



## Rockville RainScapes Rewards Pavement Removal Rebate Application

Replacing pavement with turf or native plants can help prevent stormwater runoff and pollutants from entering our streams. By reducing the amount of rainwater leaving your property, you can help improve local streams by reducing erosion and water pollution. Reducing paved surfaces also supports sustainable living, and adds attractive landscaping to your home and community.

The City of Rockville offers two rebate options for pavement removal (see *Design Guidelines* for details.)

- **\$4 per square foot of area** replaced with native plants.
- **\$3 per square foot of area** replaced with sod.

### Who Is Eligible

- ✓ Projects must be installed at a private single family residence, homeowners association, condominium association, housing cooperative or other non-profit property located in the City of Rockville.
- ✓ Eligible properties can receive up to a **lifetime total of \$2,500 per property** in rebates.
- ✓ Projects will **not** qualify for rebates if they are partially or completely finished before approval.
- ✓ Projects are **not** eligible if they are associated with permit approval requirements for new building construction, additions, or renovations.
- ✓ All requirements must be met as outlined below, in the application, and in the *Design Criteria and Guidelines for Project Eligibility* (attached). All decisions are final and are at the sole discretion of the City of Rockville.

### Application Process & Requirements

- 1. Submit your application, property owner agreement, and other attachments.**  
*Complete the online application found at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes). Send the Property Owner Agreement and additional attachments (organization approval, photos, sketches, etc.) to the RainScapes Coordinator at [rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov) or mail to the address above. Paper applications are available upon request.*
- 2. Receive application approval from RainScapes Coordinator.**  
*Wait to receive application approval from the RainScapes Coordinator before beginning the project. Please allow three weeks for processing. Projects must be completed within six (6) months of approval.*
- 3. Begin and complete your project.**  
*You must retain and submit itemized receipts and/or final invoices for all project costs. Documented costs must equal or exceed the rebate amount requested. The project must adhere to the most recent Design Guidelines.*
- 4. Final inspection.**  
*Call or email the City of Rockville RainScapes Coordinator at 240-314-8877 or [rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov) to schedule a final inspection. Inspections will generally be scheduled within ten (10) business days. Submit itemized receipts and/or final invoice for all project costs. Photocopies are acceptable. At the final inspection, installation of the project will be verified, and the project area will be photographed.*
- 5. Receive reimbursement check.**  
*If all requirements are met, the rebate will be approved, and a check will be issued by the City of Rockville's Department of Finance within three to six weeks.*

## Design Guidelines Issue Date 9/2019

\*\* These guidelines will be periodically updated to ensure currency with the latest technical information and best practices – please verify that you have the latest version. \*\*

Project Type	Rebate
Pavement removal replaced with native plants	\$4 per square foot
Pavement removal replaced with turf (sod)	\$3 per square foot

Please note that we cannot provide a rebate over the dollar amount that you spent on the projects based on your submitted receipts.

### Conservation Landscaping Requirements

- Written approval** from the RainScapes Coordinator is required before you begin installation or construction. Projects that are partially or completely finished before approval will not qualify for rebates.
- Location**
  - Must be existing impervious surface (walkway, patio, excess driveway etc.)
  - Public sidewalks or other impervious surface found in the right-of-way cannot be removed.
  - Does not divert water from the existing flow path
  - Does not back up water onto a neighbors property
- The project must not be located in a right-of-away or easement area.**
- Call 1-800-MISS-UTILITY (1-800-257-7777) before you dig!**
- Minimum size: 100 square feet.**
- Required elements**
  - **Removal of pavement and compacted gravel sub-base.**
  - **Soil Improvement**
    1. **Loosen** the soil to a depth of 9-12 inches with a tiller, rake or shovel. Decompaction will be checked at the final site visit. If there are trees root in the project area, loosening soil with a tiller is not recommended as this may damage roots.
    2. **Add** 2 inches of compost to the soil.
    3. **Mix** compost into the soil using the tiller, rake or shovel.
  - **Replacement Option 1: Conservation Landscaping** (higher rebate option)
    - Planting plan that includes
      - sketch of the area drawn at 1' = 10', 1/8" = 1', or 1/4" = 1'
      - plant species, container size, quantities and densities
      - plant material source
      - maintenance plan
    - ¾ of the plants must be native plants or cultivars to the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
    - Mulch layer of 3 to 4 inches to inhibit weed growth, prevent soil loss and retain moisture.
    - The plan must *not* include any species from the City's Invasive Species Plant List (available at <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes>)
    - No plastic sheeting (impermeable weed barrier) will be permitted in a turf conversion area.
  - **Replacement Option 2: Sod**
    - **Replace with sod only.** Seed is not permitted.
    - **Follow the guidelines for sod installation found in the Lawn Establishment, Renovation and Overseeding Factsheet (HG102) from University of Maryland** found in this packet.
    - **Important Reminders:**
      - Do not leave soil uncovered for more than 7 days.
      - Water sod immediately after installation and keep moist during the rooting process (2-3 weeks). Do not allow sod to dry out either during storage or after installation.

#### Additional Resources:

Montgomery County Pavement Removal Project Manual

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/Resources/Files/PostersPamphlets/pavementremoval.pdf>