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Mid-Sized Property Application





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| PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION | |
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| roperty Owner's Name * | |
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| pplicant's Name (if different from Property Owner) | |
| roperty Address: * | |
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WORKSHEET 2

WATERSHED-FRIENDLY PROPERTY APPLICATION

2 3 4 5 REDUCE STORMWATER RUNOFF Stormwater runoff is when precipitation from rain and snowmelt flows over land or impervious surfaces and does not percolate into the ground. Following major rainfall events, flooding has become a serious concern for many homeowners and communities. If rainwater falls on impervious surfaces (i.e., driveways, sidewalks, roofs, and compacted soil), the water cannot be absorbed by the land where it can be stored and/or released slowly to surface water. This underground water, called groundwater, and the slow flow to surface water bodies is beneficial to humans and the environment. Instead, impervious surfaces cause water to flow to storm drains on or near your property and then into the nearest stream, causing the stream to flood. Too much rainfall in a short period of time can cause flash floods which often result in hazardous conditions which may disrupt our daily lives. Flood events also have the potential to impact the environment. Fast-moving water can change the landscape by eroding the stream banks and change the adjacent ecological habitats. Applicants can make a positive contribution in this category by using best practices to maximize the amount of water absorption on their property and slowing the flow of stormwater from their property. Indicate to what extent these best practices for reducing stormwater runoff are installed or practiced on your property. RUN OFF REDUCTION MEASURES: Permeable, no-mow plantings (i.e., meadows, flower beds, container gardens) instead of lawn Most None Property is free of impervious surfaces (eg hardscaping, brick, tarmac or concrete surfaces) excluding the house and outbuilding roofs. Not at all true Completely true Somewhat true Somewhat untrue Keep on-property or adjacent storm grates clear of debris Some of the time Most of the time Never Not applicable Rain barrels are drained between rain events Some of the time Always Most of the time Never Not applicable Water discharge from sump pumps and/or rain barrels is released onto permeable surfaces such as flower beds or lawns (as opposed to driveway/storm drains) Some of the time Most of the time Never Not Applicable Downspouts/ rain chains empty into permeable surfaces (e.g. rain garden) or stormwater collection device (e.g. rain barrels, or downspout planter boxes) Not Applicable Always Most of the time Some of the time Never You have installed on your property -One or more rain garden(s) ○ Yes ○ No One or more vegetated swale(s) or bioswale(s) A green roof of 100 square feet or larger

The water edge is covered by no-mow and forested riparian buffer zone (also supports wildlife and pollinators).

Most

Most

∩ All

Some

Some

A variety of native and non-invasive grasses, deep-rooted plants, and trees in the riparian buffer zone along the water (also supports wildlife and pollinators).

None

None

Not applicable

Not applicable



WORKSHEET 3

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REDUCING WATER POLLUTION

When fertilizers and pesticides are used outdoors (ie., applied to lawns and yard areas), it is important to remember that these chemicals have the potential to be mobilized by rainfall. Stormwater runoff can mobilize soil particles, debris, and chemicals (ie., fertilizers and residual pesticides) from the ground's surface to nearby streams. In some cases, excess nutrients such as nitrates from fertilizers can filter down through the soil to groundwater, thus potentially impacting the quality of the groundwater as well as nearby surface water. The addition of these chemicals to groundwater and surface water may be harmful to human health and the environment, therefore it is important to protect these water resources.

Applicants can make a positive contribution in this category by using best practices to ensure that water resources are not being potentially impacted. These may include:

 $\bullet \ \, \text{Minimizing the use of herbicides and pesticides; and if they are used, carefully reading the instructions on the label } \\$

| Properly disposing of unused c | hemicals and maintaining good ha | ousekeeping practices on your p | roperty. | |
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| Indicate to what extent you pro | actice the following behaviors for I | reducing water pollution from | your property. | |
| WATER POLLUTION REDUC | ING BEHAVIORS: | | | |
| Minimize or eliminate use of pes | ticides and herbicides | | | |
| Always | Most of the time | ○ Some o | f the time | Never |
| Minimize/Eliminate use of salt/id | ce-melt products | | | |
| Always | Most of the time | ○ Some o | f the time | Never |
| Maintain good housekeeping pr | actices on the property to eliminate | e potentially hazardous conditi | ons (e.g.no old cars, moto | rs, batteries, chemicals, paint, etc.) |
| Always | Most of the time | ○ Some o | f the time | Never |
| Pick up and properly dispose/re | cycle any litter in yards, on sidewalk | ks, and on streets | | |
| Always | Most of the time | ○ Some o | f the time | ○ Never |
| Test soil before applying any am | endments (e.g. fertilizer, etc.) | | | |
| Always | Most of the time | Some of the time | Never | O Not Applicable |
| Pick up pet waste immediately a | nd dispose of it properly (eg contai | n in a compostable bag and dir | ected to a municipal/com | nmercial waste management) |
| Always | Most of the time | Some of the time | Never | O Not Applicable |
| Mulch and/or compost grass cli | ppings; includes leaving clippings c | on lawn | | |
| Always | Most of the time | Some of the time | Never | O Not Applicable |
| Wash cars on grass with non-tox | tic soap or use commercial car wasl | hes | | |
| _ Always | Most of the time | Some of the time | Never | O Not Applicable |
| Maintain and follow a manure m | anagement program | | | |
| Always | Most of the time | Some of the time | O Never | Not applicable |
| Keep livestock animals away from | m streams, rivers or dammed ponds | on, or adjacent, to your proper | ty | |
| Always | Most of the time | Some of the time | Never | Not applicable |
| Minimize/Eliminate excess nutrie | ents from entering waterbody (e.g. g | grass clippings, goose excremen | t, goose access to waterb | ody, fertilizer) |
| Always | Most of the time | Some of the time | Never | Not Applicable |
| Do not use herbicides or pestici | des on, or near, water/riparian area | (excluding defined invasive spe | ecies control programs) | |
| ○ Yes ○ No | | | | |



WORKSHEET 4

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CONSERVING WATER Clean water is essential for every living organism. Whether your water is provided by the local water company or it is pumped from the aquifer under your property, it is not an endless supply. Water shortage concerns are most recognized during drought conditions. Droughts result from the lack of precipitation over extended periods of time. The lack of sufficient rainfall can result in less water reaching the groundwater aquifers, thus lowering the water table and your water supply. Similarly, water levels in surface water bodies such as streams and lakes can also go down, resulting in less habitat for wildlife. During these times, excessive water usage, especially for non-essential use, can further deplete the water resources. Therefore, it is critical to conserve water and allow the natural systems to recharge so that there is always a steady supply. Conserving water should be considered daily, even if there are not drought conditions. Applicants can make a positive contribution in this category by using best practices to conserve water within their household and on their property. Indicate to what extent you follow these best practices for conserving water on your property. WATER CONSERVATION PRACTICES: Allow lawns to be watered only by rain (Do not water lawn) Most of the time Some of the time Always Never Plant a variety of native plants in gardens which require less water once established; Do not plant invasive plants (also supports wildlife and pollinators) Most of the time Some of the time Monitor and attempt to control invasive plants using ecologically friendly methods Always Most of the time Some of the time Never Minimize/eliminate exposed soil using dense plantings in flower beds/gardens or maintain 3"-4" of mulch to retain moisture and lessen soil loss Some of the time Most of the time If impervious surfaces (i.e., driveways, walkways, patio, deck, etc.) required cleaning, non-water options (e.g. sweeping) are used (Do not use water to regularly clean) Most of the time Some of the time Not Applicable Never Use a rain gauge to determine when to and how much to water vegetables, flowers and newly planted trees ○ Not Applicable Most of the time Some of the time When watering vegetable or flower gardens or newly planted trees, ensure water is not landing on impervious surfaces Some of the time Not Applicable Most of the time Always Never When watering vegetable or flower gardens or newly installed plants, utilize water saving methods (i.e. soaker hoses, drip irrigation systems, targeted watering, early morning or evening watering) Most of the time Some of the time Never ─ Not Applicable Utilize captured rainwater or gray water to water plants and gardens or clean equipment Always Most of the time Some of the time Never Not Applicable Use an automatic shut off systems or self-controlled bucket and hose system to prevent over-watering Not Applicable



WORKSHEET 5

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SUPPORTING WILDLIFE AND POLLINATORS

As land within a watershed is developed, there becomes less habitat for wildlife, and the balance within ecosystems is disrupted. In an ecosystem, every living organism plays a vital role and interacts with each other as well as with their physical environment. For example, some native birds (i.e., bluebird) eat and feed insects to their young. If a landowner uses non-native plants and insecticides on their property, the likelihood of having a native bird population is lessened. The same is true for many types of wildlife. Some insects (i.e., butterflies) require a specific native host plant to complete their lifecycle. Vegetation (i.e., trees, shrubs, grasses) is also essential to provide shelter and food for wildlife. The importance of pollinators such as bees, butterflies, beetles, and bats, is undeniable. Considering that one-third of the food we eat is dependent on pollinators, it is important to provide a suitable habitat and food supply for them.

Applicants can make a positive contribution in this category by providing/creating habitat on their property to support and benefit wildlife and pollinators.

Indicate to what extent you and your household follow these best practices for supporting wildlife and pollinators on your property.

| SUPPORT WILDLIFE AND F | POLLINATORS: | | | | | | | |
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| Actively participate in the erac | dication of invasive insects (e.g., Spott | ed Laternfly) using IPM method | ds | | | | | |
| Always | Most of the time | ○ Some o | of the time | Never | | | | |
| Let leaves sit and vegetation s | tand through winter months to provid | de food and shelter | | | | | | |
| ○ Always | Most of the time | ○ Some o | of the time | Never | | | | |
| Maintain a brush pile or dead | wood (provides shelter) | | | | | | | |
| Always | Most of the time | ○ Some o | of the time | Never | | | | |
| Provide a water source such as a bird bath or small fountain if there is no water on or near your property. | | | | | | | | |
| Always | Most of the time | Some of the time | Never | O Not Applicable | | | | |
| Maintain and/or increase sha | ded areas by bodies of water | | | | | | | |
| Always | Most of the time | O Some of the time | Never | O Not applicable | | | | |
| Remove invasive plants from water, streambanks, and in the riparian buffer zone on your property | | | | | | | | |
| Always | Most of the time | O Some of the time | Never | O Not applicable | | | | |
| You/your family engage in freshwater sports (e.g., boating, fishing, freshwater swimming, tubing, etc.) - | | | | | | | | |
| Inspect and clean water gear (i.e., boots, boats, trailers, swimming equipment, etc.) for invasive species before and after use (e.g., insects and vegetation | | | | | | | | |
| Always | Most of the time | Some of the time | O Never | O Not applicable | | | | |
| How did you hear about the Watershed-Friendly Property program and application? • | | | | | | | | |
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| Did you make any changes to your property and practices in order to qualify for this certification? * | | | | | | | | |
| , | your property and practices in ord | er to qualify for this certifica | tion? - | | | | | |
| ○ Yes ○ No | | | | | | | | |
| Please attach 1 to 3 photos of the watershed-friendly features on your property. Please limit uploads to files no greater than 500kb. | | | | | | | | |
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