



Pervious pavement and bioswale - Antelope Valley



Rain garden, LPSNRD office



Bioretention area, Lincoln Children's Zoo

ABOUT THE NRD

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District is one of 23 districts in the state of Nebraska formed in 1972 for the purpose of managing the state's natural resources, with an emphasis on watershed management. Programs and activities include all areas of natural resource management and development: tree planting, flood protection, wildlife habitat, stream bank stabilization, environmental education, land treatment, water monitoring and many others. The districts are partially funded by property taxes and governed by a board of directors—elected representatives who serve four-year terms. The NRD system is local government working to protect local natural resources. The Lower Platte South NRD includes nearly all of Lancaster and Cass counties and parts of Seward, Saunders, Otoe, and Butler counties.



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RAIN-READY LANDSCAPES PROGRAM



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PURPOSE

The Rain-Ready Landscapes Program (RRLP) provides 50% cost-sharing assistance, up to \$2,000, to landowners in LPSNRD, outside the City of Lincoln, to install rain gardens, bioswales, and other green infrastructure practices. These landscaping features filter pollutants out of rainwater before the water gets to our storm sewers, ditches, and streams. They also slow down the flow of water, reducing erosion and keeping sediment out of our streams and lakes.



ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

RRLP funds may be used for landscaping projects that improve stormwater flow and water quality in urban or rural settings. Cost-sharing is available for project design, materials, and construction. Maintenance of completed projects is solely the responsibility of the landowner and is not eligible for cost-sharing. Visit our website, LPSNRD.org, for detailed lists of project expenses eligible for cost-sharing.

WHO CAN APPLY

The Rain-Ready Landscapes Program is open to all LPSNRD landowners outside of the City of Lincoln's corporate limits. Any type of property is eligible—residential or commercial, public or private. We strongly encourage you to check with your local authorities (city, village, neighborhood association) on applicable local restrictions before you apply.

In Lincoln, LPSNRD co-sponsors a similar program with the City. Visit lincoln.ne.gov, keyword “rainscaping” to learn more.



HOW TO APPLY

Contact the LPSNRD office to discuss whether your project is a good fit for RRLP. Send us a letter requesting RRLP cost-sharing and include:

- Project description, including design drawings
- A map and, if available, photos of the project area and specific installation site
- Project scope and schedule of costs
- Expected project timeline and maintenance schedule

Applications are evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis until all the year's RRLP funds are obligated.

FAQs

Q: Can we use other funding assistance, in addition to our money and the NRD's share?

A: Yes. The NRD will cost-share up to 50% of the portion of the project that you are paying yourself, up to \$2,000.

Q: How do we receive our NRD funds?

A: The NRD will reimburse you, up to the approved cost-share amount, once the project is complete. You will submit a letter requesting reimbursement and documentation of actual costs paid for the project, which we will use to verify the amount we pay to you.

Q: What if our project is delayed?

A: The NRD allows one year from date of approval to implement the project. You may request an extension if the project is delayed, which may be granted at the NRD's discretion.

