

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Lake Whatcom Homeowner Incentive Program

Brochure

City of Bellingham, Whatcom County

Residential Stormwater Retrofit Program: Rain Barrels

Door Hanger

City of Bellingham

Silver Beach Creek Watershed Pilot Project

Website

City of Bellingham, Whatcom County

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It pays to participate!

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**Lake Whatcom
Homeowner
Incentive Program**



Providing Lake Whatcom Watershed residents with support and reimbursement for projects that reduce run-off and improve water quality

**What you
need to know.**



**Property
Owner Details**

Lake Whatcom Homeowner Incentive Program

Staff will:

1. Gather specific information about your site (free)
2. Meet with you on-site to determine project options (free)
3. Assist with project design and permitting process (free)
4. Help determine up to \$6000 reimbursement for project materials
5. Assist you with reimbursement agreement (free)

**Sign Up
Today!**

Property owner will:

1. Choose a project from options specific to their property
2. Complete the project and provide receipts for project materials
3. Be reimbursed for money spent on project materials



Lake-Friendly Project Examples

Porous concrete & pavers...

provide permeable surfaces in place of impervious walkways or driveways, letting water filter through, reducing runoff and allowing stormwater to be processed on-site.



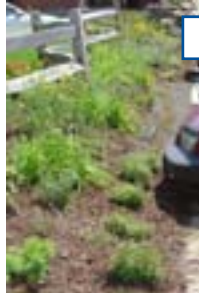
Infiltration trenches...

allow water to infiltrate slowly through the soil removing pollutants and reducing runoff.



Berms...

are raised areas that can be used to slow and contain runoff.



Rainwater collection systems...

gather water from roofs to reduce water pollution and erosion while helping to conserve water. Retrofitting homes with rain barrels or cisterns helps detain water and slowly release it into the soil.



Lake Whatcom rain gardens...

collect water runoff from roofs, driveways, walkways, and compacted lawn areas, allowing water to slowly soak into the soil.



Lawn removal & replacement...

increases water infiltration, improves plant diversity and reduces maintenance.



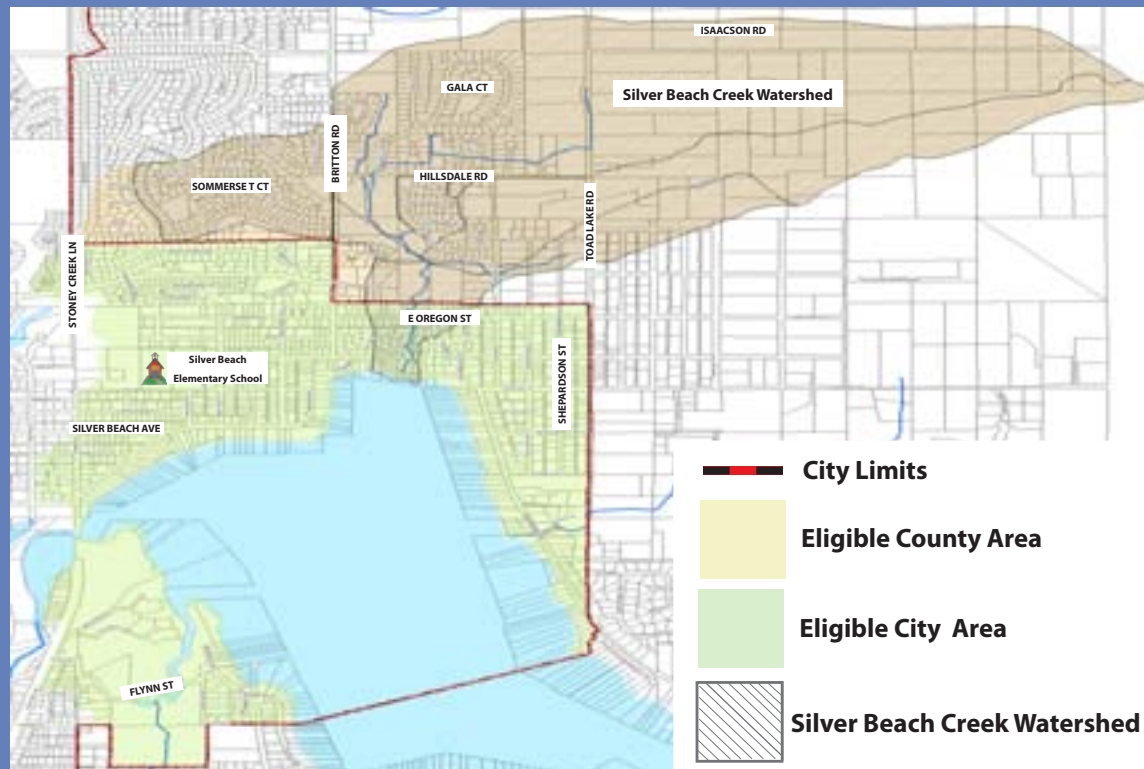
Bioinfiltration swales...

store large volumes of water from storm events, releasing it slowly back into the soil to reduce pollution and runoff.



City Residents

If you live around Basin One in the City's portion of the Lake Whatcom Watershed (shown in green), you may be eligible for this program. Please contact city staff to determine eligibility.



County Residents

If you live in Silver Beach Creek Watershed in the County's portion of the Lake Whatcom Watershed (shown in orange), you may be eligible for this program. Please contact county staff to determine eligibility.

Note: Some eligible areas in the county are outside the Silver Beach Creek Watershed.

Become a Neighborhood Partner!

We are seeking engaged citizens who will take leadership roles in working with their friends and neighbors to develop and implement these projects.

Program participants who choose to volunteer will:

- Encourage and support neighbors to participate in Homeowner Incentive Program
- Receive training on project methods and techniques
- Provide Lake-Friendly project advice, knowledge and assistance to neighbors
- Help neighbors navigate the program process from plan submittal to completion
- Act as a link between neighbors and program staff
- Receive an increased incentive for their own project
- Host pre-planned tours of specific projects, including work done on their property under the program

While program staff will ensure that projects meet specific goals and regulations, Neighborhood Partners will be instrumental in supporting participating residents through the process.

Interested in participating or have questions?

City Residents Contact

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360-778-7955

County Residents Contact

Chip Anderson

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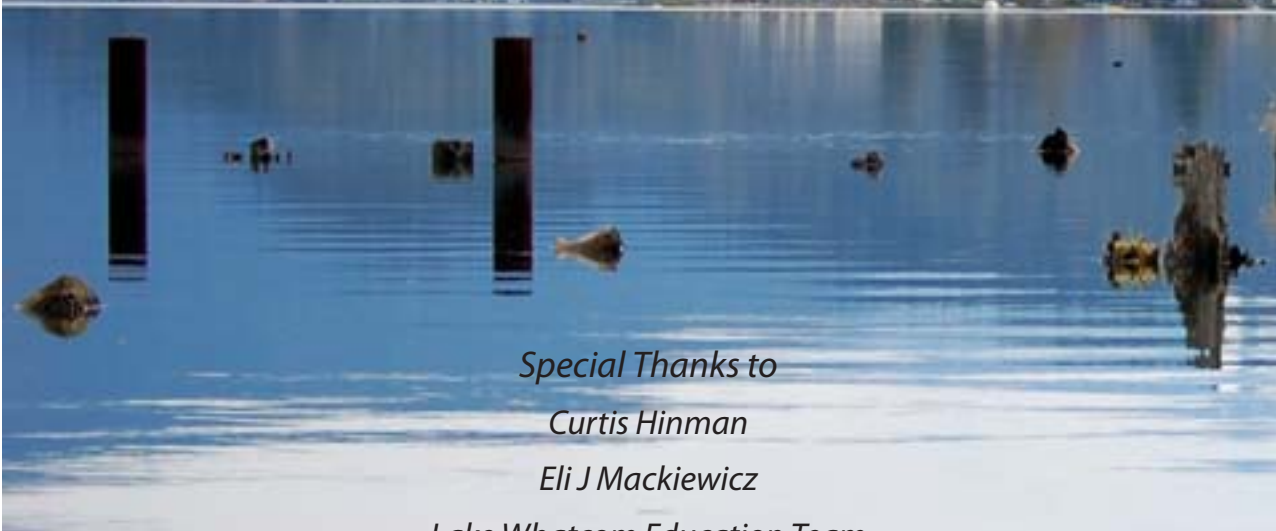


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www.lakewhatcom.whatcomcounty.org
search for the Homeowner Incentive Program



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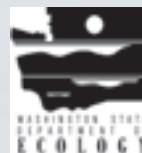


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Get a FREE site assessment to discuss project options, assistance with project design and the permitting process, and reimbursement for approved project costs.

Projects may include rain gardens, infiltration facilities, cisterns, native landscaping, and porous pavement.

Sign Up Today!

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Have you received your **FREE** rain barrels?

Save Money, Save Water Protect Lake Whatcom

The City of Bellingham is offering
FREE rain barrels and installation
for Lake Whatcom residents.

- 95 gallon capacity
- space-saving style
- locally made
- 50% recycled content

Participation Includes:

- site evaluation
- project design
- rain barrels (up to 3)
- installation & education

Requirements:

- property is within the project area
- site is appropriate for rain barrels
- you must attend a 1 hour workshop
- willingness to showcase your rain barrels

www.cob.org search: RSRP
(360) 778-7700



Sign Up Now!
Program ends
June 30, 2011

