



## Cost Share Information

VLAWMO's Cost Share programs can help beautify your yard and improve water quality.

### What will the cost share provide?

The **Rainbarrel Cost Share Program** will reimburse 50% of the cost of two rainbarrels (up to \$125 per rainbarrel).



The **Landscape Cost Share Program** funds projects such as raingardens, shoreline restorations, and other projects that protect or enhance water quality.

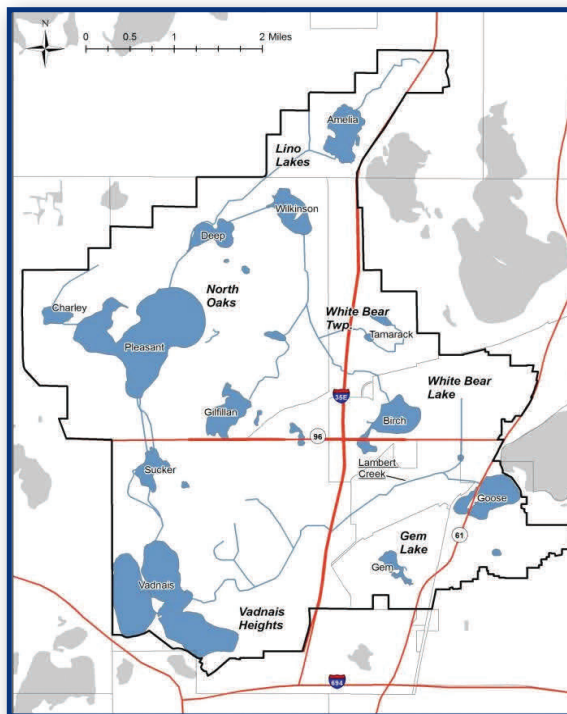
Any property owner within the watershed can apply for these funds. Two levels of cost share grants are available:

- **Level 1 grant** will reimburse 75% of the cost of materials and approved labor, up to \$2000.
- **Level 2 grant** is for larger scale projects (minimum TOTAL cost of \$5,000). Generally targeted to projects with public exposure.

Level 1 or Level 2 Landscape Grants can be applied for each year.

### Are you eligible for the program?

To qualify for the program you must live within VLAWMO's boundaries (see map on back) and you must be willing to maintain the project area for a minimum of five years.



To qualify for cost share programs you must live within the Vadnais Lake Area Watershed as shown on this map. For a more detailed map visit [www.vlawmo.org](http://www.vlawmo.org).

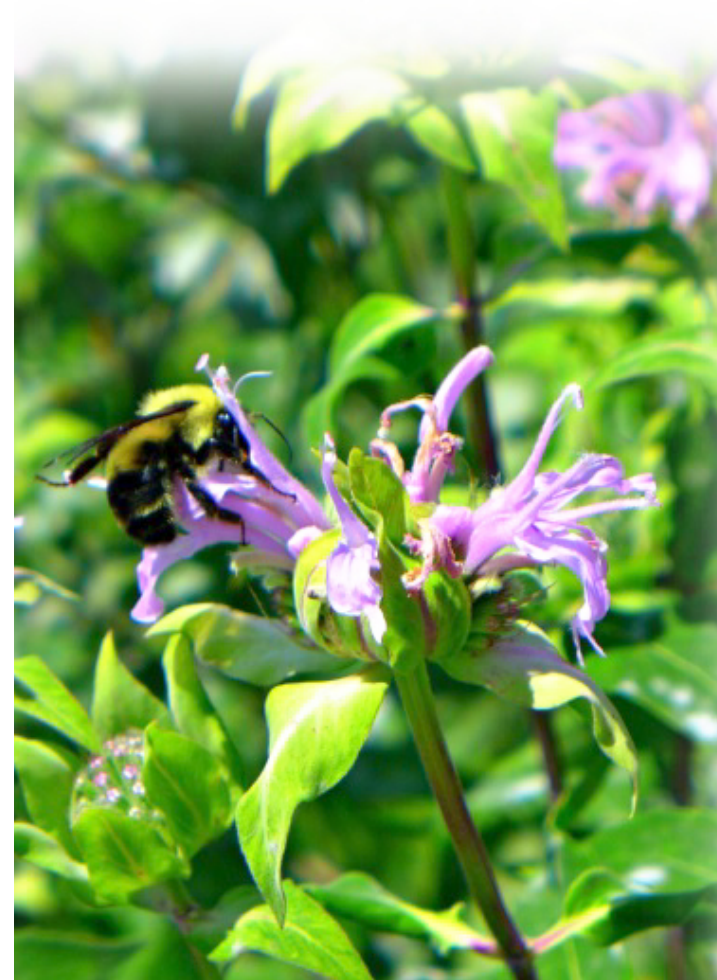
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# VLAWMO Cost Share Programs

## Rainbarrels & Best Management Practices

Raingardens  
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Permeable Pavement





## Raingardens

Do you have a place in your yard that always seems to pool with water?

Do you want to reduce stormwater runoff from your house?

Do you like beautiful things that serve a purpose?

If you answered yes to any of these questions a raingarden might be right for you.

### What is a raingarden?

A raingarden is a garden with a depression that is designed to catch rainwater runoff in your yard. It is planted with species that don't mind getting partially flooded on occasion.

### How do raingardens work?

Raingardens work because water has time to soak into the ground instead of going directly into storm drains. The plants and the soil of the raingarden allow for water to be quickly absorbed.

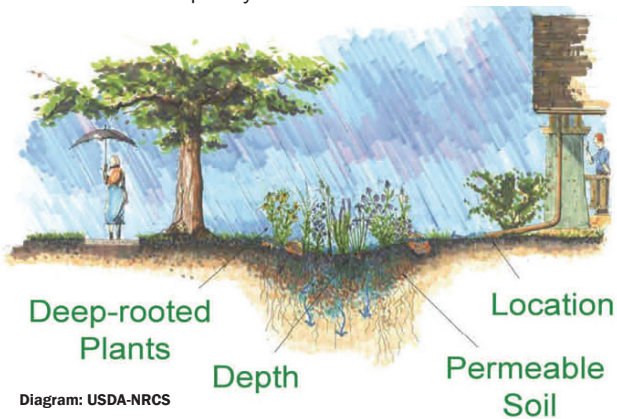


Diagram: USDA-NRCS

## Rainbarrels

Rainbarrels are a great way to capture water that runs off your roof and re-purpose it to water plants, grass, trees, or even wash dirt from gardening tools!

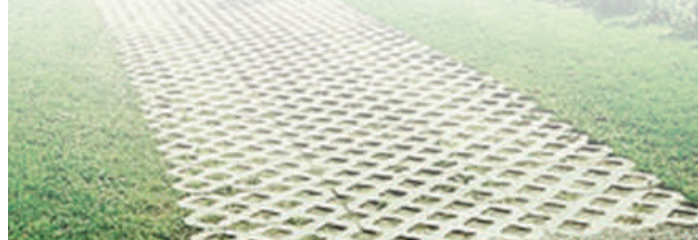
- Simple, affordable, and can be hooked up to almost any downspout or rainchain
- No need to worry about watering bans or running up the water bill
- Contain special screens to prevent mosquitos from breeding inside



## Permeable Pavement

### An alternative to traditional asphalt or concrete driveways

- Allows water to pass through the surface and infiltrate into the ground
- Can be made from a range of materials from brick systems to porous paving surfaces
- Prevents stormwater from running off your property and ending up in your local waterbodies



## Shoreline Restoration

### Why is shoreline restoration important?

The land directly adjacent to lakes and streams plays a vital role in water quality. Ideally, a buffer of vegetation should exist around waterbodies to keep the water healthy and the land intact.

### Why is shoreline restoration beneficial to me?

- Creates habitat for wildlife
- Filters out pollutants and nutrients that degrade water quality
- Prevents erosion by stabilizing runoff and absorbing wave action
- Protects building foundations as water levels change
- Deters geese from your property
- Provides more leisure time along the shoreline

