

STORMWATER GRANT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

All properties located within the corporate limits of the City of Waukeee that pay the Stormwater Utility Fee are eligible to apply for funding. The applicant(s) applying for the grant must own the property and the property must have had a full certificate of occupancy for at least one year. If at any time the qualifications for funding are not met, the grant award may be revoked.

STORMWATER GRANT FUNDING DETAILS

The Waukeee Stormwater Grant Program will pay 50 percent of qualifying expenses up to a maximum contribution per project as noted below. The grant program receives \$50,000 in funding each fiscal year (July 1-June 30), pending continued approval by the Waukeee City Council.



STANDARD GRANT FUNDING MAXIMUM LIMITS

- \$1,000 for soil quality restoration, per property
- \$1,000 per rain garden, bio-retention cell or native landscaping project
- \$5,000 per individual single-family or townhome property, inclusive of any funds for soil quality restoration, rain garden, bio-retention cell or native landscaping project
- \$20,000 per homeowners' association
- \$5,000 for commercial properties paying up to 5 ERUs per month. An additional \$1,000 would be allowed for each additional ERU, up to a maximum of \$20,000 per project. For example, a property with 8 ERUs would be eligible for \$8,000; 20 ERUs or greater would be eligible for \$20,000, etc.

There is a \$20,000 maximum for any project, regardless of the number of applicants or size of the property. Adjacent property owners could work together to create a larger project; for example, tiling several rear yards. In this case, the grant limit increases by \$5,000 with each additional property owner to a maximum of \$20,000 per project.



Visit www.Waukeee.org/raincampaign for more details.

Email stormwater@Waukeee.org or call **515-978-7920** with questions.

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The City of Waukeee can assist with stormwater management projects on private property such as rain barrels, rain gardens, soil quality restoration and more!

City of Waukee Stormwater Grant Program

The City's Stormwater Grant Program uses a portion of the Stormwater Utility Fees to assist with stormwater management on private property. These funds may be granted* to property owners to improve drainage, to improve stormwater quality or to repair stormwater facilities such as swales, streambanks and drain tile. The program does not cover repairs to homes or interior work; these funds are for exterior work only.

**Please note that grants must be approved and awarded prior to construction work commencing. Grants will not be awarded for work that has already started or been completed.*

What is Stormwater Runoff?

Stormwater runoff is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement due to rain or snowmelt. Stormwater runoff can create drainage and flooding problems. It also enters waterways via the storm sewer, catch basins and other manmade structures without being treated to remove pollutants.

Why Manage Stormwater On Private Property?

Residential areas make up a large portion of the community. By more effectively managing stormwater in these areas, we can make a positive difference for local watersheds, decreasing flash flooding and improving water quality.

Eligible Stormwater Management Projects

Waukee residents can be a part of local water quality improvements by implementing 'rainscaping' practices and other stormwater projects at home.

RAIN GARDENS

Rain gardens are landscaped depressions that capture stormwater runoff from roofs, driveways/sidewalks, streets or compacted yards. The rainfall runoff captured in a rain garden is temporarily ponded, before infiltrating percolating down through the soil. The installation of a rain garden helps with sustainability by allowing rainfall to be absorbed through the soil to recharge groundwater and minimize runoff.



BIO-RETENTION CELLS

Bio-retention cells may be needed if the selected site does not allow for adequate soil percolation for the installation of a rain garden. An engineered subgrade ensures adequate percolation of captured runoff by using a perforated drain pipe in a rock bed covered by a sandy soil mixture.



SOIL QUALITY RESTORATION

Soil quality restoration (SQR) is one of the most popular Rainscaping practices in the Des Moines area. Compacted and high clay content soils with little to no topsoil or organic matter can lead to: ponding/drainage issues, brown/patchy lawns, 'squishy' lawn after a rain and/ or constant need for watering. SQR uses tillage, aeration and compost to increase infiltration and organic matter content. The process naturally improves lawns by increasing soil health and ability to manage water.



NATIVE LANDSCAPING

Native landscaping is planting Iowa native plants and grasses with deep root systems, which are adapted to the state climate and weather extremes. Strategically placing native plants (minimum area of 100 square feet required for reimbursement) enhances the landscape's ability to infiltrate and manage water. In residential settings, this may consist of dense bands of prairie or woodland plants on the downslope side of the property.



RAIN BARRELS

Rain barrels collect and store rainwater from rooftops by capturing water from a property's downspout. The water collected may be used later for watering plants, lawns and gardens. Rain barrels help reduce runoff and conserve water needed for outdoor purposes.



OTHER PROJECTS

- Installation of a drain tile in a wet yard.
- Erosion prevention, including contractor expenses to place bank reinforcement.
- Professional engineering services for project design.



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for more information or to apply for a Waukee Stormwater Grant.