



Grants for Rain Gardens in the City of Falls Church



What? The Village Preservation and Improvement Society (VPIS) announces a new “RainSmart” program offering grants for design and installation of rain gardens and conservation landscapes in the City of Falls Church.



Why Rain Gardens? Rain gardens and conservation landscapes help manage stormwater, protect local streams and the Chesapeake Bay, reduce local flooding, and support watering of landscapes during dry periods.

How Much Grant Funding is Available? Grants are available to pay 50% of the cost of designing and installing a rain garden or a conservation landscape but will not exceed \$1,500 per project. There is a limit of one grant per applicant over a five year period. VPIS reserves the right to limit grant awards to the amount of funds available.

How Do I Apply? Complete the attached application and email it to VPIS at RainSmartFallsChurch@gmail.com or mail it to VPIS PO Box 6824, Falls Church, Va. 22040. VPIS will review and approve applications and send you an email approving funding for the project. You must be a resident of the City of Falls Church.



Village Preservation and Improvement Society



Rain Garden and Conservation Landscape

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Yes, I want to install a rain garden or conservation landscape on my property to help protect the environment in Falls Church.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

(You must be a resident of the City of Falls Church)

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

(We need your email address and phone number to respond to your application. We will also send you information about how to maintain your rain garden or conservation landscape.)

Grant Application: Please check each of the boxes below:

____ I have attached a date stamped photo of my project site.

____ I have attached a project design drawing and preliminary cost estimate prepared by a StormwaterWater certified contractor on company letterhead (see list of certified contractors at:
<http://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2013/10/StormwaterWise-Contractor-List.pdf>

- _____ The project complies with the design specifications for rain gardens or conservation landscapes (as applicable) provided at these sites:
- Rain Gardens: <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2016/05/Rain-Garden-Spec-FINAL.pdf>
 - Conservation Landscapes: <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2016/05/Conservation-Landscapes-Spec-FINAL.pdf>

_____ I confirm that this project is not required to comply with any requirement of the City of Falls Church (e.g.; building permit or landscape agreement).

_____ I confirm that I have not received a grant for a rain garden or conservation landscape within the past 5 years.

_____ I agree that I will not proceed to install the project until I receive email approval of my application and that, in order to receive my grant payment, I will submit to VPIS:

- A date stamped photo of my final project; and
- An invoice from the StormwaterWise certified contractor providing project costs including costs in each of the following areas: initial design, materials, plants, and labor.

_____ I understand that I must submit proof of installation of the project within 6 months of the approval of a grant application in order to receive the grant.

_____ I agree that the amount of my grant will be 50% of the final costs of designing and installing the project but will not exceed \$1,500.

_____ I agree to do my best to maintain the project.

_____ I agree to allow VPIS to use photos of my project in program materials and reports to grant makers.

Signature: _____

(Note: Forwarding this form to the VPIS RainSmart website constitutes signature of the application.)