



RAIN GARDEN DEMONSTRATION PROJECT APPLICATION

Project Eligibility

To be eligible for Rain Garden Initiative (RGI) funding, all applicants must meet minimum requirements outlined below. Projects will be evaluated using criteria set forth by the Initiative as outlined in this application with funding awarded annually during the months of March, May, July, and September. Awards will be contingent on funding availability and applications on file.

Applicant Name: _____

Organization* _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address/Location of Proposed Garden: _____

Date of Application: _____

Project Start and End Date: _____

Estimated Total Project Cost** _____

Results of Soil Percolation Test _____ **inches/hour**

Garden 'before' photograph included **yes** **no**

* If applicable

** See attached budget worksheet

Visibility and Public Outreach

The applicant shall include a site map indicating project location (may be a hand sketch showing public streets). Additional information required in this section may include:

		RGI Use only
Where will the rain garden be located? (front, side or backyard)		
Will the applicant permit the		

Rain Garden Initiative to photograph?		
Would the applicant be willing to have the Rain Garden Initiative use the installation for public education and outreach? (tours and field trips)		
Is this an area where rain gardens are not currently in place?		
What audience will be exposed to the rain garden at this location? (neighbors, students, community group, public)		
	Total Points Awarded	
	Maximum Points Allowed	35

Ability to Provide Long Term Maintenance

The applicant shall provide any information relevant to the long term maintenance and operation of the rain garden.

		RGI Use Only
What maintenance is required for the project?		
Who will provide on-going maintenance?		
Does the applicant have necessary equipment required for maintenance?		
	Total Points Awarded	
	Maximum Points Allowed	35

Participation in Rain Garden Initiative

The applicant shall provide any information that will indicate how they plan to support the Rain Garden Initiative in the future. This may include:

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Is the applicant able to attend a minimum of (1) Initiative sponsored planning workshop?		
How will the applicant participate in public education and outreach activities with the Rain Garden Initiative? (rain garden tours, Home & Garden Show, rain garden monitoring, display yard signage, festivals).		
	Total Points Awarded	
	Maximum Points Allowed	15

Availability of In Kind Services

The applicant shall describe in this section what time and materials they are able to provide in support of the installation of the demonstration rain garden.

		RGI Use Only
Does the applicant have available labor resources involved in construction? (indicate number of people and available hours)		
List available plant materials for the project. (plants, seeds, etc.) Minimum five species of plants required. Minimum 50% of plants off provided plant list. Can be attached on a separate sheet. Minimum 50% plant canopy coverage in 2-3 years (estimated).		
List accessible construction materials. (sand, peat, topsoil, compost, mulch, piping, etc.) Provision for mulch is required at a depth of 2-3 inches.		
List accessible equipment. (hand tools, rototiller, tractor, backhoe, etc.)		
Other		
	Total Points Awarded	
	Maximum Points Allowed	15

Budget Summary Worksheet

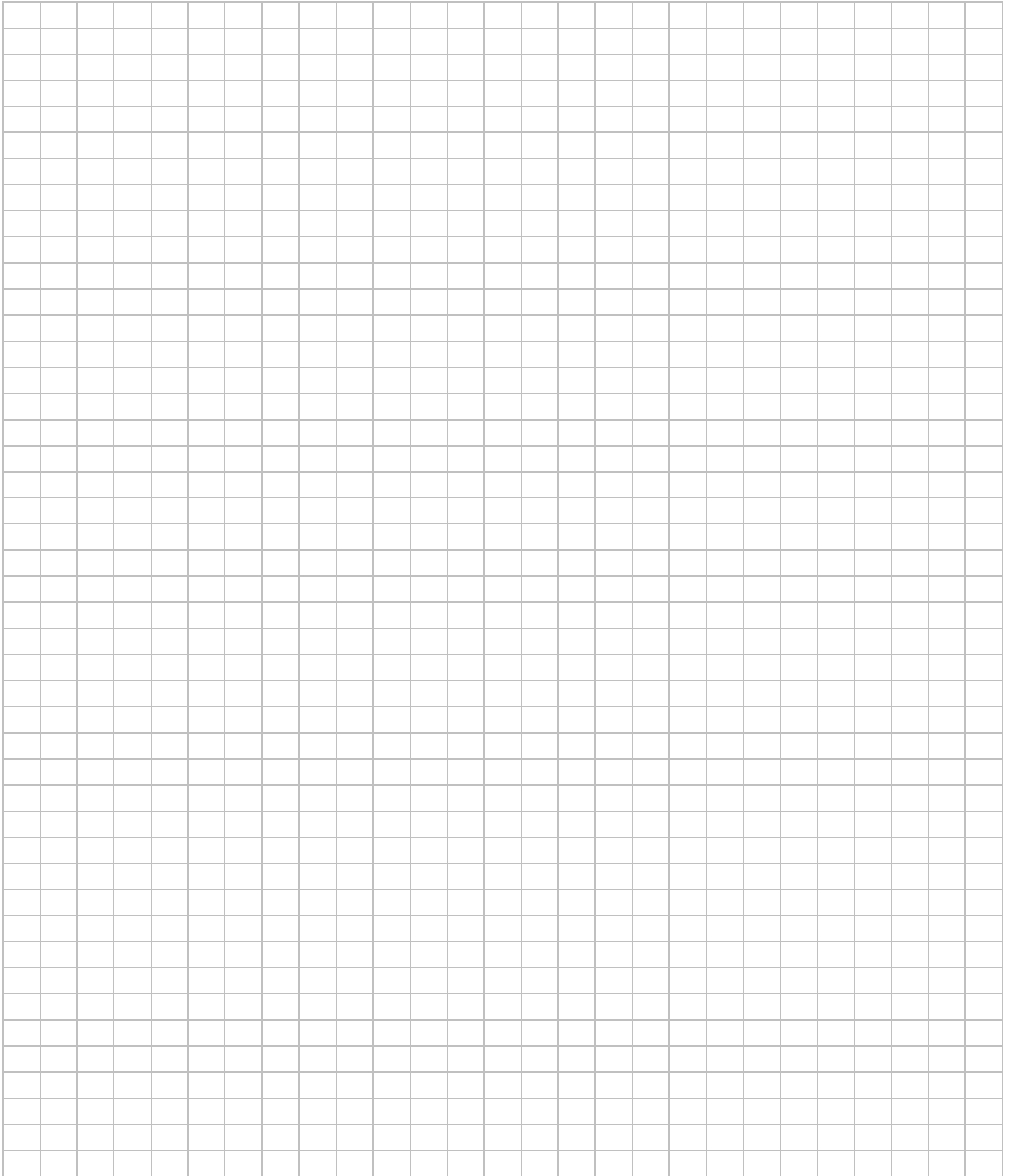
	Expenses	Value of In Kind Service or Materials	Budget Request	Total Costs
1	Labor			
2	Soil Mix/Amendments			
3	Stone			
4	Flowers and Plants			
5	Mulch: should be calculated at an average depth of 2-3 inches			
6	Misc. Piping, etc.			
7	Construction Equipment			
8	Construction Labor			
9	Other			
	Funding Totals			

Rain Garden Initiative Use Only – Do not mark below this line

	Amount Approved	
	Disapproved	
SCORING CRITERIA	POSSIBLE POINTS	APPLICANT POINTS
Visibility and Public Outreach	35	
Average Daily Traffic volume for the roadway for the roadway (from TMACOG)– Public Visibility		
Is the project in a high priority location? (flooding, CSO, etc.)		
Ability to Provide Long Term Maintenance	35	
Participation in Rain Garden Initiative	15	
Availability of In Kind Services	15	

Project Site Map

(please include public streets, sun exposure of the garden, garden size measurements, and interception of storm water run-off)



Technical Requirements for RGI Homeowner Grants

- **Minimum five species of plants** to promote diversity and improve aesthetics. This information should be included in application.
- **Minimum 50% of plants off provided plant lists.** Ensure plant selection will work in rain garden application.
- **Minimum 50% plant canopy coverage in approximately 2-3 years time.** (For example: a garden of 100 square feet would require a minimum of 25 herbaceous plants. The 100 square foot garden would cost a minimum of approximately \$100.00 for herbaceous plant materials at the plug size.)
- **Include provision for mulch.** Mulch should be calculated at an average depth of 2-3 inches: The 100 square foot garden would then require approximately one cubic yard of mulch. One cubic yard in Toledo, Ohio for decent materials is around \$25.00-30.00 a cubic yard.
- **Require soil percolation test prior to approval.** This allows review committee to recommend soil amendments/alterations/improvements as needed.
- Additional info needed in/with application: sun exposure for the garden, ability to intercept rainwater run-off, and a before photo of garden location