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Information Packet

Storm Sewer Incentive Program

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Storm Sewer Incentive Program is to provide Lincolnshire property owners an opportunity to recoup a portion of project costs related to new, qualifying storm water infrastructure, and to reduce the burden of the storm sewer utility fee initiated in 2022.

The Village Board recognizes the need to manage storm water by maintaining existing infrastructure and completing system improvements. The Village Board determined a dedicated funding source is required to maintain and improve the storm sewer system. Beginning in 2022, the Village created a storm sewer utility. The new utility is funded by fees used exclusively to fund capital improvement projects, and related debt service for construction of new or improved systems. The storm sewer fee is based upon the amount of impervious surface on each property in the community. Properties with less impervious surface pay less than those properties with a greater amount of impervious surface.

One way to reduce flooding is to reduce the amount of storm water runoff via reducing impervious surface. The less impervious surface a property has, the lower the fee is associated with that property. Another way to reduce runoff is with green infrastructure and best management practices. The Village encourages property owners to install these types of infrastructure on their property to reduce storm water runoff and improve the functioning of the Village's storm sewer system. This manual describes the way property owners can exercise those options provided for in this manual.

INCENTIVE POLICIES

Overview

Incentives are one-time disbursements for up to 50% of the construction cost for eligible storm water management improvements, with the total incentive awarded to a specific property not to exceed \$2,000. Any property owner is eligible to apply for a storm water incentive, with incentives awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the dollar amount of incentive payments reaches the annual budget amount for the program, a wait-list will be implemented until additional funds are appropriated.

The following types of storm water management improvements qualify for storm water incentives of 50% of the total project cost, not to exceed \$2,000:

- Bioretention systems (e.g., rain gardens, bioswales)
- On-site storage systems (e.g., cisterns, rain barrels)
- Underground infiltration systems (e.g., dry wells, infiltration trenches or basins)
- Porous pavement systems or permeable pavers

The Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (LCSMC) maintains a [list of storm water best management practices](#). Property owners are encouraged to visit the LCSMC website to learn more and ensure their proposed project conforms to the County's storm water management regulations.

Incentive Application and Reimbursement Process

- Complete a permit application [available online](#). A site plan of the proposed site improvements, scope of work, and cost estimate must be included.
- Applications are reviewed and approved by engineering staff in the order in which the complete permit application and acknowledgement form are submitted.
- A limited number of incentives are available each year. The engineering staff will notify applicants if the limit is reached.
- A permit must be applied for and issued prior to the commencement of the installation of the eligible storm water improvements. All improvements must be installed in accordance with the conditions of the permit approval.
- All inspections must be scheduled and all permit requirements fulfilled prior to the issuance of the incentive payment. The property owner must submit final invoices or other documentation of project costs before the Village issues a check to the property owner.