

COST SHARE INFORMATION

VLAWMO's Landscape Cost Share Programs can help beautify your yard and protect water quality.

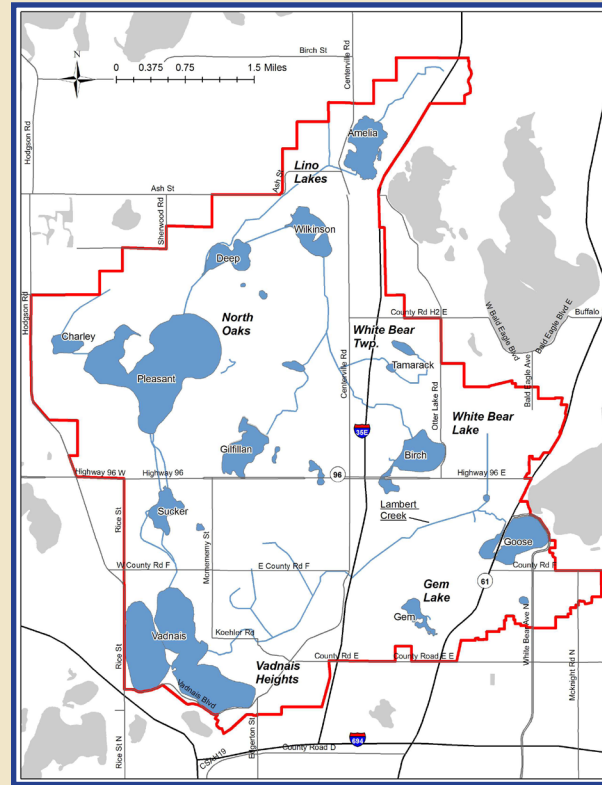
WHAT WILL THE COST SHARE PROVIDE?

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 **rainbarrels**, **shoreline restorations**, and **permeable pavement** - contact VLAWMO for information.

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

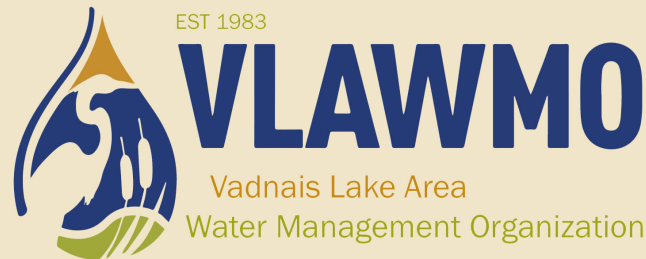


For more information, questions, or to apply to our raingarden cost share program:

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RAINGARDENS & STREET RENOVATIONS



A partnership between local communities, residents, & the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization

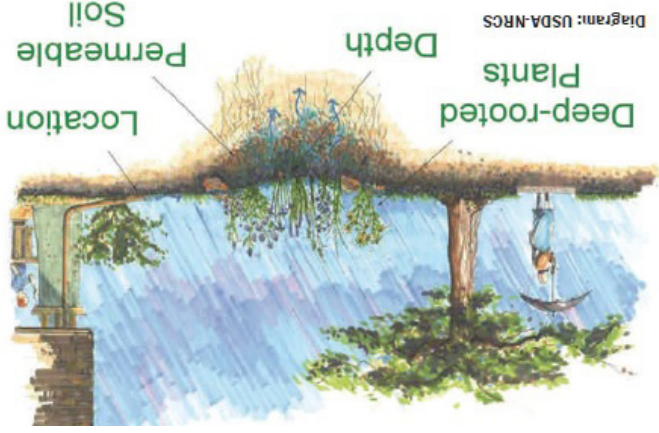
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YOU'RE RECEIVING THIS BROCHURE

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!



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.



Because curb-cut raingardens pull water from the street, they're more effective than non-curb-cuts 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 catch-basin as a part of their yard.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

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 straight to a lake or wetland
- Easing pressure on storm systems during large rainfalls
- Replenishing groundwater
- Promoting a healthy, outdoor lifestyle



Depending on the design and site, a pre-treatment catch basin can help capture debris before it gets to the garden.

