



Naturally Adapting To Runoff



Residential Rebate Program



About Green Venture

Green Venture is a community-based, non-profit organization which empowers Hamiltonians to implement greener practices in their home and community to make our city a climate champion. We directly engage and support 15,000 residents of all ages every year.



About NATURhoods

NATURhoods (Naturally Adapting To Runoff) is an initiative to help residents slow water down and soak it up on their property, while providing beautification, home to pollinators, places to gather, flood protection and so much more.

NATURhoods Programs

Community education



Community projects



Residential rebates

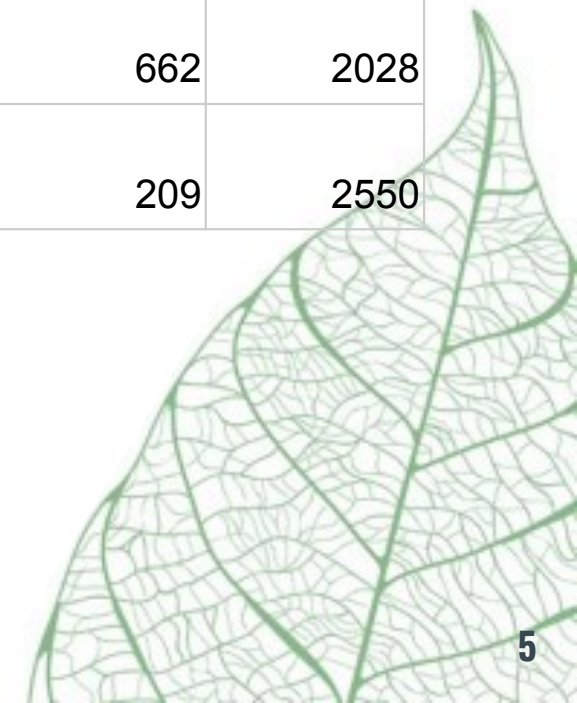


About NATURhoods, funded by Ontario Trillium Foundation

	2020/2021	2022	2023	Totals
NATURhoods Rebate Program				
# of design workshop participants	19	32	66	117
# of applicants	17	43	15	75
# of completed projects	11	26	12	49
# of rain coach visits	17	42	15	74
NATURhoods Direct Action Activities				
# of community events	6	18	17	41
# of GI workshops	19	4	5	28

About NATURhoods

NATURhoods Engagement	2020/2021	2022	2023	Totals
# of community event attendees	503	863	662	2028
# of GI workshop attendees	2237	104	209	2550



Eligibility

1. Your project is located in Hamilton
2. You are, or have permission from the property owner
3. You have attended or watched a design workshop





NATURhoods

Eligible expenses start **AFTER** the downspout and include:

- **Materials or contractors** associated with:
 - permeable pavements
 - bioswales
 - rain gardens
 - infiltration galleries
- Rain barrels and other rainwater harvesting tools (if it's part of a larger project)
- Trees



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Not Eligible

- Capital costs on your home such as:
 - Eavestroughs
 - Roof
 - Waterproofing basement

Current \$500 rebate - Project Selection

Currently 10-25 projects have been completed per year

- in public view
- homes that experience flooding, homes that have more existing impermeable surfaces
- gardens that will prioritize using native plants (not ornamental or invasive species)
- applicants who have not received a rebate before



NATURhoods

NATURhoods Deliverables (3-Year plan)

Year 1:

- 40-50 residential rebates
- Reach 1000-1500 Hamilton residents at workshop, festivals, meetings and events

Year 2:

- 60-70 residential rebates
- Reach 2000-3500 Hamilton residents at workshop, festivals, meetings and events

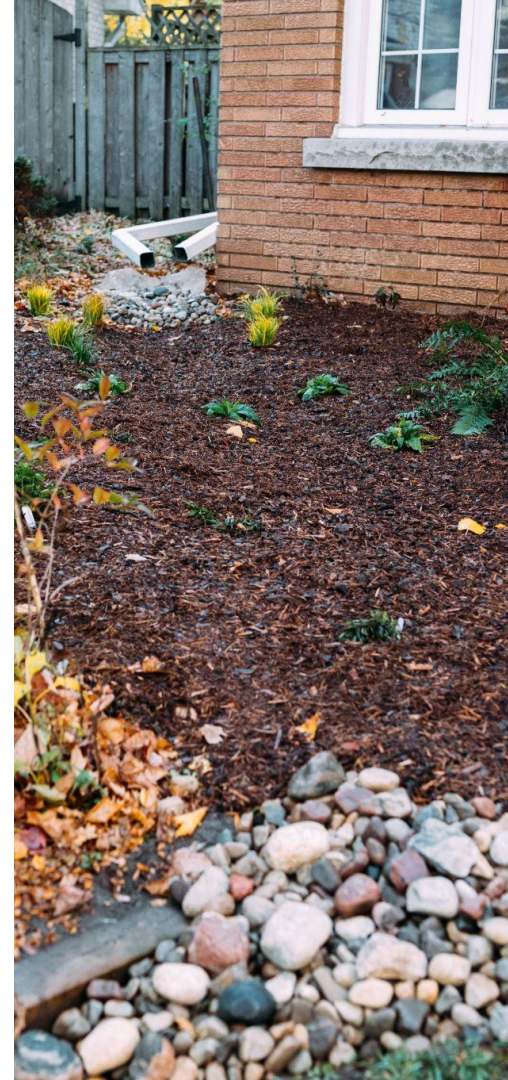
Year 3:

- Continue strategies that are working

All years: Promote additional City of Hamilton programs such as tree planting, downspout disconnection etc

Green Venture's NATURhoods Program

1. **ATTEND** a workshop to learn about the rebate program and eligibility
2. **APPLY** for the rebate
3. **GV staff review eligibility**
4. Eligible applicants receive a visit from the "Rain Coach"
5. Approved projects sign terms and conditions
6. **START** your project
7. **SUBMIT** receipts and wait for a refund via cheque



NEW Rebate Amounts



NATURhoods




Up to \$1,500:



Rain gardens & other GI:
Professional landscape designs and materials or fees for garden installations, rain harvesting tanks or rain barrels, soakaway pit or bioswale installation.

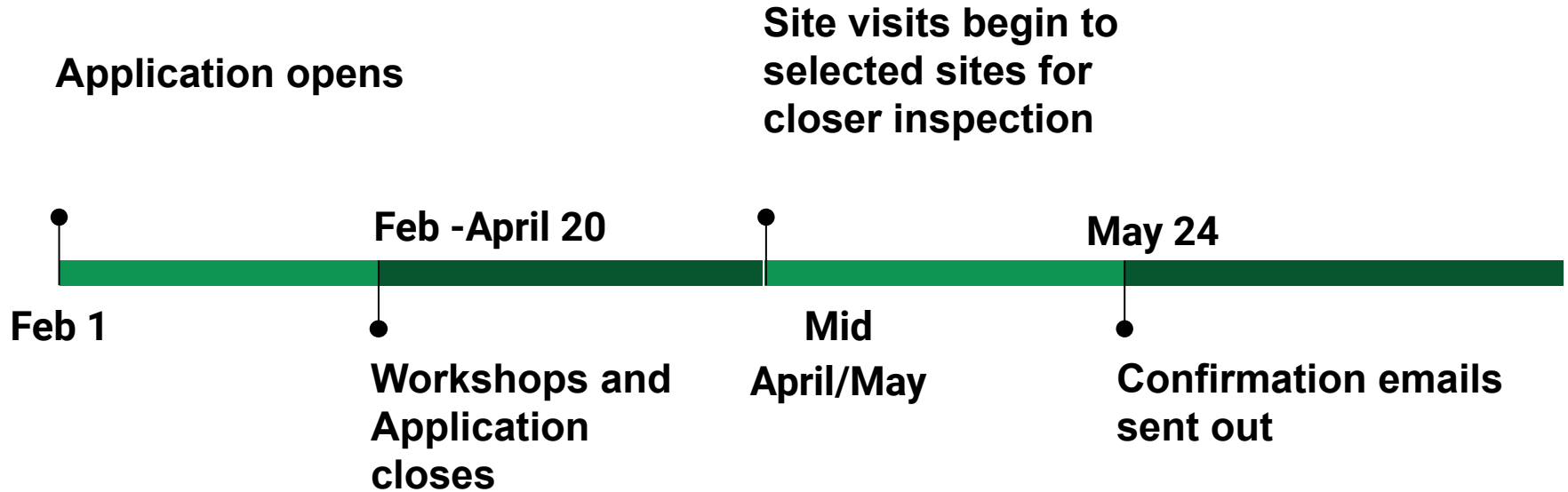


Up to \$5,000:



Permeable pavements:
Architectural drawings, certified engineering plans, landscape designs and materials for permeable pavements.

Timeline



Applicants will be notified of rebate eligibility in mid May so they can plant in the Spring



Rain Coach Visits

- The Rain Coach will visit pre-approved Green Infrastructure projects to review plan and answer questions.
- Visits are mandatory for approved projects (in-person or virtually.)
- Share information about other relevant City of Hamilton programs (downspout disconnect, street tree planting, lead pipe replacements, backwater valves etc.)
- Provide a list of Fusion Certified landscape professionals who can create rain garden designs and landscaping.



Measuring Success

- # of Green Infrastructure projects completed
- Amount of stormwater diverted
 - By measuring rainfall and catchment area.