

Montgomery County, MD
RainScapes Rewards Rebate
Design Criteria and Requirements for Project Eligibility
Conservation Landscape



Required Supporting documents:

- Planting plan with graphic scale showing plant quantities and locations
 - HOA approval letter if applicable
- Pass preliminary inspection for site suitability
- Rebate amount:
 - \$2.00 per square foot with no ponding
 - **or** \$3.00 per square foot if installed with berms to provide 3” of ponding
 - **or** \$4.00 per square foot if installed with 6” or greater stone check dams to provide velocity control on steeper sites
- Maximum rebate:
 - **Residential** - \$2,500.00
 - **Commercial/Institutional** - \$10,000.00
- Minimum size:
 - **Residential** - 250 square feet
 - **Commercial/Institutional** - 350 square feet
- Location:
 - On private property
 - Does not significantly alter preexisting flow path
 - Does not back up water onto a neighbor’s property
 - Replaces existing turf, invasive plants, or eroded soils
 - Intercepts stormwater from an impervious surface
- Design/Installation:
 - If creating 3” ponding, size by using the rain garden ‘Sizing table for 1 ft planting media’ (see back of ‘Design Criteria and Requirements for Project Eligibility: Rain Garden’) and multiplying the media footprint size by two (double the size of the rain garden).
 - Planting plan showing plant locations submitted and approved
 - Graphic scale on plan
 - Plant list with plant variety, quantity and size.
 - 75% native plants (cultivars are accepted), 25% can be non-native, non-invasive
 - Plant spacing to create full ground coverage within 1-2 years.
 - Soils de-compacted at least 9”
 - Soil amended with 2” of compost
 - 3” of natural, un-dyed mulch
 - No artificial weed matting (newspapers are OK)
- Final Steps
 - Submit itemized receipts with the tax subtracted
 - Electronically sign and submit the property owner agreement
 - Schedule and pass final inspection