

COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT PLANT GRANT PROGRAM



Interested in attracting wildlife & pollinators?

Get up to \$500 for the purchase of native plants to help preserve our wildlife communities & waterways.



ELIGIBILITY

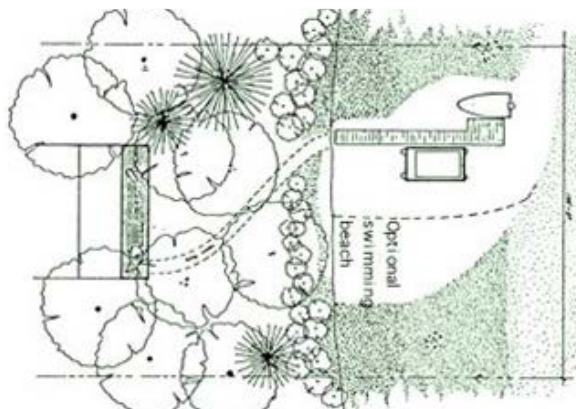
All residents, non-profit organizations, government agencies, businesses and corporations located within the CLFLWD, along with public and private schools are eligible to apply for grant funds. Applications are accepted at any time. However, funds are limited and awarded on a first-come first-serve basis. Applicable projects include both shoreline restoration projects and non-shoreline native planting projects (e.g. rain gardens).

APPLICATION & APPROVAL PROCESS

Individuals interested in the plant grant program should contact Aidan Read with the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District (CLFLWD). Watershed staff will then coordinate with the appropriate County Conservation District to arrange for an initial site visit. This initial visit is free of charge and will help determine if the proposed site is a good candidate for the grant program. If the site is determined to be a good candidate for the grant program, staff will work with the applicant to develop a concept map of the site and associated cost estimates. The applicant must then complete the grant application and submit it to the Watershed District.

CONCEPT MAPS

If the District determines that your site is a good candidate for the grant program, staff will work with you to develop a concept map of the project site along with associated cost estimates.



AVAILABLE FUNDS

Plant grants reimburse recipients the cost of Minnesota native plants up to \$500 for eligible projects. Grants are awarded on a first-come first-serve basis.

The purchase of non-native plants will not be covered, nor will other project materials such as mulch, rock, or edging. Plant grants will not cover installation and maintenance costs as those are the responsibility of the grant recipient.

District staff, with the support of the County Conservation District, will provide technical assistance for plant selection. Plant selections must be approved by the District to receive cost-share funding. Construction labor is not included under technical assistance.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

General program inquiries should be directed to Aidan Read at the Watershed District. Technical questions regarding potential projects should be directed to the appropriate county conservation district.

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PLANT GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information (to be completed by landowner)

Landowner Name	Address	City/State	Zip Code
Email		Phone	
Project Address (if different)		City/State	Zip Code

Contract Information

I (we), the undersigned, do hereby request plant grant assistance to defray the cost of installing the following practice(s), listed on the second page of this contract. It is understood that:

1. CLFLWD's Plant Grant Program is a Reimbursement Program. Applicants will be reimbursed for the contract amount upon successful completion of the project and submission of all required documentation.
2. Practice(s) must be planned and installed in accordance with technical standards and specifications of the Technical Representative. The landowner must notify the technical representative at least three days before installation begins.
3. Increases in the practice units or cost must be approved by the organization board through amendment of this contract as a condition to increase the cost share payments.
4. This contract, when approved by the CLFLWD board, will remain in effect unless canceled by mutual agreement, except where installations of practices covered by this contract have not been started within 1 year following Board approval of this contract, this contract will be automatically terminated on that date. Practices will be installed by 2 years following Board approval of this contract unless this contract is amended by mutual consent to reschedule the work and funding.
5. Items of cost for which reimbursement is claimed are to be supported by invoices/receipts for payments and will be verified by the organization board as practical and reasonable. This program will only provide reimbursement for the cost of plants that are native to Minnesota. Reimbursement will not be granted for the purchase of cultivar plants. The organization board has the authority to adjust the costs submitted for reimbursement.
6. The CLFLWD and its technical advisors do not warrant the design of the installation including the structural soundness thereof. The landowner should have a proposed design reviewed by its own technical advisor if such a warranty is desired. In particular, shoreline and stream-bank work exists in a dynamic environment and are subject to unpredictable forces such as, but not limited to, water and wave action, ice heaving, and ice ridge formation. The CLFLWD will evaluate the suitability of a proposed installation for its environment to ensure that cost-share funds are prudently applied, but it is not responsible to the landowner for the effect of such phenomena on the installation.

Applicant Signatures

The landowner's signature indicates agreement to:

1. Grant the organization's representative(s) access to the parcel where the conservation practice will be located.
2. Obtain all permits required in conjunction with the installation and establishment of the practice prior to starting construction of the practice.
3. Not accept cost-share funds, from state and federal sources combined, that are in excess of 100% percent of the total cost to establish the conservation practice and provide copies of all forms and contracts pertinent to any other state or federal programs that are contributing funds toward this project.

Signature	Date
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Amount Authorized for Financial Assistance (to be completed by CLFLWD)

The CLFLWD cost-share selection subcommittee has authorized the following for financial assistance, total not to exceed the overall percent listed indicated in 3, above.

\$ _____ from fiscal year _____ Program: _____
\$ _____ from fiscal year _____ Program: _____
\$ _____ from fiscal year _____ Program: _____

Authorized Signature	Date	Total Amount Authorized \$
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