



Friends of Lake Wingra



Promoting a healthy Lake Wingra through an active watershed community

Stormwater Management Grant Program

The Friends of Lake Wingra are pleased to announce a unique program designed to improve water quality and provide environmental education opportunities to schools and other institutions that impact Lake Wingra!

What is Stormwater Management?

Stormwater management involves the capture and conveyance of rainwater that does not soak into the ground. Traditional stormwater management techniques focused on moving water away from a site to a lake or river as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Why Focus on Infiltration?

Modern stormwater management focuses on infiltrating water into the ground. Infiltration is important for recharging the water table.

Water Quality

Successful stormwater management projects also focus on water quality. Runoff carries pollutants and nutrients which must be kept out of our Lakes and ground water. Examples of pollutants include fertilizer, chemicals, metals from dust, and trash.

Sediment

Stormwater management should also focus on removing sediment from surface runoff. Particles of soil, dust, and clay carry pollutants and clog rivers and lakes. Stormwater management projects that collect sediment also improve water quality.

How Can We Help?

Stormwater management projects can be easy and fun! The Friends of Lake Wingra is up to \$2,000 in grant money to construct a stormwater management or pollinator project at your school, place of worship, or community center! Projects will be judged based on effectiveness, visibility, long term viability and maintenance planning, number of students, teacher, and/or community members involved, creativity and responsiveness to the attached RFP.

Project Examples

Raingardens



Rain Barrels



Sediment Traps



Reducing Impervious Areas



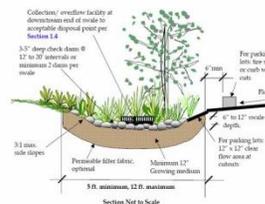
Curb Cuts



Education



Surface Water



Swales



Timeline

Grant applications are due Jan. 8th, 2016. Winning projects submit detailed designs by Feb. 19. FoLW will be available to provide technical assistance if requested during all phases of your project. Questions? Visit www.lakewingra.org or Contact our volunteer coordinator at skfrett@gmail.com



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Friends of Lake Wingra is pleased to announce ...

**We are offering grants of up to \$2,000
for construction of a rain garden (or other stormwater management improvement)
at your school, place of worship, or community center!**

If you want to apply for 2016, you will need to act soon. A tentative selection of your project's location is needed this fall. Your proposal is due by January 8, 2016. The Friends can assist you in planning your project.

We believe that returning Lake Wingra to health requires the collaboration of citizens and many groups. Our efforts can be especially effective when many are involved.

Projects might range from rain or pollinator gardens large or small, to growing prairie plants in drainage swales in playgrounds, to modifying parking lots so that rain soaks in better! Your project should focus on improving the infiltration of stormwater on the school, church or community center grounds. The attached materials explain the concepts of our grants program and provide an outline for preparing your application.

FOLW encourages projects with a funding request of \$2,000 or less. In addition, FOLW reserves the right to reduce funding requests to an amount deemed reasonable for the benefits expected, and in consideration of the other applications we receive.

Don't be intimidated by the details of the application. If you are interested, let us know! The Friends can help lead you step by step through the application and design process. Note that significant discounts are offered by plant suppliers if orders are placed in early spring.

Grant Timeline

- Prior to submitting your application, contact Susan Frett at skfrett@gmail.com
- December 1 (before snow): Tentative selection of project location
- January 8, 2016: Grant applications due
- February 19: Detailed design due
- March 1: Order plants
- May-June: Construction and planting
- Summer and Beyond: maintenance of the project

While the answers you submit with your application, due on January 8, can be brief, a detailed design phase must be completed in January and February.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions. I'll be happy to walk with you around your grounds, pointing out opportunities.

Sincerely,

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