



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Agenda Item

Item 5. F. – ‘Landscaping for Clean Water’ Report from Dakota SWCD

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Summary

Dakota County has provided a year-end report for its 2024 ‘Landscaping for Clean Water’ program. You do not have to live in Dakota County to take the class, so classes are open to all residents of the LMRWD. The LMRWD asks that all applicants for its Cost Share program attend a class. The report provides a

Attachments

- 2024 Landscaping for Clean Water Program Summary
- 2025 Landscaping for Clean Water Program Flier
- 2025 Landscaping for Clean Water Program 2 page Flier
- 2025 Landscaping for Clean Water Grant Factsheet

Recommended Action

No action recommended for information only

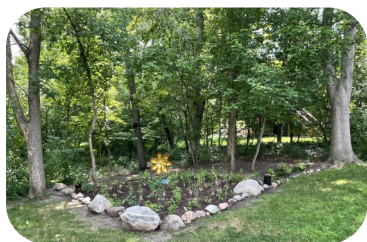
2024 LANDSCAPING FOR CLEAN WATER PROGRAM SUMMARY

Providing landowners the skills & resources to improve water quality and provide habitat for pollinators with raingardens, native gardens, and native shoreline plantings.

LANDSCAPING FOR CLEAN WATER



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2024 BY THE NUMBERS

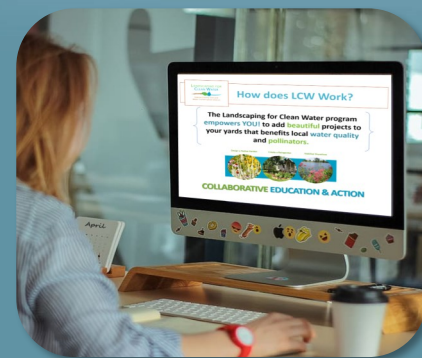
197	INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED IN INTRODUCTION CLASSES
127	PROJECTS DESIGNED THROUGH THE DESIGN COURSE
44	RAINGARDENS & NATIVE GARDENS & SHORELINES INSTALLED
22	INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED IN THE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP
23	INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED THE NATURAL SHORELINE WORKSHOP



"The Intro class opened my eyes to so many possibilities. I left excited to take the next step with a planting at my house!"

"Thank you Dakota SWCD for a wonderful program. I appreciate the support and guidance. Can't wait to do another project next year!"

LCW Participants



The Landscaping for Clean Water program Introduction class, Design course, Maintenance workshop, and Natural Shoreline workshop, were offered both *in-person* and *virtually* in 2024.

2024 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS



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Raingardens filter storm water runoff from streets and rooftops before it enters streams, ponds, and lakes, keeping waterways clean!

STABILIZE SHORELINES



Native plants have long roots that reduce erosion, filter out pollutants, and discourage geese from gathering.

Join us for a **FREE** Landscaping for Clean Water presentation!

See dozens of beautiful, affordable garden designs, learn about the benefits they provide, and get an introduction to how you can get started on your own project.

After attending, you are eligible to attend a Design Course, where you'll receive expert 1-on-1 help to design your own project and apply for a grant of **\$250 & on-site assistance**.



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LANDSCAPING FOR CLEAN WATER CLASSES

DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS FOR 2025

All hour-long classes will start at **6:00 p.m.**
at the following locations or on Zoom:



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th
Burnsville City Hall
100 Civic Center Pkwy, Burnsville



MONDAY, MARCH 10th
Apple Valley Municipal Center
7100 147th St W, Apple Valley



MONDAY APRIL 7th
Dakota Lodge
1200 Stassen Ln, West St Paul



MONDAY, May 6TH
Via Zoom



MONDAY, JUNE 2ND
Farmington Library
508 3rd St, Farmington

SCAN TO REGISTER

Classes are
free, but
pre-registration
is requested!



Questions? Contact Dakota SWCD at (651) 480 - 7777 or LCW@co.dakota.mn.us
www.dakotawcd.org/classes/landscaping-for-clean-water



Thanks to our many watershed
and city partners!



Eagan - Inver Grove Heights
Watershed Management Organization



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From Past Participants:

“Very good class! Made the project seem very do-able. With **expert help**, it makes it **much easier**.”

“It was excellent! I left there with **more knowledge and interest about our water**. The instructor was **super engaging!**”



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The Introduction to Clean Water class begins at **6 pm** and will be presented **in-person** with one class online via Zoom.

Date	Location
Thursday, Feb 20	Burnsville
Monday, March 10	Apple Valley
Monday, April 7	West St. Paul
Tuesday, May 6	Online via Zoom
Monday, June 2	Farmington

REGISTER TODAY!



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www.dakotaswcd.org/classes/landscaping-for-clean-water



LANDSCAPING FOR CLEAN WATER GRANT

LANDSCAPING FOR CLEAN WATER GRANT PROCESS

The Landscaping for Clean Water Grant program makes it easy for Dakota County residents to plan and install native gardens, raingardens, and native shoreline plantings.

Just follow the steps below!

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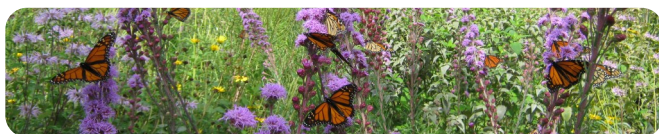
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- 1. LEARN** Attend a FREE Landscaping for Clean Water Introduction class to learn what you can do to improve our water resources and provide pollinator habitat.
- 2. DESIGN** In the Design Course (online or in-person) you will plan a garden for your own yard with expert assistance. A \$25 registration fee includes a Raingarden Book, property maps, learning materials, technical assistance, & more!
- 3. APPLY** Submit an application for consideration to receive a \$250 Landscaping for Clean Water grant.
- 4. INSTALL** Install your project per approved plan with onsite guidance from Dakota SWCD's expert staff.
- 5. RECEIVE** You will be awarded a \$250 grant from Dakota SWCD upon project completion.

LANDSCAPING FOR CLEAN WATER GRANT DEADLINES

	Application	Project Completion*
Round 1	April 30, 2025	July 11, 2025
Round 2	June 4, 2025	August 22, 2025
Round 3	July 16, 2025	October 3, 2025

* Grant automatically expires if the project is not completed by this date



Visit www.DAKOTASWCD.org for additional information or scan the QR Code --->



Raingarden



Native Garden



Native Shoreline
Planting

**18 YEARS OF CLEAN WATER
ACCOMPLISHMENTS!**

Workshop Participants 5,940

Projects Completed 810