

The current CleanScapes program process will be followed through June 30, 2020.

As we transition during 2020 -2021 into the new CleanScapes program with a set timeline, some flexibility will be allowed within the first half of the program year (July 1, 2020 – Dec 31, 2020) as follows:

- Anyone who has initiated a project (with proof from contractor) between 7/1/19 and 6/30/20 is eligible for reimbursement through the traditional CleanScapes program with no timeline.
 - o These projects are also eligible for the new higher reimbursement rates, as well as the new sizing requirements.
 - o These projects are only reimbursable on a first come first served basis with very limited funds available
 - o These projects must submit any requests for reimbursement prior to December 31, 2020.
- Anyone who has not initiated a new project yet must enter through the [new CleanScapes](#) program according to the timeline.

All future projects must follow the new timeline going forward

Choose from eight different Best Management Practices to install on your property and apply for an opportunity to reduce your Watershed Protection Fee and be reimbursed for your projects. The reimbursement is a one-time payment for installing a CleanScape practice, and credit is an annual percentage (based upon the impervious that has been treated by your practice) towards your **Watershed Protection Fee**. All practices are eligible for reimbursement and credit--however your practice must meet the **minimum requirements**.

****Your home must have been built before 2003 to be eligible for the program****

Process through June 30, 2020:

1. Pick Your CleanScape Practice

All CleanScapes practices are eligible for reimbursement and credit and include the following:



Resources:

- Our [Eco Friendly Gardening Cheat Sheet](#) is a list of resources available to help you, including local contractors, financial resources, and site assessments.
- If you are interested in doing a project yourself, take a look at our [Green Registry](#) for local stores that carry native plants and materials for projects.
- ****Coming soon--Updated BMP Guidebook and BMP Sizing Calculator****

Pictures of example practices are at the bottom of this page. You can also [check out this video](#) to see how installing a CleanScape saved a Howard County homeowner's yard from stormwater runoff.

2. Install Your CleanScape

During your project, keep all of your information in these cheat sheets (see below) —or ask your contractor to fill them out, so you can easily submit this information with your application.

****Please note**** If the contractor you choose has installed less than 5 CleanScapes practices through this program, we will require additional documentation to be submitted with your application: planting plan (if applicable), profile view of practice (detailing soil amendments, depths, etc.), and calculations or observations justifying design.

Cheat Sheets:

- [Rain Garden Information Sheet](#)
- [Permeable hardscape Information sheet](#)
- [Conservation Landscaping Information sheet](#)
- [Tree planting Information sheet](#)
- [Green roof Information sheet](#)

3. Apply for Credit and Reimbursement

Complete the application for a CleanScapes [Reimbursement and credit](#) and fill out the corresponding info sheet. You must apply for credit by April 1, 2019 to be considered for credit against the July 2019 Watershed Protection Fee.

4. Inspection, Review, and Award

An inspection will take place on your property to ensure your practice meets the [minimum requirements](#). You will be given at least 48 hours advance notice and do not need to be present for the visit, although you may join the inspectors to provide more information during the site visit if you wish. Information collected during the site visit, along with the initial application, will be reviewed by staff to determine the final award of credit or reimbursement. Inspections are performed on a rolling basis from Spring to Fall.