CRAB CREEK BEAUTIFICATION PHASE II

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What is the Crab Creek Watershed?

The Crab Creek Watershed is the area of land in which all run-off and rainwater drain into Crab Creek. 40% of this entire watershed lies within the Town of Christiansburg and it is a part of the larger New River Watershed. The Crab Creek Watershed plays a critical role in maintaining the health and ecosystem services of the New River! More detailed information about the watershed can be found on the project site.

What is Going On With Crab Creek & What Can I Do to Help?

Unfortunately over time and under improper conditions watersheds can become impaired. A 2004 report by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality revealed excess levels of bacteria and sediment within Crab Creek making it not meet Virginia's Water Quality Standards. There are several ways in which we can help restore and maintain the daily function of the watershed. Through our daily activities and installing BMPs covered under the Crab Creek Beautificaiton Phase II we can make a real difference.

What is a BMP?

A Best Management Practice (BMP) is a physical improvement or management practice that helps improve water quality. More information on the BMPs included in Phase II can be found on the project website using the link below.

How Do I Check My Eligibility?

The quickest way to check eligibility is through the interactive map on the project website, but please feel free to reach out and a NRVRC team member will be happy to look into your specific project eligibility!

What is a Cost Share Program?

As a cost share program, the BMPs will be covered at differing rates described by the program guidelines. The remaining cost (Match Funds) is the responsibility of the applicant. These match funds often do not have to come in the form of cash contributions, but may include things such as hours worked.

BMP Name	DEQ Cost Share %	Applicant Cost Share %
Rain Gardens	70%	30%
Planter Boxes	80%	20%
Impervious Surface Removal	86%	14%
Planting Trees/Shrubs	70%	30%
Rain Barrels	100%	0%
Conservation Landscaping	80%	20%



The NRVRC is here to help! We have made available as much information as possible with these publications and the project website, but please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or to discuss your ideas!

Scan the Code to Learn More or Apply!

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