

Conservation Landscaping:

Conservation landscapes are gardens that have de-compacted, amended soil and are mostly (if not entirely) filled with native plants. These gardens allow for stormwater infiltration and treatment, but are not as intensive in design or construction as rain gardens.



Conservation landscapes may receive reimbursement of 50% of the cost incurred up to \$750. Your conservation landscape must meet the requirements below to be eligible for reimbursement and credit.

Conservation Landscape minimum requirements:

Best Management Practice (BMP)	Lot Size/Type	Drainage Area (ft ²)	Volume (ft ³)	Other Conditions	Eligible for Credit and Reimbursement ?	Reimbursement Cap
Conservation Landscape	Condominium or Townhouse	250	14.84	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% native plants (# of plants, not size of each, cost, or coverage area). • Replacement of turf, invasive species, or impervious surface only • No plants invasive to Maryland • 9" soil de-compaction, 2" soil amendment tilled into the 9" of soil de-compaction, • Minimum 2" of mulch at initial planting (maintain mulch coverage in future only in areas where there is no ground cover) • 250 ft² minimum of conservation landscaping. • Planting density to assume full coverage of landscaped area after a maximum of 5 years. 	Yes	\$250-\$750; Maximum Reimbursement is \$1/ft ² up to \$750
	Single Family Home on ¼ Acre or Less	500	29.96			
	Single Family Home on Greater Than ¼ Acre	1000	59.37			

What does this mean for me?

Let's say you live in a single family home on 0.6 acres (greater than a ¼ acre). Your roof is 4000 square feet and you have 4 downspouts; so, each downspout drains about 1000 square feet of rooftop. You planted a conservation landscape to catch the runoff from one of these downspouts, or 1000 square feet drainage area. You planted a 500 square foot conservation

landscape using native plants that you found using the materials in Appendix D. You also added compost (soil amendment) and de-compacted the soil with a tiller, improving the landscape's drainage and nutrient filtration. You saved receipts, took pictures before, during, and after your project. You spent \$1,000; we would reimburse you 50% of that, or \$500.