



Stormwater Homeowner Grant Program Project Application

This program was created to provide funding assistance, in the form of a reimbursement, for stormwater management improvements in the City of Norwalk. Installing stormwater Best Management Practices are a great way to help reduce the pollutants produced by stormwater runoff, reduce flooding risk, and keep our watersheds clean! Please submit this application to the City of Norwalk Department of Community Development at 705 North Avenue, Norwalk, IA 50211. See conditions and instructions on the back.

Applicant/Property Owner

Email Address

Phone Number

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Have you submitted an application before? Y___ N___ If yes, for which practice?_____

Proposed Best Management Practice (BMP):

Rain Garden

Rain Barrel (\$75 max.)

Erosion Control

Grassed Swales

Infiltration

Soil Quality Restoration

Other (describe):_____

Estimated Amount of Project: \$_____

Amount Requested: \$_____

(50% of total cost, max. total up to \$1,500; Rain barrel: 50% of cost, max. \$75, limit 1)

Please attach the following with application:

1. Summary/description of the project.
2. Maps/site plans showing the project location and area being treated with BMPs.
3. Project schedule and expected completion date.
4. Cost summary and/or contractor's estimate of the project.

The City of Norwalk will require access to your property for evaluation of project feasibility prior to construction, inspection of the project during construction, and final inspection of the project. The City of Norwalk will also require permission to take photographs of the BMP throughout the process and to share the photographs publically.

By signing this application, the applicant agrees that all information provided in this application and the accompanying documents are accurate, the applicant agrees that any of the information on or provided with this application can be shared publically, and the applicant agrees to all of the conditions of this program.

Applicant/Property Owner Signature

Date of Application

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Amount Requested \$_____

Amount Approved \$_____

Stormwater Coordinator Approval

Signature

Date

Program Description

In an effort to promote stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP's) throughout the city, the Stormwater Homeowner Grant Program allocates funds for the cost of materials and contract labor associated with installation of BMP's such as rain gardens, rain barrels, erosion control, filtration, infiltration, soil quality restoration, grassed swales, and other practices as approved by the City. Financial assistance is given to applicants who install BMPs on their property that improve the quality and/or reduce the quantity of stormwater runoff entering the city storm sewer system, creeks, or streams. Funding is limited and will be available on a first come first serve basis. Property owners are encouraged to collaborate with neighboring property owners to complete neighborhood stormwater management projects.

Conditions

- BMPs for a given property are eligible for up to a 50% match with a maximum reimbursement of up to \$1,500.
- Rain barrels, one per address, are eligible for up to a 50% match with a maximum reimbursement of \$75. A minimum of \$750 shall be earmarked for rain barrel reimbursement.
- Project applications are due by May 31st of the year prior to the fiscal year during which the grant will be rewarded. Applications will be reviewed by City staff for eligibility, and then recommended to the Stormwater Advisory Committee for funding. The Stormwater Advisory Committee will formally review and select projects to fund based on the strength of stormwater benefits for a given project. Not all projects may receive full or any grant funding. Project applications in fiscal year 2022 will be reviewed on a first-come first-serve basis.
- To be eligible for reimbursement, all receipts for material and/or contract labor expenses incurred by the applicant must be submitted no later than May 31 of the fiscal year an application is approved for reimbursement in or within six months of application approval, whichever occurs first.
- Projects other than rain barrels shall be approved by City staff before purchase of materials and/or implementation to qualify for reimbursement. Rain barrel applications may be approved within thirty (30) calendar days of a dated purchase upon submission of receipts. Applications for reimbursement on a rain barrel received after the rain barrel has been purchased are subject to funding availability.
- Applicants shall permit the City of Norwalk to access property for evaluation of project feasibility prior to construction, inspection of the project during construction, and final inspection of the project. The applicant shall permit the City of Norwalk to take photographs of the BMP throughout the process and to share the photographs publicly.
- The applicant is responsible for all up-front project costs and implementation. After the improvements are inspected and all receipts are submitted, the City Council and Mayor may authorize reimbursement to the applicant within 30 days.
- The City of Norwalk is not liable for personal injury or property damage resulting from said work.
- Projects approved for funding carry no implied warranty by the City of Norwalk.
- The funded practice must be maintained for a minimum of (3) years. All maintenance costs are the responsibility of the property owner. The City shall have permission from the BMP owner to inspect the site annually for functionality.
- The applicant is responsible for obtaining all applicable permits. Approval of this application does not constitute a permit. Notify Iowa One Call (811) before beginning ground disturbing construction.
- Please be advised that the applicant is liable for any income and or property taxes that become due as a result of any reimbursement by the city.
- The City may stop the program at any time for any reason. Active approved applications may still be considered for funding during this time.

Instructions

1. Fill out the application and submit it to the City of Norwalk Community Development Department by May 31st. Please attach a map, project description, cost summary, and project schedule.
2. After approval, contact the Community Development Department prior to project start.
3. Call the Community Development Department to schedule inspection of the completed project.
4. Submit final paid receipts for approval and reimbursement.