

Program Details

VLAWMO's Cost Share programs help beautify your yard and improve water quality for local lakes, creeks, and wetlands.

Rainbarrel Cost Share:

50% reimbursement of the cost of up to two rainbarrels, up to \$125 per rainbarrel.

Landscape Cost Share:

Projects such as raingardens, shoreline restorations, native plants, permeable pavers, or other stormwater best management practices. Two levels of landscape grants are available:

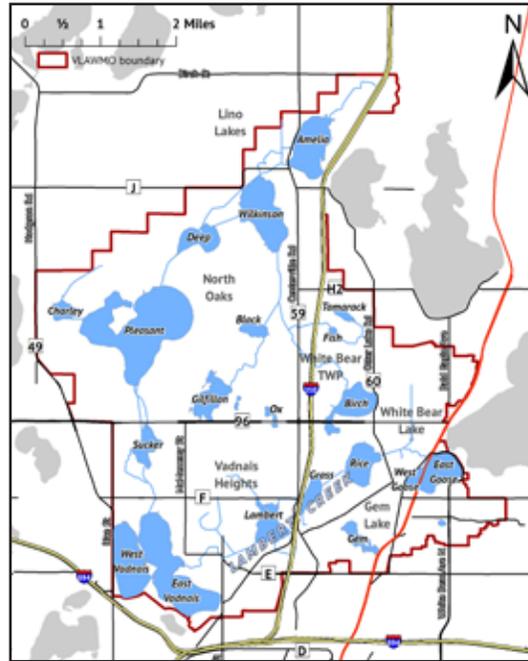


Level 1: 75% reimbursement of the cost of materials and approved labor, up to \$2,000

Level 2: Large scale projects generally with public exposure. Minimum \$5,000, up to \$20,000.

All grants can be applied for at any time of year. Funding is available first come first serve, and is renewed each January.

To qualify, applicants must live in or own property within the Vadnais Lake Area Watershed and commit to maintaining the project area for a minimum of five years.



For a detailed map visit:

www.VLAWMO.org

For more information, a free on-site consultation, or to apply, contact:

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VLAWMO COST SHARE PROGRAMS

*Landscaping that
Promotes Water Quality*



**Raingardens
Shoreline Restoration
Native Plantings
Rainbarrels
and more!**



Raingardens

A raingarden is a garden with a depression designed to catch rain water runoff. It's planted with species that don't mind getting partially flooded.

Raingardens give water time to soak into the ground instead of flowing into storm drains. This replenishes groundwater and reduces the distance that runoff travels. Less runoff means fewer contaminants washing into water bodies, such as sediment, trash, grass clippings, fertilizer, salt, auto fluids, etc.

A raingarden is also beneficial for:

- Dealing with a spot in the yard that pools with water
- Providing pollinator habitat
- Beautifying your yard with a purpose

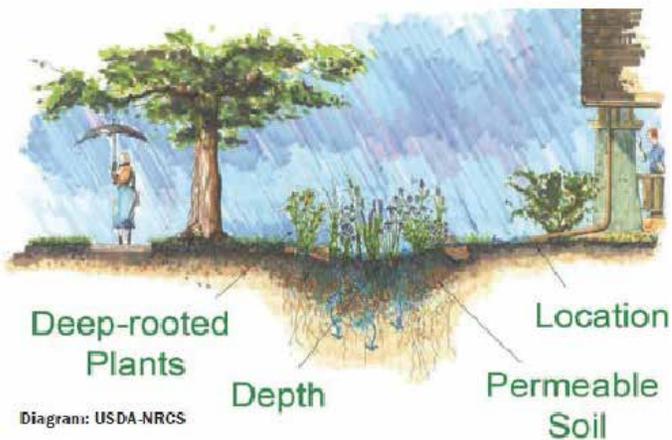


Diagram: USDA-NRCS

Native Plantings

Native plantings provide deep-rooted vegetation that reduces erosion, holds more water in the soil, and creates a more resilient yard.

- Great for protecting vulnerable slopes
- Reduces watering needs once established
- Buffers between wet and dry extremes
- Re-introduces historical vegetation, supports wildlife and a stable water table.



Rainbarrels

Rainbarrels are a great way to capture water than runs off a roof and repurpose it to water plants, grass, trees, or to wash dirt from gardening tools. Entry points are sealed with screens to prevent mosquitoes from breeding inside.

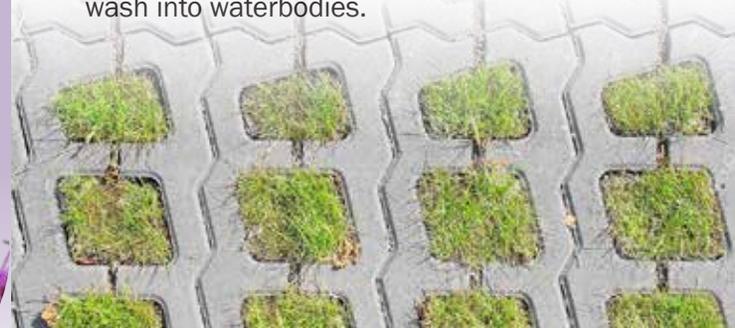
- Simple, affordable, and can attach to almost any downspout or rainchain.
- Can reduce water bill or expand watering opportunities during watering bans.
- Connect multiple rainbarrels or attach dripline irrigation.



Permeable Pavement

Unlike traditional asphalt and concrete driveways, permeable pavement soaks water into the ground.

- Reduces ice build-up and need for de-icing.
- Can be made from brick, gravel, or turf.
- Reduces runoff volume and contaminants that wash into waterbodies.



Shoreline Restoration

A buffer of vegetation around a water body acts as protection from contaminants, enhances water storage in the soil, and provides stabilization.

- Creates habitat for pollinators and wildlife.
- Filters out pollutants and excess nutrients that degrade water quality.
- Prevents erosion by slowing runoff, absorbing wave action, and holding the soil in place.
- Protects building foundations as water levels change.
- Deters geese.
- Reduces maintenance once established.

