

Exhibit A

Contain the Rain Program Requirements – 2024

The City encourages individual homeowners and businesses to incorporate Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) on their property to aid in the improvement of local and regional water quality. Additionally, the City encourages planting native plants and trees to support the natural ecosystem and provide food sources for birds and pollinators. The program will reimburse applicants up to 50% of eligible expenses, not to exceed a project reimbursement cap for the proper installation of the following BMPs:

Project Type	Project Reimbursement Cap
Rain Barrel	\$75 per barrel, up to two
Native Tree	\$150 per tree, up to two
Native Plant Garden (must receive runoff)	\$1000
Rain Garden (must have pre-approval)	\$1000

Program Applicant Guidelines

1. All trees and plants must be native to KC Metro area. Cities may provide plant lists to participants for guidance.
2. Trees must not be planted where it will interfere with traffic sight lines or in the right-of-way.
3. Homeowner is responsible for verifying the tree species is appropriate for space. Consult <https://www.arborday.org/trees/righttreeandplace/> for more information.
4. The City is not liable for personal injury or property damage resulting from work related to the project.
5. The funded project must be maintained for a minimum of three years. All maintenance costs are the sole responsibility of the applicant and/or property owner. The City is not responsible for trees or plants that do not survive.
6. The applicant is responsible for obtaining applicable permits, including notifying Kansas One-Call before digging. The Dig Safe phone number is 811.
7. To be reimbursed:
 - a. City will reimburse participant after all costs have been incurred, final receipts submitted and project final approval obtained. Project and costs must be complete in the funding year.
 - b. All reimbursements are on a first-come, first-served basis until funding runs out.
 - c. Applicant is responsible for all project costs.
 - d. All projects and/or installations must be completed with all final documentation submitted by November 30, 2024.
8. For Rain Gardens Only:
 - a. Pre-approval required before work can begin.
 - b. City requires access to property for evaluation of the application prior to the start of project, during installation and after project is complete for final inspection.
 - c. Projects pre-approved for funding carry no implied warranty or guarantee of reimbursement by City.
 - d. Implementation of approved project is sole responsibility of applicant.

Instructions to Apply for Rain Garden Reimbursement

1. Complete pre-approval application. Applicant provides:
 - a. Completed online or paper application
 - b. Description of proposed project and preliminary sketch or design
 - c. Photo(s) of project location on property
 - d. Cost summary and/or contractor's estimate for project
 - e. Contractor's Certificate of Insurance listing City name as additional insured
 - f. Anticipated project schedule and completion date
2. Submit form and supporting documents/photos online or mail to contact below.
3. A site visit will be scheduled by JoCo SMP staff. This initial site visit must be complete before work can begin.
4. After initial site visit, and once pre-approval is issued, project may begin.
5. Contact JoCo SMP staff for final inspection once project is complete.
6. Submit final receipts and photos, if applicable, to JoCo SMP staff for final approval.
7. Approval decision will be issued within five business days of completed final application.
8. Payment of approved projects will be issued within six-eight weeks.

All reimbursements made on a first-come, first-served basis while funding is available. Pre-approval of project does not guarantee reimbursement.

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