

STORMWATER ACTION FUND (SAF)

A Stormwater Management Seed Program for the Severn River

Purpose: Empower selected communities to develop improved stormwater management systems through SRA funds for engineering designs and partial project costs.

Guidelines:

- Funds, up to \$2,500, are available for qualifying communities in the Severn River Watershed. Qualifying communities are members of SRA who are applying for grants for stormwater management and seek to use best practices for infiltration and bioretention. Projects must take place in the Severn River watershed.
- Funds will be available in two stages:

Stage One

\$1,000 will be available to assist in the design of the project. These funds will be available once the project is approved by the SRA based on the criteria in attached document.

Stage Two

The remaining \$1,500 will be available for partial payment of the actual costs of the project once it is funded.

Criteria and requirements for submission for each of the stages are in a separate document which is attached.

1. SRA funds are to be used towards developing professional designs for innovative, state-of-the-art stormwater management systems.
2. These systems might include one or more of the following:
 - Slow the rate of stormwater runoff to reduce erosion and increase infiltration
 - Enable planting of native species
 - Repair eroded streambeds or shorelines
 - Restore natural shorelines where stormwater reaches the river
 - Remove non-native invasive plant species.
3. Communities will retain the services of a professional landscape architect/stormwater engineer/design engineer to design a qualifying project and prepare formal plans as required by funding and permitting agencies. The initial \$1,000 funding can be used to retain these services. Proof of payment will be required.
4. Communities would then incorporate these plans in a grant application, and submit a copy to both the granting agency and SRA. The additional \$1,500 would be included in the application as a source of matching funds and these funds would be awarded based on the SRA criteria AND the successful award from the granting agency.

Attachment: [Criteria and requirements for submission](#)