



Nine Mile Creek Discovery Point

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PLANNING GRANTS

OVERVIEW

Planning Grants are available for nonprofit organizations that hold 2.5 acres or more of land located within the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District. Through the grant, the organization will work with Barr Engineering Company to receive a Conceptual Stormwater and Sustainable Landscape Plan. The Nine Mile Creek Watershed District will cover 100% of the cost to develop the concept plan, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Nonprofit organizations with properties 2.5 acres or greater located within the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District.

PURPOSE

To provide assistance to eligible organizations in identifying and prioritizing locations for stormwater management and sustainable landscaping options on their property.

After receiving the Conceptual Stormwater and Sustainable Landscape Plan, organizations will be better equipped to select projects, and apply for a Nine Mile Creek Cost Share Grant. The Conceptual Stormwater and Sustainable Landscape Plans are designed to support the following goals of the Cost Share Program:

- Improve water quality or increase the capacity of the watershed to store water
- Preserve, protect and restore native plant and wildlife habitats, with emphasis on lakes, rivers and wetlands
- Protect and preserve groundwater quality and quantity

AVAILABLE GRANTS

Up to three planning grants will be available per year. The grants are 100% funded, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Barr Engineering Company will work with Nine Mile Creek Watershed District to provide:

1. An initial on-site meeting
 - a. Introduction to the project
 - b. Site walk through
 - c. Specific site features that will be discussed include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Raingardens and other stormwater best management practices
 - ii. Native plantings
 - iii. Impervious surface reductions
 - iv. Turf area reductions
 - v. Invasive species management
2. A draft Conceptual Stormwater and Sustainable Landscape Plan
3. One round of feedback on the plan, which is incorporated into the final version
4. A final Conceptual Stormwater and Sustainable Landscape Plan
 - a. Electronic version
 - b. Mounted 22" x 34" version

Communications between the grantee and Barr Engineering Company will be directed through the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District.

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Upon receiving a planning grant, organizations will be required to:

1. Write a newsletter article about the site planning process and potential water quality benefits from identified projects to share with organization members
2. Present the final site plan to organization members
3. Host an education workshop for members on a water-related topic (Nine Mile Creek Watershed District can help coordinate)

HOW TO APPLY

Planning Grant applications are accepted year-round. Applications are reviewed by District staff and approved by the Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers. Applications can be requested by phone (952-358-2276) or e-mail (esniegowski@ninemilecreek.org).

Complete the application, which includes:

- ✓ Cover Page
- ✓ Narrative (Answers to six questions)
- ✓ Application attachments:
 - Aerial photo of the property (such as Google Maps)
 - Site survey information, including any maps with property boundaries (if available)
 - Photographs of any areas of concern

Applications sent electronically must be packaged as one PDF document, if possible.

Send applications via e-mail to Erica at: esniegowski@ninemilecreek.org

Send applications via US Mail to:

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