



## Groundwater Protection Incentives

Groundwater protection is a wise investment. **Pollution Prevention** can cost 100 times less than it costs to clean up contamination once it has reached groundwater.

To help put that prevention in place and ensure a safer drinking water resource, the City has developed a groundwater protection incentive program to help offset the cost of constructing stormwater infiltration modification projects. The City will provide 50% matching funds for every dollar wisely spent on completed stormwater infiltration modification projects, up to a maximum of \$6,000.

### To be eligible you must:

- Submit your completed Assessment Form to the City before August 3, 2010 for a \$6,000 voucher and before February 3, 2011 for a \$4,000 voucher,
- Complete the BMPs for stormwater protection detailed in the Authorized Work letter issued by the City,
- Complete the agreed-on stormwater infiltration system modifications and have them inspected by a City inspector,
- Work must be completed, inspected by the City and record drawings submitted.
- Submit your voucher and supporting records to the City for reimbursement.

### Who pays for the Groundwater Protection Incentive Program?

The City of Redmond has earmarked approximately \$600,000 from stormwater fees to pay for this incentive program.

### What costs can be reimbursed?

The incentive program can reimburse half of what an owner spends - up to \$6,000 total rebate – to implement groundwater protection measures. The steps taken by an owner must be based on recommendations from the City representative in the Authorized Workletter and could include:

- Construction and installation of structural stormwater BMPs
- Engineering design of stormwater modifications
- Purchasing equipment to clean stormwater
- Constructing or decommissioning stormwater infiltration system modifications
- Permit fees

## How does the program work?

1. Submit your completed Assessment Form to the City of Redmond before August 3, 2010 for a \$6,000 voucher and before February 3, 2011 for a \$4,000 voucher. The assessment form must be received by the City prior to the deadline. No vouchers will be issued for assessments received after 12:01 am February 3, 2011.
2. Ensure that your modifications are permitted and approved by the City (Authorized Work Letter) before construction.
3. Contract for the services or products that are agreed upon and pay the vendor or service provider.
4. Have your work inspected by the City.
5. Submit receipts, proof of payment, inspection approval and the completed voucher form to the City to receive your matching reimbursement. (For example: If you spent \$2,500, the City would reimburse you \$1,250, or if you spent \$12,000 the City would reimburse you \$6,000 – assuming you submitted your assessment form before August 3, 2010.)
6. The conditions of this incentive program are available on the City web site or by reviewing [Resolution 1321](#).

## Permits

Before conducting any construction activities on your site associated with stormwater infiltration modifications, you must apply for appropriate permits from the City. It's important that any modifications you make are constructed according to relevant engineering and safety codes, as well as ensuring that changes to your stormwater system are safe and will not impact your property or neighboring properties adversely. A Clearing and Grading permit will be required for most projects that involve "breaking ground".

In order to help reduce the financial burden on owners and create an additional incentive to build groundwater protection projects, the City will **eliminate permit review fees** for existing stormwater infiltration system modification, replacement and decommissioning projects associated with existing stormwater infiltration systems.