

## Related Services

The Urban Water Quality Program is one of many stormwater functions of the Lower Platte South NRD. Upon request, we'll work closely with communities or counties to help them develop plans for improving stormwater quality, review plans for development or establish regulations and permits to meet set standards.

The City of Lincoln requires certain permits and plans be in place before contractors can begin construction work and the NRD is a key part of that process. These safeguards help protect adjacent landowners from sediment erosion, flooding and they help improve water quality in



*Rainwater Harvesting System*

streams and lakes. We also help contractors stay aware of the latest best management practice techniques through workshops and similar events, in partnership with the City of Lincoln.



*Bioretention*

## About the NRD

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District is one of 23 districts in the state of Nebraska, formed in 1972 for the purpose of managing the state's natural resources. Programs and activities include all areas of natural resource management and development: tree planting, flood protection, wildlife habitat, streambank stabilization, environmental education, land treatment, water monitoring and many others. The districts are partially funded by property taxes and are governed by a board of directors--elected representatives who serve four-year terms. The NRD system is local government working to protect local natural resources. The Lower Platte South NRD includes nearly all of Lancaster and Cass counties and parts of Seward, Saunders, Otoe and Butler counties.

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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# Urban Water Quality Program



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# The Program

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District works with both rural and urban landowners through its Urban Water Quality Program to cost-share on the installation of stormwater best management practices (BMPs). BMPs can improve the quality of water throughout the District by catching stormwater runoff and allowing sediment and contaminants to settle out before the runoff is allowed to move further downstream. BMPs may also allow stormwater to infiltrate the soil, so landscapes can benefit.

BMPs landowners might install under the program include:

- bioretention
- rain garden
- bioswales
- infiltration planters
- pervious pavers

Any new construction or renovation of a home, commercial or other property that could effectively utilize these practices may be eligible for cost-sharing. Information about these and other practices, along with examples can be accessed through the NRD web site, [lpsnrd.org](http://lpsnrd.org). Click on Programs, then Cost-Sharing.



Rain Garden

# Goals

Installing Best Management Practices (BMPs), even in small areas, allows pollutants to be removed from storm runoff. BMPs can also keep stormwater on a property longer, so it can infiltrate the soil and be utilized by landscape plants, which helps to offset the effects of impervious rooftops, driveways, streets and parking lots.



# Terms

The District may fund approved projects up to 50% of eligible materials and contractor labor, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per project. The Board will consider exceeding the \$10,000 limit on a case-by-case basis.

Each project application will be evaluated for eligibility by the District based on:

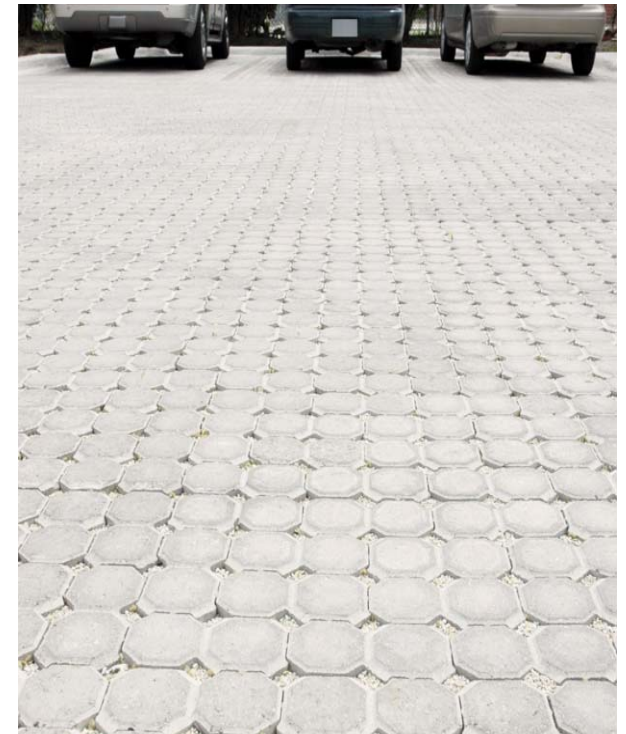
- cost effectiveness
- proximity to and impact on a receiving body of water
- potential for water quality improvement
- surface water rate and volume control
- public outreach

Applications are accepted year-round and are available through the NRD web site, [lpsnrd.org](http://lpsnrd.org). Click on Programs, then Cost-Sharing.

# Procedures

The best way to get started toward better utilizing stormwater and improving the quality of stormwater runoff through best management practices is to simply contact the NRD. We will review your ideas, make suggestions and help you with a program application.

Upon submitting your application, the NRD staff and the Urban Subcommittee of the Board of Directors will all review the application using the criteria listed in this brochure and make a recommendation to the full Board. You will then be notified of the Board's decision soon after it is made. Board and subcommittee meetings are open to the public and more information is available at [lpsnrd.org](http://lpsnrd.org).



Pervious Pavers