



Healthy Lakes Landscaping Installation Reimbursement Application

In order to improve the water quality, prevent lake algae growth, and maintain the economic value of the Elk River Chain of Lakes, the Antrim Conservation District is reimbursing up to \$500.00 to eight eligible lakefront property owners for the purpose of installing a Healthy Lakes Landscaping (HLL) project on their property. This will be a reimbursement after the project is installed and reviewed. Applications will be approved for eligibility on a first come, first serve and merit basis.

To qualify for this reimbursement, property owners agree that:

- Work with the District to design and approve HLL project
- Approval for the Antrim Conservation District to advise and review the project for at least 3 years
- No fertilizers are to be used within the HLL installation

Name:
Date of Application:
Project Address:
Mailing Address:
Phone:
Email:
Lake that property is on:
Approximate Sq. Footage of Property:
Lake Footage:
Description/Sketch of Installation:

The property owner understands that:

The Antrim Conservation District will assist in the planning and review of the installation of the project and reserves the right to deny applications for any reason.

A Healthy Lake Landscaping (HLL) installation will be defined as a non-engineered, shallow, landscaped depression, with compost-amended native soils and adapted plants; the depression is designed to capture, filter, and temporarily store stormwater runoff from adjacent areas, and to allow stormwater to pass through the amended soil profile.

The property owner must keep the HLL installation on their property for at least three years. Periodic reviews of the installation will occur at least once a month for the first three months from the installation date to ensure plant viability and project compliance. The site will be reviewed once a year after the installation for three years by the Antrim Conservation District. All installation reviews by the Antrim Conservation District will be scheduled with the property owner and there will be no unexpected visits.

Fertilizers will not be used in the HLL installation, unless it is to address specific nutrient deficiencies of the plants within the installation.

The 2010 Michigan Fertilizer Act states: A person shall not apply fertilizer to turf less than 15 feet from any surface water, unless 1 or more of the following apply:

- (a) A continuous natural vegetative buffer at least 10 feet wide separates the turf from the surface water.
- (b) A spreader guard, deflector shield, or drop spreader is used when applying the fertilizer, and the fertilizer is not applied less than 3 feet from the surface water

Penalties for violating the 2010 Michigan Fertilizer Act are listed in *Section 8510* of the bill. These penalties range from verbal warnings, minor to serious fines, and imprisonment and may be levied by the State of Michigan.

The property owner will receive up to \$500.00 from the Antrim Conservation District in the form of a reimbursement check after the Antrim Conservation District's review of the site installation and submission of project receipts.

Property Owner Signature

Date

Antrim Conservation District Signature

Date

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Approval

Denial

Application Decision:

Approved by: _____ Date _____

Installation Site Review Schedule

Planning Date: _____ Reviewed by: _____

Date of Installation: _____

Month 1 Site Visit Date: _____ By: _____

Month 2 Site Visit Date: _____ By: _____

Month 3 Site Visit Date: _____ By: _____

Year 2 Site Visit Date: _____ By: _____

Year 3 Site Visit Date: _____ By: _____

Site/Misc Notes:

Application Task Checklist

Application and HLL Booklet Delivered _____

Site Visit and Evaluation _____ Evaluation Score _____

Inspections: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Reimbursement Check Sent Date _____ Check # _____ Check Amount \$ _____

Project Receipts Received _____