



Rain Garden Cost-Share Grant



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SECTION 1 – PROJECT SUMMARY

One home owner and one business owner will be awarded a cost-share grant for the design and installation of a rain garden. The property owners will be responsible for 25% of the out-of-pocket expenses up to a maximum of \$75. Installing a rain garden will reduce the quantity and/or improve the quality of storm water runoff. For example, redirecting gutter/downspouts or treating runoff from a driveway to a rain garden would be high priority.

SECTION 2 – RAIN GARDEN ELIGIBILITY – If you answer “Yes” to at least one of the following questions your site might be a good location for a rain garden.

Questions	Yes	No
Are there areas on your property where stormwater ¹ runoff from your lawn, roof, or driveway seems to flow or collect?		
Does your property receive stormwater runoff from an abutting property?		
Does your home or building have gutters?		
a) Does water from your gutters flow into the street?		
Is there room to install a rain garden at least 10 feet from any building with foundations and at least 4 feet from the property line? ²		
If you have a private drinking water well, is there room to install a rain garden at least 25 feet from the well? ²		

¹ - Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground.

² – A rain garden’s size can vary, assume a garden width of at least 8ft.

SECTION 3 – EXPECTATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Allow the Conservation Commission to install a rain garden on your property (Design and placement of rain garden to be agreed upon by property owner).
2. Participants will recruit at least 3-5 volunteers to help with the installation of your rain garden.
3. Allow a representative of the Conservation Commission to monitor your rain garden and photograph rain garden installation process and seasonal growth. These photos may be posted on the Town website, used in publications, or educational programs (your address will not be publicized).
4. Agree to maintain the rain garden on your property for at least 5 years. Maintaining a rain garden is very similar to maintaining any other garden, with occasional weeding, pruning, etc. Handouts with management guidelines will be given to you to ensure a successful experience.
5. Display a rain garden education sign (12” by 12” sign supplied by the Conservation Commission) for at least 1 year in your rain garden for public education, if your rain garden is easily visible from roads or sidewalks.



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PART 1 – APPLICANT INFORMATION

Property Owner's name	
Street Address (rain garden location)	
Phone number	
Email	
Mailing Address (if different from Street address)	

PART 2 – PROPERTY INFORMATION

Questions	Answer
Is the property residential or commercial?	
Overall is the topography of the property – flat, steep slope, slight slope?	
Approximately how much of your property is covered by impervious surface 25%, 50%, 75% or 100%? (impervious surface is any surface that does not allow rain water to be absorbed into the ground, i.e. buildings, asphalt, or concrete)	
Does your building have gutters?	
Does the water from your gutters flow into a street?	
Does the property get stormwater ¹ runoff from an abutting property?	
Is the property serviced by private or public water and sewer?	
Does your building have a foundation? If so, is there at least 10 ft. between the foundation and the property line? A rain garden should be installed at least 10 ft. away from a foundation.	
Does your property have increased visibility to the public because it is located on a busy street, near a major intersection or the road has sidewalks? (please specify)	

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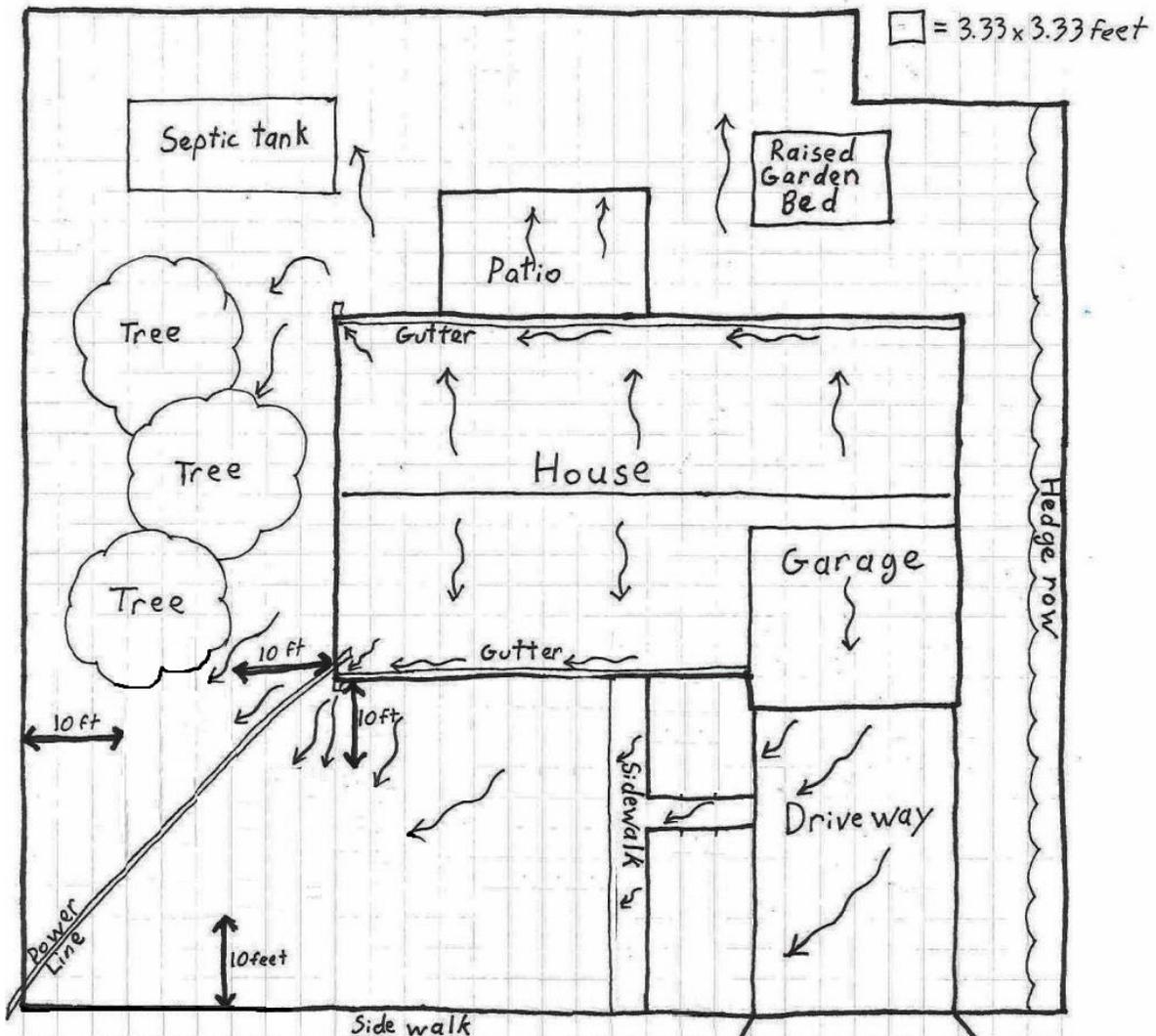


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PART 3 – PROPERTY LAYOUT

Please draw the general layout of your property or attached an online aerial photo. Please identify the main structures, driveway, accessory buildings, and main road. Indicate areas that are sunny versus shaded

(For online aerials try Google Maps - www.google.com/maps or Bing Maps - www.bing.com/maps/)





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PART 4 – AGREEMENT

If selected for a rain garden installation, I agree to:

1. Allow a representative of the Conservation Commission to monitor our rain garden and allow photographic documentation before, during and after the installation. These photos may be included in publications, website, and educational programs.
2. Maintain the rain garden on the property for at least 5 years. Handouts with management guidelines will be given to you to ensure a successful experience.
3. Recruit 3-5 volunteers to provide labor for installation.
4. Display a rain garden education sign (supplied by the Conservation Commission) for at least 1 year in our rain garden for public education. (This would only be applicable to those gardens that are easily visible to the public.)

By providing your signature below you indicate your acceptance of above terms.

Print Name	
Signature	
Date	

PART 5 – SUBMITTAL

Due Date: April 27, 2016 by 3:00 pm

Please complete the 3 page application and retain at least one copy for your records. Applications can be emailed or mailed (include all completed forms in a single envelope). Please mail or email your completed application to:

Hampton Conservation Commission
 100 Winnacunnet Rd
 Hampton, NH 03842
 Phone: (603) 929-5808
 Email: rdionne@town.hampton.nh.us

*Applicants will be notified of an award no later than May 11th.