



Innovative Water Management Projects

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Guidelines

Purpose

Encourage innovative water management practices that improve water quality treatment or volume management in the watershed. To be eligible for cost-share, the proposed practice(s) must go beyond the requirements of the District's rules (i.e. provide greater treatment of volume reduction that the rules require).

Available Funding

Cost-share is provided throughout the year until the available funds are exhausted.

Eligible Projects

- Implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) in developed areas.
- Incorporation of additional BMPs (beyond those required by the District's rules) in new or re-development.
- Installation of a new BMP on a demonstration basis (if accompanied by a plan to evaluate the effectiveness of the BMP).

Mission:

To manage & preserve the water resources of the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District to the best of our ability using input from our communities, sound engineering practices, and our ability to efficiently fund beneficial projects which transcend political jurisdictions.

Application Period

The application period is ongoing, until funds are exhausted.

Why is this Important?

- Volume management and stormwater treatment are imperative to keeping our lakes and streams clean. Reducing pervious area, increasing infiltration, and reducing erosion through proper BMPs protects our local bodies of water.

How to Apply

Those interested in a project should contact the District to discuss availability of cost-share. District staff will also suggest projects when reviewing permit applications. Potential projects will be reviewed as they are identified. Cost-share awards are made at the monthly meeting of the PLSLWD Board of Managers.

Requirements

Cost-share is provided on a reimbursement basis. A 50% match is generally required, but may be modified or waived by the Board on a case-by-case basis. Those awarded cost-share must enter into a contract with the PLSLWD that identifies the terms and conditions of the grant and includes requirements for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the BMP(s).

Examples of Eligible Projects

- A neighborhood project to install rain gardens at an existing development.
- Installing pervious pavers in a new development, in addition to meeting the District's infiltration, runoff and water quality standards.
- A demonstration project to test the effectiveness of pervious pavement on a parking lot.



Pervious pavers at a local site.



Neighborhood rain garden installations.

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Contact the PLSLWD office to see if you are eligible for cost-share benefits!