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# Rain Garden Cost~Share



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### **Are you....**

**Tired of your lawn flooding every time it rains?**

**Struggling with erosion problems?**

**Looking for an effective landscaping solution?**

**If so, consider a rain garden!**

### **What is a rain garden?**

A rain garden is a small, shallow, flat-bottomed basin area that is vegetated with native plants. This design allows water to flow into the rain garden, where it either soaks into the ground or is used by the plants.

### **I would love to, but I'm not sure I can afford it.**

The PLSLWD has a cost-share program for rain garden creation projects with which people like you can get some \$ to help enhance the beauty of your shoreline and protect our lakes.

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## What are the benefits of a rain garden?

Rain gardens have many benefits, including:

- Providing natural beauty to an area,
- Collecting rainwater and preventing it from flooding other areas,
- Attracting birds and butterflies,
- Requiring minimal maintenance,
- And reducing the need for lawn fertilizers and irrigation.

## Why is this Important?

- Rain Gardens help to keep unwanted water out of lawns, filter runoff before it reaches local water bodies, and make areas beautiful.

## I wouldn't even know where to start!

No problem! The PLSLWD provides free technical assistance to anyone that needs it. Just contact our office for more info!

## How much funding is available?

The District will supply 50% of your funds up to \$1,200 on a reimbursement basis. These funds can be used for material costs such as: plants, erosion control, mulch and stakes. Funding is available to PLSLWD residents and businesses on a first-come, first-served basis while funds last.

## How to apply

If you're interested in the program, please contact the District for an application. When you apply, we will need: a restoration plan, a species list, and a breakdown of cost and materials.

## For further info

Please contact: Mike Kinney, District Administrator

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**Contact the PLSLWD office to get more information on cost-share benefits!**