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Washington Conservation District Water Quality Cost-Share Grants

Washington Conservation District (WCD) has small grants available for land owners wishing to improve surface water quality in Washington County. Fifty percent match grants of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) are available.

Up to \$5,000 is available to property owners/occupants for projects that improve surface-water quality in Washington County

Projects that might qualify for Water Quality Cost-Share Grants include: rainwater gardens, infiltration trenches, porous pavement, and other innovative approaches to treat stormwater runoff at the source. Proposed projects must comply with all local and state codes and regulations

Proposals will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis and will be awarded to those that rank highly based on the eligibility criteria summarized below. Total funding availability will be determined annually. Interested parties should contact the WCD to obtain an application form.



1. **Water Quality Improvement:** Improves and protects water quality through implementation of practices or processes.
2. **Benefits to Wetlands, Lakes or Streams:** Improves or restores wetland, lake or stream functions.
3. **Soil Erosion Control:** Implements controls to minimize erosion.
4. **Wildlife Habitat Improvement:** Creates or improves wildlife habitat through plantings or other restoration efforts.
5. **Public Benefit:** Provides water quality benefits, data, or other product that is readily accessible and of use to the public. Includes public education components.
6. **Innovative Applications:** Uses innovative methods or techniques to study processes, acquire data, or implement conservation practices.
7. **Collaboration:** Involves more than one land owner or occupant and results in greater resource protection because of this collaboration.

For more information, call or email the Washington Conservation District

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