



Pictured: Soil Quality Restoration

This grant program has exceeded my expectations.

- Dustin Judd

The requirements were easy to understand and City staff was great at answering any questions along the way.

- Patrick Hartman

Ready to get started?

Apply online at:

lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: landscape)

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The City of Lincoln Watershed Management Division strives to help educate the public and provide cost share programs aimed at improving water quality.



2016 Sustainable Landscapes Cost Share Program

See how you can be reimbursed up to \$2000!

The City Needs Your Help

Due to stormwater runoff, many pollutants typical in urban areas have been found in our local waterways. The entire city benefits when residents take steps to prevent water from leaving their property and entering the storm drains.

Sustainable Landscapes Cost Share Program

The City of Lincoln Watershed Management Division is offering a rebate of up to \$2000 to Lincoln property owners for approved projects. The program reimburses applicants for 50 percent of qualifying expenses related to the projects outlined in this brochure. The goal of this program is to improve water quality, reduce runoff, and facilitate infiltration. Priority will be given to sustainable landscape proposals that will provide the most stormwater benefit. Participants may do the work themselves or hire a professional.



Qualifications:

- Live within the Lincoln city limits.
- Own property where the project will take place.
- Design a sustainable landscape that incorporates several projects outlined in this brochure.
- Submit an application.
- Complete project within allotted time frame.
- Maintain the project for at least 5 years.

Project Timeline

Accepting Applications	Project Installation	Grant Closes
Feb. – Mar. 30, 2016	May – Sept. 30, 2016	October 28, 2016

If outside application period, you may apply for the wait list.

Projects

A combination of these projects may qualify for 50 percent reimbursement of approved expenses.



1. Rain Garden

A rain garden temporarily holds stormwater runoff, allowing it to soak into the ground. It is dry most of the time and typically holds water during and immediately following a rain event.



2. Native Landscaping

Native plants are hardy and drought resistant and require less fertilizer and maintenance. They also attract a variety of butterflies, birds and other pollinators.



3. Rain Barrel

A rain barrel collects and stores stormwater runoff from residential rooftops. Rainwater is naturally soft and free of chlorine, making it ideal for watering flowers.



4. Soil Restoration

Hard, compacted soils prevent stormwater from soaking into the ground. Soil restoration reduces runoff and creates the foundation for a healthy lawn.



5. Lawn Seeding

Seeding with hardier native turf – a blend of low-growing grasses with deep fibrous root systems – will keep your lawn greener with less water, fertilizer and maintenance.



6. Pavement Removal

Impervious surfaces prevent stormwater from soaking into the ground. Removing unwanted pavement reduces runoff and creates more green space.



7. Permeable Pavers

Replacing paved areas with permeable pavers helps reduce runoff by allowing stormwater to pass through and soak into the ground below.