

What is the Purpose?

To assist local leadership with planning and implementation of management practices and methods that:

- Increases infiltration
- Improves water quality
- Addresses future urban development to reduce amount of runoff

What is the Goal?

- Provide landowners with the resources needed to implement best management practices (BMP) that will improve water quality and reduce flooding.
- Increase public awareness and ownership through information and education.
- Create a Watershed Management Plan which will provide the community and stakeholders with a working document to enable this effort to evolve from planning to implementation.

What is the amount of cost-share incentives and/or reimbursement?

- Not to exceed 75% of total cost on a variety of practices. \$1000 maximum on residential or business rain gardens.
- Additional funding available for other BMPS through other sources

How is it Funded?

Linn & Benton Soil & Water Conservation Districts received a Watershed Development and Planning Assistance Grant from IDALS and Funding from I-JOBS

Partners in this Project

- Cities of Palo & Atkins
- Linn & Benton County (Board of Supervisors, Engineers, Soil Conservation and Health Departments)
- Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship—Division of Soil Conservation
- Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- Iowa Flood Center
- Iowa Learning Farms Program
- Iowa State University Extension
- US Department of Agriculture, NRCS, FSA and Rural Development)
- US Geological Survey



"We only have one earth to live in and we need to start protecting our resources."

Resources:

www.rainscapingiowa.org

www.ia.nrcs.usda.gov/features/raingardens.html

www.stormwatercenter.net

www.agriculture.state.ia.us/press/pdfs/HowToBuildFull.pdf

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Dry Creek Watershed Project



All water runs to the lowest point..... over fields, lawns, roof tops, streets and into soil, creeks and rivers.

Reduce Flooding

Conserve Natural Resources

**Cost Share/Grant Money Available for
Soil and Water Conservation
through your local Linn or Benton
Soil and Water Conservation
District Office**

Best Management Practices for Dry Creek Watershed Project

What Practices Can Be Funded?

- **Rain Gardens**—Approved designs provide infiltration of the water quality/storm event. Funding up to \$1000 or 75% of estimated cost (which ever is the least amount), upon project completion.
- **Bio-swales***— like rain gardens but for larger industrial/commercial facilities as well as new development
- **Soil Quality Improvement**— Turf lawn can be enhanced with the combination of a soil test, aeration and composting.
- **Pervious Concrete or Asphalt***
- **Water and Sediment Control Basin*** commonly used on construction sites or along fence rows
- **Grass and Forest Buffer Strips** —a way to stabilize the stream corridor and slow the flow of storm water runoff
- **Grassed Waterways**—used to prevent gully erosion
- **Pond/Wetland System***
- **Grade Stabilization Structure ***
- **For additional practices, contact your local SWCD**

* **Requires licensed engineer's certification**

Am I Eligible?

Private residential, business landowners or public buildings in Palo and Atkins area are eligible for the assistance in the form of Cost Share through the Benton or Linn Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Low interest loans are also available through the State of Iowa.

How do I apply?

- Application process must start **prior to construction**, is coordinated through Linn or Benton SWCD offices and be completed by **November 30, 2010**. For your convenience, an online form is available at:
 - <https://idals.iowa.gov/FARMS/index.php/application>
- The local SWCD will review the application, evaluate the site and obtain your signature for the maintenance agreement. Upon approval, you will receive written notice and construction can begin. Keep all records of cost and invoices.
- Once the project is complete, the local SWCD, the engineer (if required) and the contractor will inspect the practice, verify the actual expenses and approve for payment.

What are my responsibilities?

- Conservation work is an agreement between the Linn or Benton SWCD and the applicant, to provide maintenance for a specific number of years per practice.

Who do I Contact for Assistance?

Linn Soil & Water Conservation District

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