

Finding Your Watershed District Guide/Cost Share Guide

For Metro Areas

Introduction:

There is a lot of support out there to help you put in raingardens and other projects that allow more water to soak into the ground on your property. This simple guide will help you find financial assistance to make your project more affordable.

Financial assistance is typically offered by watershed districts, counties, and Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Here's how to find it:



Step One: find your watershed district

- Go to this link: http://bit.ly/1gLIDfU
- Scroll down to the Metro Area Map. Click on the area where you live. You will be brought to the watershed district's website.
- Go to the watershed district's "about {the district}" to click on a detailed map/map of watershed boundaries to confirm your house is in the watershed district

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Step two: find cost share/grant programs

- Not all watershed districts' grant programs are called "cost share"; some are called "bmp incentive programs," grants, or "financial assistance". Try to search the tabs/search bar for the terms: cost share, grants, financial assistance, raingardens, or rain garden
- If those don't work, try looking in a "what can I do? tab"
- Some watershed districts will direct you to a conservation district for funds-http://bit.ly/1mYncbG
- If you can't find a cost share program on the website, contact the education specialist/outreach coordinator at your watershed district for help, or the district administrator. Most likely if the watershed district doesn't have cost share, your county's conservation district will. See link above.







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