

## Rain Garden Information Sheet

Thank you for protecting your local streams and watershed by installing a rain garden! As a Howard County resident, you can receive 50% reimbursement up to \$1,200 toward the cost of installation and an annual percentage of credit against your watershed protection fee (determined by the percentage of on-site impervious surface that you have treated by installing your practice). The following information is required as part of the application process for both the reimbursement and credit mentioned above. Work with your contractor to answer the Rain Garden Information section.

### **Application Requirements:**

- Completed Rain Garden Information Sheet
- Photos of garden
  - during/after a rain event showing the garden holding water
  - under normal conditions (not a rain event)
- Indicate garden location and downspouts piped/directed into the garden
  - This can be done with your garden installer
  - Simple drawing or aerial screen shot from Google maps
- Impervious area calculation
- Receipt showing payment
- Apply on <https://www.cleanwaterhoward.com/residential-reimbursement-form>

### **Garden Requirements:**

Best Management Practice (BMP)	Lot size/type	Impervious Area Treated	Volume treated	Other Conditions	Reimbursement Cap
<b>Rain Garden</b>	Condominium or Townhouse	250 ft <sup>2</sup>	15 ft <sup>3</sup>	Rain garden must not contain design flaws, fail to treat water quality, or create drainage problems. 25' max sheet flow to garden.	50% of project, up to \$1,200
	Single Family Home on ¼ acre or less	500 ft <sup>2</sup>	30 ft <sup>3</sup>		
	Single Family Home on Greater Than ¼ Acre	1000 ft <sup>2</sup>	60 ft <sup>3</sup>		

## Rain Garden Information

Basic diagram of Rain Garden location showing downspouts connected/directed to garden:

Size of rain garden: \_\_\_\_\_ ft<sup>2</sup>

Depth of soil media: \_\_\_\_\_ in (your contractor will know this)

Soil media used for infiltration (circle all that apply):

Native Soil      Soil mix                  Sand                  Gravel                  Large Stone                  Organic Matter

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle YES or NO in the following section**

Underdrain: YES                  NO

Topped with Mulch: YES                  NO

*If "YES" to previous question: Mulch type: \_\_\_\_\_ and Mulch depth: \_\_\_\_\_ (inches)*

Topped with topsoil: YES                  NO

*If "YES" to previous question: Soil type: \_\_\_\_\_ and Soil depth: \_\_\_\_\_ (inches)*

Percolation test conducted: YES                  NO

If Yes please indicate the infiltration rate \_\_\_\_\_ in/hr

Installation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual/party responsible for maintenance: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you do not have access to the internet, you may submit the above information, along with the address of the property concerned, year dwelling was built, estimated cost of project, funding source, and motivation for project to:

Attn: Julie Costantino  
Howard County Office of Community Sustainability  
3430 Court House Dr.  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Complete this portion if mailing to Howard County Office of Sustainability.

I certify that all information contained within is correct to the fullest extent of my knowledge. I will permit verifiers from the State of Maryland and Howard County to enter my property and assess the abovementioned BMP.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_