

**CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
DECEMBER 17, 2013 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
THOMPSON CREEK WATERSHED RESTORATION RAIN BARREL PROGRAM	RESOLUTION ORDINANCE ◆ RECEIVE/FILE	JOHN KOTTMANN CITY ENGINEER/ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS

John Kottmann and Nick MacGregor will present information regarding the Rain Barrel Program which is part of the Thompson Creek Watershed Restoration project.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding is provided as part of the CIP project for the Thompson Creek Watershed Restoration.

RECOMMENDATION

For discussion only.

BACKGROUND

In the course of preparing grant applications to the Nebraska Environmental Trust and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) during the fall of 2012 it became apparent that a watershed management plan would be required. This involves public education and outreach as well as citizen engagement to effect changes in storm water runoff. A popular and effective method is a rain barrel program. The agreement with the NDEQ for their grant includes a goal of installing 40 rain barrels in the portion of the Thompson Creek watershed between 72nd and 84th Streets.

After reviewing how rain barrel programs have been conducted in other communities we are proposing to provide a rebate incentive to encourage citizen participation. It is proposed to provide a rebate incentive equal to 50 percent of rain barrel costs up to a maximum of \$60.00. The citizens will need to fill out an application prior to purchasing a rain barrel, then obtain and install the rain barrel. City staff will verify that the rain barrel has been installed and then payment of the rebate would be authorized. A copy of the application form is attached. The program will be discussed in more detail at the Council meeting.



City of La Vista 2014 Rain Barrel Reimbursement Program

What is stormwater?

Stormwater runoff is the water that is generated when rain, snow melt, and surface drainage flows over land or impervious surfaces does not percolate into the ground. Impervious surfaces are defined as hard surfaces where water is unable to soak or infiltrate into the ground, such as streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and roof tops.

Where does stormwater go?

As stormwater runoff flows over land and impervious surfaces, it picks up sediment, contaminants, litter, nutrients, and other pollutants which then discharge into Thompson Creek and other streams untreated. Unmanaged stormwater could adversely affect these waterways by causing water pollution, stream bank erosion, and even flooding.

What can I do?

By capturing rain water where it lands, and infiltrating or slowing down the stormwater through Stormwater Treatment Facilities (STFs), the pollutants and sediment have a chance to settle out rather than create adverse affects in Thompson Creek. These facilities can help improve the water quality downstream in the Big Papio Creek and Missouri River.

City of La Vista's Cost Share Program

The goal of this program is to encourage individual landowners and businesses to incorporate STFs on their property to aid in the improvement of water quality. The program is intended to help cover the cost of materials. (rain barrel and accessories) The City of La Vista will provide a 50% match on rain barrels, up to \$60. Funding is available to applicants on a first come, first serve basis and is subject to the approval of the Public Works /Community Development Department.

Priority will be given to residents between 72nd and 84th Street. Other residents are encouraged to apply, but will be placed on a waiting list and filled when funding is available.

A training class will be available to help residents with downspout cutting, rain barrel platforms, mosquito prevention, and winter maintenance.

Program Applicant Conditions:

1. The applicant shall be responsible for all project costs. The City of La Vista will provide reimbursement after the costs have been incurred. After submitting receipts, the City of La Vista will reimburse the applicant.
2. The project must be completed by September 5, 2014.
3. The City of La Vista will require access to your property for inspection of the completed project prior to reimbursement.
4. Implementation of an approved project is the sole responsibility of the property owner. The City of La Vista is not liable for personal injury or property damage resulting of said work.
5. Projects approved for funding carry no implied warranty by the City of La Vista.
6. The funded practice shall be maintained for a minimum period of three years. All maintenance costs are the responsibility of the property owner.

Instructions:

1. Fill out the application by March 7, 2014.
2. Include the proposed style of rain barrel provided at the end of the application.
3. Renters will need owner's permission and the application is to be signed by the property owner.
4. Submit the completed application and all required documents to:

Attn: Nick MacGregor

City of La Vista

Community Development Department

8116 Park View Blvd.

La Vista, NE 68124

5. Call for a final inspection after the project is completed
6. Submit receipts to Public Works/Community Development for approval and payment

Contact Information:

City of La Vista, Community Development Department

8116 Park View Blvd., La Vista, NE 68124

Nick MacGregor: (402) 331-4343; nmacgregor@cityoflavista.org

City of La Vista, Public Works Department

9900 Portal Rd., La Vista, NE 68124

John Kottmann: (402) 331-8927; jkottmann@cityoflavista.org



**City of La Vista
Rain Barrel
2014 Reimbursement Program**

Applicant	Email Address (optional)	Phone Number

Address	City	State	Zip Code

Owner (if not the same)	Email Address (optional)	Phone Number

Address	City	State	Zip Code

Proposed Style (see next page) _____

Reimbursement Amount Requested (50% of materials; up to \$60) _____

The City of La Vista requires access to your property for evaluation of this application and inspection of the completed project.

☐ Yes ☐ No I would like to take a training class. (optional)

☐ I understand the City of La Vista will have access to my property for an inspection.

By signing this application, the applicant agrees that all information provided in this application and the accompanying documents is accurate. The applicant also agrees to the conditions of this program, including maintenance of the above-referenced Stormwater Treatment Facilities for a period of three (3) years.

Applicant/Property Owner Signature	Date

City of La Vista Approval

☐ Staff approval

Reviewed by:

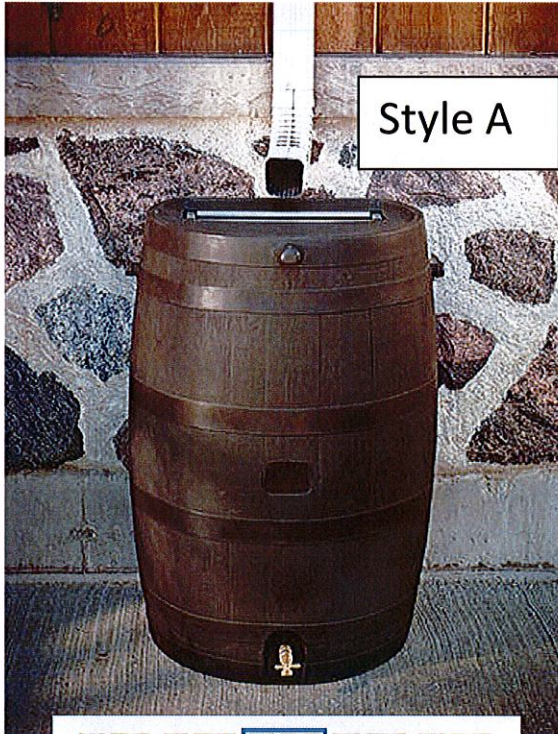
Signature

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Amount requested _____

Amount approved _____

Date



Style A



Style B



Style C



The three styles of rain barrels come in a variety of different colors and from various local stores and online vendors. Examples of styles eligible for reimbursement are shown on this page (or something similar). Feel free to call if you have questions about the style options. 402-331-4343