COST SHARE INFORMATION
VLAWMO’s Landscape Cost Share Programs can help beautify your yard and protect water quality.

WHAT WILL THE COST SHARE PROVIDE?
Most residential projects fall under Level 1 of the cost share program.

- **Level 1:** VLAWMO will reimburse 75% of the cost of materials and approved labor, up to $2,000. VLAWMO provides guidance and monitors the raingarden for 5 years following the installation.

- **Level 2:** For larger scale projects with public exposure, contact VLAWMO to assess funding options.

Additional programs include raingardens, rainbarrels, shoreline restorations, and permiable pavement - contact VLAWMO for information.

Cost share funding is renewed each January. Applications are accepted year-round until funding is depleted.

For more information, questions, or to apply to our raingarden cost share program:
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A partnership between local communities, residents, & the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization

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You’re receiving this brochure because your street is scheduled for a renovation in the next 2 years. When a road is being renovated, it’s also a convenient and cost-effective time to install a curb-cut raingarden — and your home is a good fit!

VLAWMO is your local watershed organization with the expertise and resources to turn this opportunity into a reality. Participation is voluntary — no previous experience necessary!

**How does it work?**

A raingarden is a garden with a catch-basin as a part of their yard. The basin helps capture debris and runoff, and allows water to soak into the ground. Depending on the design and site, a pre-treatment catch basin can help capture debris, and a post-treatment catch basin or filter helps prevent pollution from reaching the garden. Rainwater can be filtered and used for irrigation or drinking.

**What is a raingarden?**

A raingarden is a garden with a depression that is designed to catch rainwater runoff — also known as “green infrastructure.” It’s planted with native species that don’t mind getting flooded on occasion. Many of the plants are also excellent for attracting birds and pollinators.

Raingardens work by soaking water into the ground that would otherwise go directly into storm drains. Different planting designs can increase or decrease garden maintenance. Raingardens help our community by:

- Filtering debris and oil that would otherwise mix into runoff and go to the street, they’re more effective than non-curb-cut raingardens pull water directly into storm drains. Different planting designs can increase or decrease maintenance.
- Re-irrigating and replenishing groundwater
- Promoting a healthy, outdoor lifestyle
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- Easing pressure on storm systems
- Decreasing flooding and runoff from the street, they’re more effective than non-curb-cut raingardens pull water directly into storm drains.

Because curb-cut raingardens pull water to a lake or wetland, they’re more effective at reducing runoff and promoting water quality. Sites are selected based on soil type and street drainage.

Homeowners play a vital role in water quality by maintaining the raingarden and participating in the program. Participation is voluntary — no previous experience necessary!

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