

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2019-R-08

Introduced by: CM David Lingua

Date Introduced: October 7, 2019

Date Adopted: October 7, 2019

Date Effective: October 7, 2019

RESOLUTION REGARDING GO GREEN GRANT PROGRAM

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: The Mayor and Council of the Town of Riverdale Park desire to partner with residents on various sustainable and green projects to enhance residential properties and to promote sustainable and green practices throughout the neighborhoods in Riverdale Park. To aid in bringing this objective to fruition, the Mayor and Council desire to create a financial incentive for owners of single family owner-occupied dwellings in the Town of Riverdale Park to install or expand rain gardens, rain barrels, and other storm water management projects that demonstrate a significant reduction in storm water run-off; and to install or expand solar power systems. To accomplish this objective, the Town Manager has recommended that the Mayor and Council adopt a matching grant program known as the Community Development Go Green Grant Program, subject to appropriation and availability of funds in the Town's annual budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK that the Council hereby approves the establishment of the "Community Development Go Green Grant Program – October 7, 2019" described on and in accordance with Exhibit A attached to this Resolution.


AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK that this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its adoption or on October 7, 2019, whichever occurs last.

ATTEST:

**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RIVERDALE PARK**



Jessica Barnes, Town Clerk



Alan K. Thompson, Mayor



Community Development Go Green Grant Program – October 7, 2019

Come Grow with Us!

Description: This matching grant program aids Town residents seeking to install or expand rain gardens, rain barrels, and other storm water management projects that demonstrate a significant reduction in storm water run-off; and to install or expand solar power systems. The purpose of this program is to partner with residents in small and impactful residential projects that promote sustainable and green practices throughout the neighborhoods in Riverdale Park.

- **Eligible Applicants:** Any owner-occupied single-family residential property in the Town of Riverdale Park for which all property taxes and other financial obligations to the Town are paid, and for which no zoning or code violations exist.
- **Geographic Boundary:** Any County-Designated Single-Family Residential Zone.
- **Maximum Award:** Grant not-to-exceed \$500 per property per year.
- **Open Application Period:** Applications are accepted on a continual basis. Applications received are reviewed the first week of the following month.
- **Required Match:** Awardees must demonstrate the applicant's dollar-for-dollar match (1:1).
- **Use Restriction:** Ineligible uses include any work performed that does not meet the Town's goals for improving sustainability and green practices.
- **Limitation:** This incentive program does **not** waive any permit or development related fees imposed by the State, County, or Town.
- **Application:** Application forms will be available upon approval and implementation of this program.

This program is subject to funding availability and the Town reserves the right to amend, modify or cancel this program at any time with or without notice.

Program Administration:

Funding:

- Subject to fund availability, up to twelve (12) grants not to exceed five-hundred dollars (\$500) each may be made in FY2020 from the Community Development Fund.

Process:

- The program will be promoted through the Town's established outreach programs.
- Applications will be reviewed and approved for funding by a staff team under the direction of the Town Manager.