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Environmental Education**Watershed Stewardship****Conservation Programs**

Municipal MS4 Grant Program Guidelines

Thank you for choosing to partner with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy at the Benefactor Level to help your municipality meet the MS4 requirements issued under the DEP. This year, as an added benefit at the Benefactor Membership Level, the PWC is offering up to \$5,000 of assistance to install stormwater BMP's within your municipality. Below is additional information about the grant program requirements and restrictions as well as how to submit your grant application to the PWC.

Grant Program Overview

Municipalities may submit grant applications to the Conservancy who will review them and choose which project(s) to fund based on certain, pre-determined criteria. With the \$5,000, the Conservancy will be responsible for carrying out the selected project(s) including providing necessary materials and supplies and installing the BMP(s). Municipalities, with PWC guidance, will be responsible for recruiting local residents to volunteer during project installation. This grant program will help you to meet MCM #2- Public Involvement and Participation and add to your BMP inventory. Some examples of potential projects include rain gardens, bioswales, stormwater basin naturalizations, riparian buffer plantings, and rain barrel installations.

Project Requirements and Restrictions

- Proposed projects must be budgeted at \$5,000 or below. Any amount over \$5,000 will be the responsibility of the municipality.
- Projects must be focused on stormwater pollution in some form (e.g. public education and outreach, pollution mitigation or managing/reducing stormwater runoff). Favor will be given to on the ground projects.
- If your proposed project requires construction equipment, like a backhoe, the municipality must be able to provide the equipment and the staff to operate it, at no cost to the Conservancy (can be listed as match on your budget sheet).
- If your proposed project requires engineers and/or other consultants, the municipality must provide this service at no cost to the Conservancy (can be listed as match on your budget sheet).
- If your proposed project requires engineering and/or regulatory approval, the municipality must provide this service at no cost to the Conservancy (can be listed as match on your budget sheet).
- The municipality, with PWC guidance, will be responsible for recruiting municipal residents as volunteers for project installations if applicable.
- The Conservancy will not be financially responsible for projects that go over budget.
- The Township will be responsible for all on-going maintenance and/or repair of the project.
- In order for your grant application to be considered it must be submitted to the Conservancy no later than **April 1, 2018**.
- Projects must be completed before the municipality's yearly MS4 membership with the Conservancy ends.

Grant Application Information

Attached to this document is the Municipal MS4 Grant Application. In order for your project to be considered you must fill out all applicable sections of the application. Completed grant applications should be submitted electronically to Jessie Kemper: jkemper@perkiomenwatershed.org. **The deadline for grant applications is April 1, 2018.** If you have any questions about the grant program or the application process, please contact Jessie Kemper at 610-287-9383 or at the above email address.

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