

Background:

The City of West Branch has developed this program to promote installation of stormwater quality best management practices (BMPs) within the City. Financial assistance is given to applicants who install BMPs on their property that improve the quality of stormwater runoff entering the City storm sewer system, creeks or streams. Typical projects may include rain gardens, bio-retention, rain barrels, pervious paving systems, and other practices may be evaluated. Funding of this program is limited and available to applicants on a first come basis.

Instructions:

1. Schedule an on-site appointment with the Stormwater Coordinator @ (319) 643-5888.
2. Project must first be approved & signed by the Stormwater Coordinator to qualify for cost share reimbursement.
3. Fill out and return the completed application along with a cross section, concept design and estimate.
4. Make sure the application is signed by the property owner(s).
5. Call the Stormwater Coordinator for an inspection of the completed project.
6. Submit final receipts and the signed maintenance agreement for approval and payment.

Conditions:

1. The City will reimburse up to \$500 or 50% of the total project cost, whichever is less.
2. Applicant is responsible for all project costs and will only be reimbursed for receipts that are submitted to the City. After submitting final cost and receipts, the City will reimburse the applicant within 30 days.
3. All implementation of the project is the responsibility of the property owner. The City is not liable for personal injury or property damage resulting from said work.
4. The City does not warranty any of the work or functionality of the project. Implementation and maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner.
5. The property owner is responsible for obtaining any other permits from local, state or federal entities as required.
6. Please be advised that the applicant is liable for any income and or property taxes that become due as a result of any reimbursement by the City.
7. It is recommended to use generally accepted BMP's for planning your project. There are many reference/guidance materials from many sources such as the Iowa Stormwater Manual and the EPA manual of Urban Stormwater Retrofit Practices (<http://www.iowastormwater.org/>).

