Credits & Appeals

How do I Qualify?
Capital Region Water is offering credits for owners who are willing to capture or manage some of the stormwater on their property. Some of the qualifying measures are listed below:

- **Non-Structural Controls**
  - Downspout disconnection
  - Up to 10% Credit Savings

- **Water Quality Controls**
  - Constructed Wetlands
  - Constructed Filtres
  - Vegetated Filter Strip
  - Tree Trench with soil restoration
  - Up to 25% Credit Savings

- **Green Infrastructure**
  - Green Roof
  - Run-off Capture & Re-use Cistern
  - Dry well/ Seepage Pit
  - Pervious Pavement with infiltration bed
  - Up to 50% Credit Savings

We are also providing property owners an opportunity to appeal their stormwater fee calculations once per year. Reasons for appeal may include:

- Incorrect Parcel
- Inaccurate Property Classification
- Inaccurate Impervious Area Calculation
- Reallocation of stormwater charge among multiple water accounts on a single parcel.

FACTS:
Stormwater is rainfall or snow-melt that runs off surfaces such as rooftops, streets, sidewalks, and even compacted ground surfaces, often flowing directly into our sewer system, streams and rivers.

PROBLEM:
As stormwater runs off those hard (impervious) surfaces, it picks up and carries pollutants such as sediment, trash, motor oil, pet waste, and pesticides and fertilizers from lawns and gardens.

TACTICS:
You can reduce the amount of impervious surface on your property, disconnect your downspout, or construct a rain garden and other stormwater management practices.

Let's Continue the Conversation.

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**WHAT DO THESE PRACTICES LOOK LIKE?**

**POROUS PAVERS.**

Consider porous pavers in your next redesign or addition of your property's hardscape. Porous pavers include bricks, interlocking concrete pavers, turf reinforcing grids installed on a base layer of stone to facilitate water soaking through to the soil.

**MAINTENANCE:**
- Vacuuming and sweeping to remove debris from settling in the cracks.
- Replenishing stone between pavers on occasion.

**DOWNSPOUT DISCONNECT.**

Existing downspouts directly draining into a sewer system must be re-directed to a previous area in a manner that retains runoff on the property and does not affect an adjoining property. See more detailed instruction in our "How to" manual on the website.

**INfiltrATION TRENCH AND DRYWells.**

Gravel-filled areas in your yard that capture, store and infiltrate rainwater can be another suitable option. Placed underground, they don't interfere with the use of your yard. You can install them under your lawn, patio or shed, next to your driveway or beside other impervious areas.

**CONSTRUCTION:**
- Infiltration Trench: Remove soil from an area of your yard and fill trench with gravel. You may need perforated pip to direct runoff from downspout.
- Drywell: Underground container is surrounded by gravel.

**MAINTENANCE:**
- When serving a small home, there is typically little special maintenance needed.

**RAIN GARDEN.**

This is a cost-effective way to make your property both beautiful and functional. Rain gardens are shallow depressions that are planted with perennial flowers and native vegetation that soak up stormwater. Install it near a runoff source like a downspout, driveway or other impervious surface to capture stormwater runoff and stop the water from reaching CRW's sewer system.

**HOW THEY WORK:**
- Underlain by sand or gravel storage/infiltration bed.
- Mixture of soil, sand and compost can enhance filtration

**MAINTENANCE:**
- General Plant Care (planting, cutting back, and pruning plants) and weeding
  (See O&M Manual, Appendix E: Weed & Invasive Species guide)
- Regular watering and mulch during long spans of dry weather (during plant establishment)
- Check areas of erosion and settlement of soil overtime.

**CONSTRUCTION:**

**MAINTENANCE:**

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