

**CITY OF NORTH LIBERTY
STORMWATER QUALITY BMP PROGRAM**

BACKGROUND / PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The goal of this program is to improve the quality of stormwater runoff and reduce the pollutants entering the City's storm sewer system and waterways. This program also intends to promote the use of stormwater quality best management practices (BMP's) throughout the area. The program provides funding assistance for property owners to install BMP's related to stormwater quality such as: rain gardens, bioswales, rain barrels, pervious paving, drainage channel erosion control, bank stabilization, pond maintenance, filtration, infiltration, grassed swales and other generally accepted stormwater quality BMP's as approved by the City. The program has limited funds and the number of approved projects per year and reimbursement amount will be based on the available funding programmed in the City budget for the current fiscal year. Maximum funding per project is half of the project cost or \$750, whichever is less. Applications will be reviewed, by a team of City staff, in the order they are received. Applications will be processed within two weeks of submittal to the North Liberty Building Department.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

1. Fill out the application form and include description of the project and a sketch or plans for the proposed project.
2. Attach project cost estimates or quotes.
3. Make sure that the application is signed by all property owners where this project will occur. If the project is for a homeowner's association, application must be signed by a Board member authorized by the association.
4. Return completed application and supporting documents to the North Liberty Building Department (P.O. Box 77, 5 East Cherry Street, North Liberty, Iowa 52317).

CONDITIONS

1. The applicant is responsible for the payment of all expenses associated with the work. Upon submittal of paid receipts (and successful field review), the City will reimburse the applicant within 30 days.
2. Implementation of an approved project is the sole responsibility of the property owner. The City is not liable for personal injury or property damage resulting from said work.
3. Projects approved for funding carry no implied warranty by the City. Implementation and maintenance are the responsibility of the property owner.
4. The property owner is responsible for any local, state, or federal permits that may be required.
5. Involve your neighbors. If your neighbors are not a part of the project, at least keep them informed and seek input before doing the work. Drainage issues have been known to cause years of ill will between neighbors.
6. Projects must be completed within a six month period after receiving notification that the project has been approved for funding.
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/>).
8. Once your project has been completed, contact the City. The City will schedule a field review of the project and, if the project is judged to be completed satisfactorily, will reimburse the property owner within 30 days.

If you have any questions on the Stormwater Quality BMP Program application or instructions, please email tconklin@ci.north-liberty.ia.us or call 626-5713.

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