELIGIBLE?

- Non native plants & native cultivars
- Riprap
- Landscape fabric that prevents infiltration into underlying soils
- Applicant labor & time
- Purchased equipment
- Landscaping not required for project function.
- Enforcement actions or permit requirements
- Items purchased prior to grant execution

Information on Landscaping for Clean Water Workshop can be found at:

<https://dakotaswcd.org/services/landscaping-for-clean-water/>



LANDSCAPING FOR
CLEAN WATER

Dakota County Soil and
Water Conservation District



Rainwater Rewards Program Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION	
APPLICANT NAME/ORGANIZATION:	
APPLICANT ADDRESS:	
PROJECT LOCATION (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE):	
EMAIL:	PHONE:
PROJECT INFORMATION	
PROJECT TYPE:	RAINGARDEN SHORELINE BUFFER NATIVE GARDEN OTHER:
BENEFITTED WATER BODY:	APPROXIMATE PROJECT SIZE (Square Feet):
TOTAL PROJECT COST (ATTACH ESTIMATE):	FUNDS REQUESTED (MAX. \$500):
PROJECT PURPOSE:	
PLEASE ATTACH A SKETCH PLAN OF THE PROJECT	
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	
Are you willing to commit to the following grant requirements:	
• Attend a Dakota County Landscaping for Clean Water Workshop?	YES NO
• Maintain the project for at least 5 years after its implementation?	YES NO
• Participate in the City's outreach and project sharing efforts?	YES NO
• Complete your project by October 1?	YES NO
Have you applied for additional funding (ex. Landscaping for Clean Water \$250 grant)?	YES NO
I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information contained in this application is true, complete, and accurate.	
Signature: _____	Date: _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____

Please email or mail application to:
 Samantha Berger
 City of Apple Valley
 7100 147th St. W
 Apple Valley, MN 55124

952-953-2462 | sberger@cityofapplevalley.org



Or drop off application in person:
 City of Apple Valley
 Central Maintenance Facility
 6442 140th St. W
 Apple Valley, MN 55124

Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:00 am – 3:30pm