

Windom Community Council (WCC)

Nature Friendly Windom

Garden Technical Consultations Program Information Sheet

Purpose

WCC will help support 24 one hour onsite technical consultations for any resident interested in exploring non-rain garden or non-bioswale green options including but not limited to the following types of alternate gardens:

- pollinators, native plants, turf alternatives

Eligibility

Residents must own a home or rent in the Windom neighborhood to qualify. For this project, businesses do not qualify. Residents who live in a rental property must have written approval from the property owner or management company prior to applying.

Fees

This project is designed to be low-cost and affordable. To participate in a Nature Friendly program, residents will be required to pay **\$25** for a one-hour technical consultation fee for an Alternative/Pollinator Garden Project. The fee is paid up front to WCC prior to the site consultation.

Alternate Garden Process [for residents/program participants]

Up to 24 properties in the neighborhood will be able to participate in the alternate garden technical consultation program. Both homeowners and renters are encouraged to apply. Applications for the technical consultations will be accepted on a first come first served basis until the funds are expended.

Alternate gardens include and may not be limited to the following gardens:

- pollinator
- native plant
- turf alternatives

Step 1: Apply.

- Apply online here <https://forms.gle/fDqzZA5TvNhy7aPc9> or print and complete an application at <https://www.windommpls.org/nature-friendly-windom>. WCC will confirm if we have an open slot for you or if you will be on the wait list.
 - If you responded to our Windom neighborhood Plan Modification Feedback survey last month, and showed interest either a rain garden or bioswale, your name will automatically be entered into our sign-up slot list, however, you must complete an application and pay your \$25 fee to proceed in the acceptance process.
- WCC will notify you by email or phone if you have been selected for an onsite consultation.

Step 2: Set-Up Consultation.

- Metro Blooms will contact you to set-up a consultation at your property. They will talk to you about the best place for a raingarden or boulevard bioswale and may be able to answer other questions that you have about your yard/boulevard, such as drainage issues, maintenance and creating additional pollinator habitat. These consultations last about 1 hour. We require 48 hours' notice by phone or email to WCC or Metro Blooms to reschedule or cancel your appointment.

Step 3: Build Your New Garden.

- Building your new garden will depend on your own time and resources, or any agreement and arrangements that you make directly with Metro Blooms or another company with whom you choose to work.

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Technical Consultation APPLICATION**

2021 Technical Consultation Application Form for Residents

(COMPLETION OF ALL QUESTIONS IS REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED)

Email _____

Property address _____

Name _____

Telephone _____

Own or Renter (please circle one)

- For rental property, name of property owner: _____
- Email and phone of property owner: _____

Which Nature Friendly Windom Project are you interested in (please CHECK one):

Alternate Garden Consultation

Why are you interested in this Project?

What is your plan to care for your new garden?

Additional income-based grant qualifications. Is your adjusted gross income under \$31,000 annually with 5 or less members in the household? Yes or No (please circle one)

Send completed form to:

Windom Community Council

P.O. Box 19563

Minneapolis MN 55419

Or email to: windomcommunity@gmail.com

THANK YOU! Please go to <https://www.windommpls.org/nature-friendly-windom> to learn the step-by-step selection and implementation process that follows this application.

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