

RIVERSMART REBATE PROGRAM MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

The District Department of the Environment (DDOE) has granted the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (ACB) funding to assist District homeowners with the installation of rain gardens, permeable pavement, and replacement of impervious surfaces as a part of their RiverSmart Rebate Program.

_____ at _____
(Name of Property Owner) (Address of Property Owner)

has voluntarily agreed to participate in this program.

For the purposes of this agreement, the Best Management Practices (BMPs) are defined as follows:

- “Permeable pavement” is defined as an area that is covered with pavement or other hard surface that permits water penetration into the soil. Permeable pavement may consist of any porous surface materials which are installed, laid, or poured such as paving stones, cement, or asphalt.
- “Impervious surface” is defined as an artificial surface such as a driveway, sidewalk, roof or road. An area in which water cannot naturally penetrate into the ground.
- “Vegetated Area” is defined as soil that is stabilized through the establishment of plant material such as shrubs, annuals, perennials, sod, edible gardens, or trees.

Responsibilities of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay:

1. Provide property owners with information concerning the RiverSmart Rebate program and answer any questions
2. Assist property owners with completion of required paperwork
3. Ensure the property owner’s proper use and maintenance of rain gardens and permeable surfaces
4. Issue rebate to property owner upon successful completion of project and submittal of required documentation

Responsibilities of the Property Owner:

1. Allow access to the site by DDOE and ACB representatives and their contractors as needed
2. Notify DDOE of construction start date five (5) business days prior to work beginning.
3. Provide before and after photos of the project to be used at the discretion of ACB
4. Allow DDOE and ACB representatives access to the newly created vegetated areas and/or pervious surface for up to one year after installation to inspect for proper maintenance
5. Maintain the BMPs, including adequate watering of any installed plants and weeding, (reference *RiverSmart Homes Program Care Instructions*) so the BMPs continue to function properly

Financial Obligation of the Property Owner:

The Bloomingdale/LeDroit Park Permeable Pavement and Impervious Surface Removal Rebate Program provides rebate amounts as follows:

For Impervious Surface Removal and Pervious Pavement Installation:

- The rebate will be awarded at \$10.00 per square foot of impervious area that is replaced with installation of permeable pavement.
- The minimum rebate that will be awarded will be \$1,500 for a minimum of 150 square feet of impervious area converted.
- The maximum rebate that will be awarded will be \$5,000 for 500 or more square feet of impervious area converted to permeable pavement.
- Any project cost over the maximum rebate amount of \$5,000 will be incurred by the homeowner.

For Impervious Surface Removal and Replacement with Vegetation:

- The rebate will be awarded at \$5.00 per square foot of impervious area that is replaced with vegetation.
- There is no minimum area.
- The maximum rebate that will be awarded will be \$2,000 for 400 or more square feet of impervious area converted to vegetated area.
- Any project cost over the maximum rebate amount of \$2,000 will be incurred by the homeowner.

Indemnification

The Property Owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and all of its officers, agents and servants against any and all claims of liability or lawsuits arising from or based on, or as a consequence of or result of, any act, omission or default of ACB employees or its subcontractors, in the performance of activities through the RiverSmart Rebate program.

ALLIANCE FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY:

PROPERTY OWNER:

ACCEPTED BY: _____

ACCEPTED BY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

DATE: _____