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Nutrient Reduction Grants to 23 SWCDs around the state. The State Soil Conservation Board's Clean Water Indiana Grants Program provides Indiana's SWCDs with a great opportunity to showcase pilot programs of what Hoosier conservationists can do when given the resources to make a difference. Help our cause and yours by supporting Clean Water Indiana! For more information visit <http://www.in.gov/isda/2356.htm>



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Your Guide to the Shelby County Soil and Water Conservation District's Backyard Conservation Cost-Share Program



Backyard Conservation Program

The mission of the Backyard Conservation Program is to provide technical, financial, and educational assistance to help landowners in Shelby County implement conservation practices in their own backyards. These practices protect our soil, water, air, and wildlife while also adding aesthetic beauty and enjoyment for the homeowner.



What are the benefits of Backyard Conservation?

- * Provides substantial monetary and time savings compared to traditional lawn maintenance
- * Increases property values
- * Attracts wildlife, providing food and cover
- * Protects watersheds by providing filtration and reducing pollution from runoff
- * Provides improved soil structure and reduces erosion

Cost-Share

The following practices are available at 50% cost-share. There is a \$500 cap for each of these practices. **Each location is eligible for up to \$1000 in cost-share.**

Practice	Grant Cost-Share Percentage
Backyard Ponds	50%
Rain Gardens	50%
Vegetative Streambank Stabilization	50%
Wetlands	50%
Pervious Pavement or Pavers	50%
Terracing	50%

The following practices are available for cost-share at the listed percentages, with no practice cap.

Practice	Grant Cost-Share Percentage
Filter Strips	60%
Invasive Plant Control	60%
Nutrient Management	100% Soil testing
Water Edge Enhancements	75%
Wildlife Habitat	60%

The following practices are available at 60% cost-share, but must be installed with at least one other Best Management Practice.

Practice	Grant Cost-Share Percentage
Composting	60%
Native Plants	60%
Rain Barrels	60%
Tree Planting	60%



Backyard Conservation Practices:

- * Backyard Ponds
- * Composting
- * Filter Strips
- * Invasive Plant Control
- * Native Plants
- * Nutrient Management
- * Pervious Pavement or Pavers
- * Rain Barrels
- * Rain Gardens
- * Terracing
- * Tree Planting
- * Vegetative Streambank Stabilization
- * Water Edge Enhancements
- * Wetlands
- * Wildlife Habitat
- * And more!

