

# Capitol Region Watershed District Stewardship Grant Program



## Purpose

The Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) values and encourages the efforts made by residents to participate in its mission:

**To protect, manage and improve the water resources of the Capitol Region Watershed District.**

Through our Stewardship Grant Program we hope to encourage a strong ethic of water resource stewardship among citizens.

## Goals

The Stewardship Grant program aims to accomplish one or more of the following goals:

- Improve water quality by decreasing stormwater runoff and increasing stormwater infiltration;
- Preserve and protect plant and wildlife communities adjacent to lakes, rivers and wetlands;
- Develop and deliver water quality education programs; or
- Develop initiatives that establish links between people and water resources.

## :: Project ideas

The Stewardship Grant Program supports projects with a water quality focus, such as:

Raingardens; rain barrels; green roofs; pervious pavement; soil erosion control; shoreline restoration; native habitat restoration adjacent to waterways, ponds and lakes; water quality education; sites that model water quality protection practices; events or festivals; educational printed material, video or posters; efforts that enhance participation of watershed residents in CRWD activities.

Raingardens are shallow, vegetated depressions that capture stormwater runoff.



St. Paul high school students carried out a water education project at Grand Old Days.



Hamline Midway Coalition funded rain barrel construction for their residents.



A green roof can be used to manage stormwater runoff.



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## Eligibility

The following are eligible to apply for CRWD Stewardship Grants:

- Residents of CRWD;
- Nonprofit or faith organizations serving CRWD;
- Government agencies serving CRWD;
- Businesses or corporations located within CRWD; or
- Public and private schools located within CRWD.

## Evaluation criteria

Please note, CRWD may offer to fund all, or a portion of, the requested amount. Projects must be located within Capitol Region Watershed District. Projects completed or in progress prior to application are not eligible. Funding is on a reimbursement basis for documented costs only.

The following criteria will be considered in evaluating grant applications:

- Will the project improve water quality?
- Will the project reduce stormwater runoff?
- Are project results measurable?
- Does the proposal include a reasonable budget, work plan and timeline?
- Is the site highly visible, or does it have a potentially high educational value?
- Does the project have an educational component? If so, is the audience clearly identified and a specific outreach method described?
- Are local citizens involved in planning and implementing the project?
- Does the project involve partners with other organizations or groups?
- Does the proposal address long-term project maintenance?
- Does the project provide water quality treatment for a large parcel of land?

## 2009 Application Deadlines

All grant applications are subject to approval by the CRWD Board of Managers. Board meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month. To be considered for board action, completed applications must be received three weeks prior to a meeting.

Meeting	App due	Meeting	App due
Jan 7	Dec 17	July 1	June 10
Jan 21	Dec 31	July 15	June 24
Feb 4	Jan 14	Aug 5	July 15
Feb 18	Jan 28	Aug 19	July 29
Mar 4	Feb 14	Sept 2	Aug 12
Mar 18	Feb 28	Sept 16	Aug 26
Apr 1	Mar 25	Oct 7	Sept 16
Apr 15	Mar 25	Oct 21	Sept 30
May 6	Apr 15	Nov 4	Oct 14
May 20	Apr 29	Nov 18	Oct 28
June 3	May 13	Dec 2	Nov 11
June 17	May 27	Dec 16	Nov 25

For a complete application packet, call Capitol Region Watershed District, 651-644-8888, or stop by our office at 1410 Energy Park Drive, Suite 4 in St. Paul.

Labor can be used as part of the in-kind match for reimbursement.

