

Town of North Hempstead
Native Plant Residential Rebate Pilot Program 2021
Terms and Conditions

Please carefully read the following Terms and Conditions that are required for application and reimbursement for this program.

- Only Town of North Hempstead residents are eligible for this rebate program and proof of residency is required. The applicant's name and address must be listed on the proof of residency. Proof of Town of North Hempstead residency documents include driver's license, utility bill, and telephone bill. Other documents may be accepted. Please contact sustain@northhempsteadny.gov with any questions.
- Applicants can apply for a maximum of \$500 for the purchase of native plants (see 'Native Plant List' for eligible plants) that are used to replace turf/ lawn grass or an existing garden space and create a native plant garden or rain garden in a residential home landscape. Taxes and delivery fees are not reimbursable. Other supplies used to create the garden are also not reimbursable.
- Applicants may apply for less than \$500 if they do not need the full amount for their proposed project.
- Project Requirements
 - The planted area must be a minimum of 50 square feet.
 - Only native plants on the provided 'Native Plant List' will be reimbursable. Cultivars of these plants are acceptable. See 'Native Plant List' for more information on cultivars.
 - Planting at least 2 blooming species each season (spring, summer, and fall) is highly encouraged to make sure there is a food source for pollinators throughout their lifecycles.
 - Planting at least once species of milkweed is highly encouraged as this is the host plant for the declining monarch butterfly and monarch conservation is an important goal for the Town who has taken the Mayors' Monarch Pledge with National Wildlife Federation.
 - Non-herbicide methods of site preparation and management are preferred. The provided 'Preparing, Designing and Maintaining Your Native Plant Garden' document will help with this.
 - A spring or fall planting is favorable so that excessive water does not need to be used for irrigation in the heat of the summer.
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with proposals that meet the requirements being funded on first-come first-served basis until funding is exhausted. **Do not make any purchases for the project until you receive a notification from the Town of North Hempstead that your project has been approved.**
- Only one (1) rebate per household.
- The Town of North Hempstead is not responsible for any problems associated with the purchased plants.
- The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their project meets all code requirements.
- Once a project is complete, rebate distribution will be dependent upon approval of receipts for appropriate plants only as well as supporting documentation (see below). Please note that the applicant will only be reimbursed for purchases made. Therefore, if an applicant spends less than their proposed budget (on application), they will only be reimbursed for what was purchased, not the entire budget amount. Also, if an applicant spends more than their proposed budget, they will only be reimbursed for the proposed budget amount.

- For reimbursement residents must submit:
 - Receipts for all purchases (taxes and delivery fees will not be reimbursable). Receipts must be dated in the year 2021 and include the vendor name, plant varieties and quantities purchased, and purchase price.
 - Project pictures of before and after completion
 - Final project layout and plant list- including any changes to plants chosen initially on application
- Documentation of a completed project (including the aforementioned documents) must be received by **November 15, 2021** to receive reimbursement, however it can be sent any time before this date, if the project is completed.
 - Completed documentation should be sent to:

Email (preferred):

Sustain@northhempsteadny.gov

Mail:

Town of North Hempstead
Department of Planning and Environmental Protection
210 Plandome Road
Manhasset, NY 11030
Attn: Meagan Fastuca

- Rebate checks will be issued by mail to the Name and Address on the application form. Checks will be issued by the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- One check will be issued per individual and property address.
- Please allow 2-4 weeks for reimbursement check to arrive.