

### **Water Conservation Landscape Programs**

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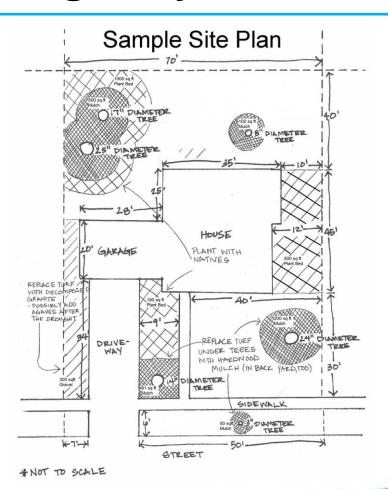
## WaterWise Landscape Rebate Program



- We are giving an incentive to take out your healthy turf grass and replace it with native plant beds
- \$35 for every 100 sq.ft. that is converted.
  (min 500 sq.ft. max 5000 sq.ft.)
- No turf to turf replacement, must be native plant bed and/or permeable hardscape



# **Eligibility**



- Austin water residential customer or qualifying water provider
- Completion of application and materials
- Size of conversion area (500sqft min)
- Have not started work on the conversion (must be accepted into the program first)
- Health of current turf grass must be good



#### **Current Turf Grass**

- Quality of turf grass being replaced
- Pre-inspection of lawn needed if photos cannot determine the condition





## **Program Requirements**

- Must add 1" compost to a minimum of 6" tilled soil to any plant beds outside the drip lines of trees.
- Plants from the Grow Green plant guide
- No more than 5% annuals
- Plant beds and mulch hardscape must have 2-3" of hardwood mulch
- Must use weed barrier fabric under gravel and mulch hardscape areas
- Conversion area must comprise of over 50% plant cover at maturity (We do not want to add to the "Heat Island" effect)



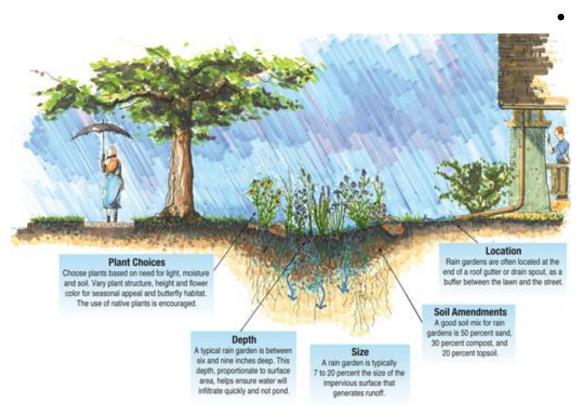
# Program Requirements (cont.)

- Automatic systems must be capped off or converted to drip in the conversion area.
- No water features in conversion area
- No gravel areas greater than 3 feet in width





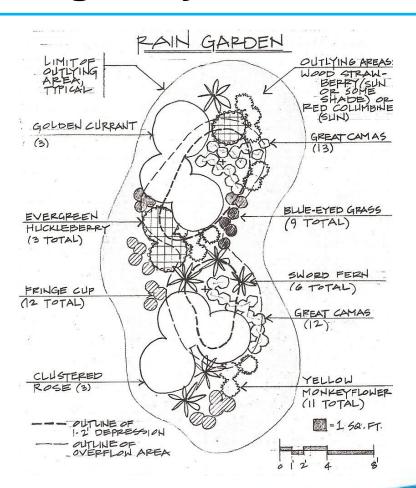
### WaterWise Rainscape Rebate Program



Homeowners and schools may receive up to \$500 (\$0.30/sq. foot --100 sq. foot min.) for installing landscape features such as rain gardens, berms, swales, terraces, porous pavement, and infiltration trenches that direct and retain rainwater on the property



# **Eligibility**



- Austin water residential/school customer or qualifying water provider
- Completion of application and materials
- Size of conversion area (100sqft min)
- Have not started work on the conversion (must be accepted into the program first)



# Raingardens





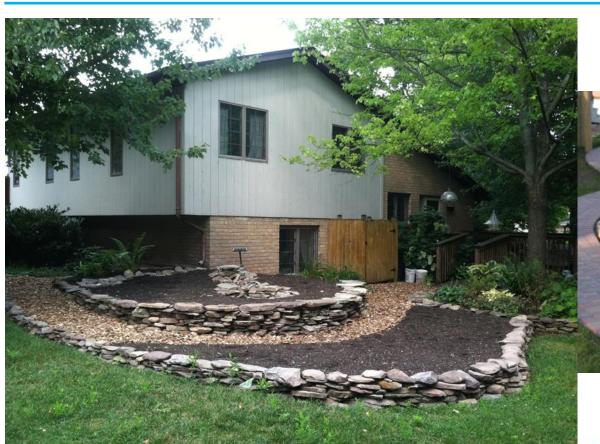


#### **Berms and Swales**





# **Rainwater Terracing**







#### **Porous Pavement and Infiltration**





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