

RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT Cost-Share Grant Program

Apply to get 50% (up to \$5,000) of your "best management practice" project to protect water paid for!

For more information, visit www.ricecreek.org or contact Kyle Axtell at 763-398-3072 or kaxtell@ricecreek.org



Lakeshore stabilization planting in Arden Hills on Lake Josephine

What types of projects are covered in this grant program?

This cost-share grant program provides residents with technical and financial assistance to install **water quality improvement practices** or "best management practices" (BMPs) to reduce erosion and stormwater runoff and filter excess nutrients. Typical BMPs include, but are not limited to: raingardens, stabilizing shorelines with native plants, restoring wetlands, controlling erosion and soaking in stormwater runoff with alternative paving.

Who is eligible?

Folks with projects within the Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) are eligible. To find out if your project is within the RCWD boundaries, contact the RCWD office or visit www.ricecreek.org to use the interactive district map.



Why are these projects supported by tax-payer dollars?

Since the Environmental Protection Agency identifies stormwater runoff as the number one cause of water pollution, reducing stormwater runoff by encouraging infiltration is key to keeping our lakes and rivers clean. With the vast majority of land in private ownership, partnerships with private landowners to install these practices are vitally important to improving the quality of our lakes, streams and wetlands.

Raingarden in Mahtomedi looks beautiful all year

How do I get started?

Step 1 Make an appointment with your county representative and schedule a free site visit. If you live in . . .

- **Anoka County** contact Mitch Haustein
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- **Hennepin County** contact Kyle Axtell
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- **Ramsey County** contact Joe Lochner
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- **Washington County** contact Andy Schilling
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Step 2 Work with the conservation district representative to complete and submit your plan and application to the RCWD. Applications are accepted year-round.

Step 3 Approval by the RCWD Advisory Committee and Board of Managers

Step 4 Implement the project.

Please note. . .

Learn more about BMPs to address runoff issues on your property in the Minnesota Stormwater Manual online at www.eorinc.com/resourceslinks.php.

To learn more about plantings that control erosion and soak up excess stormwater, visit the Rice Creek Watershed District's outreach program, Blue Thumb-Planting for Clean Water, at www.bluthumb.org.