

How Does the Program Work?

The general procedure for this program is:

1. The property owner determines the project design and pays for the cost of the design.
2. The property owner submits a program application and allows the City access onto their property for project reviews.
3. The property owner must identify general drainage easements for the improvement area. This means that the land is reserved for drainage purposes; it does NOT give the land or any rights to the City.
4. The City reviews the design for compliance with the program and determines which project will be funded.
5. The City notifies the applicants if they are accepted in the program.
6. The property owner hires the contractor and pays for all of the costs of the improvements.
7. During construction, the property owner submits weekly status reports to the City (only one status report per project is required).
8. The property owner submits a request for a final project review.
9. The City performs a final review and determines if the project meets the Rock Island Drainage Assistance Program requirements.
10. The property owner submits the application for reimbursement.
11. Once the project meets the requirements, the City processes the application for reimbursement.

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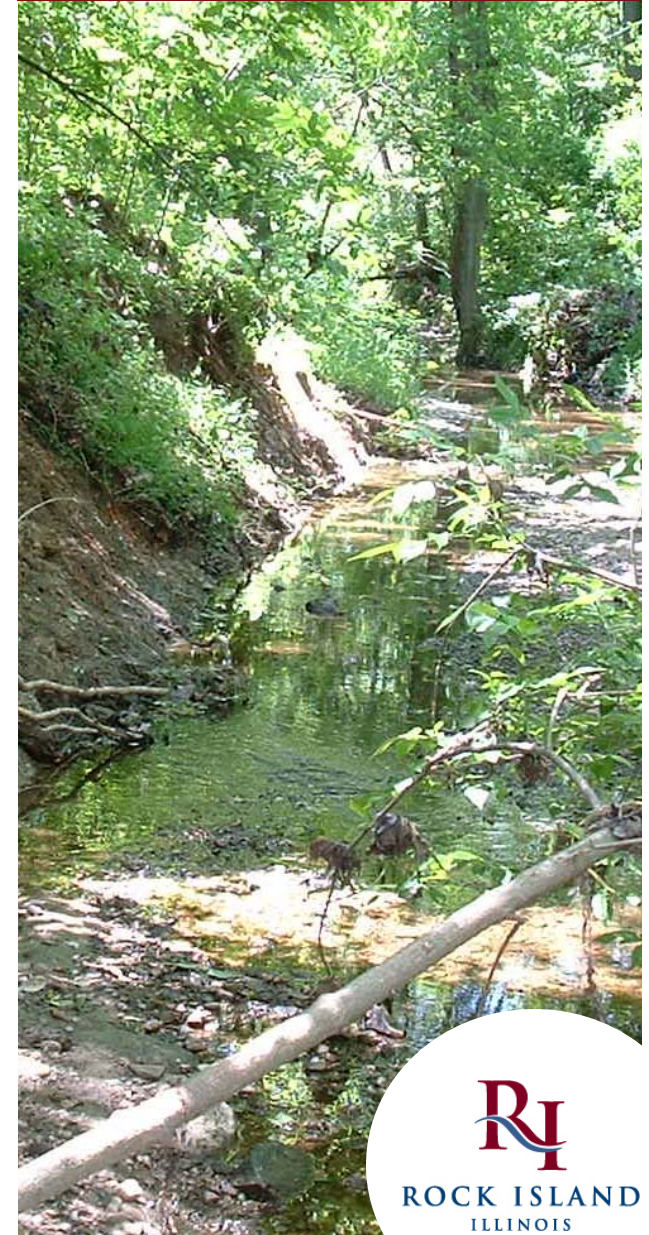
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Rock Island Drainage Assistance Program

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The Rock Island Drainage Assistance Program (RIDAP) was created to build a partnership between the City and private property owners who have damage on their property caused by stormwater from more than just their property. An ideal project would involve a neighborhood solution to the stormwater problem; for example, a stream bank stabilization project through a neighborhood.



Eligibility Requirements

1. Damage to the property must come from stormwater from other properties (neighbors, roads, etc.).
2. Projects must resolve drainage problems.
3. Applications were completed and received by the City by the deadlines.
4. Designs are acceptable to the City.
5. No work is done until the city has accepted the project into the program.
6. The work is completed prior to the deadline.
7. Property owner must contribute 25% of the project cost.

Ineligible Projects

(These types of projects are not eligible for the RIDAP)

1. Flood clean up or prevention.
2. Work that must be completed as the result of an ordinance violation.
3. Work that is required to meet an ordinance requirement.
4. Projects that would be in violation of an ordinance requirement.
5. Projects that receive other City of Rock Island funding (i.e. Rain Garden Program).

Project Selection

Projects will be selected by determining if they meet the eligibility requirements. Eligible neighborhood projects will be placed on the neighborhood list. Eligible projects for one property owner will be placed on the individual list. Each list is sorted by lowest cost to highest cost (based on City participation). Neighborhood projects are funded first starting with the lowest cost neighborhood project and working down the list until all neighborhood projects have been funded. If there is funding available, the individual list will be funded starting at the least cost project and working down the list to the most expensive project.

Project Payment

The first 25% of the project cost must be paid by the property owner. This program is a partnership and therefore requires the property owner to participate financially. Additional grants and other funding sources must be investigated. If a contractor performs the work, the RIDAP will contribute up to 75% of the project cost not to exceed \$3,000 per property. If a property owner performs the work themselves, RIDAP will reimburse 75% of the material costs only, not to exceed \$3,000 per property.

Property owners are required to investigate additional funding sources. One of the sources may be the U.S. Department of Agriculture Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program administered through the Rock Island County Soil and Water Conservation District (309-764-1486). Funding and/or grants from other sources will improve the chance of being funded through the Rock Island Drainage Assistance Program because it reduces the City's cost of participation.



City of Rock Island's Role

The City of Rock Island will act as the grant administrator. The City will accept the program applications, determine eligibility, review designs and notify property owners of acceptance into the program. The City will review the work during construction and will complete a final project review. Once the project passes the review and has met all of the program requirements, the City will process the application for reimbursement.

Property Owner's Role

The property owner is responsible for the design of the improvements, to obtain bids for the work, complete and submit the program application, provide the City access to the project, hire the contractor, complete the improvements, pay the contractor, grant a general drainage easement for the project area, submit weekly status reports, request a final project review and submit the application for reimbursement.

Deadlines

Program applications will be taken from April 1st through April 15th. The City will notify the property owners if they were accepted into the Rock Island Drainage Assistance Program by May 1st. Construction will need to be completed by September 1st or forfeit the Rock Island Drainage Assistance Program resources.

If additional Rock Island Drainage Assistance Program funds are available, applications will be taken from October 1st through October 15th. The City will notify the property owners if they were accepted into the Rock Island Drainage Assistance Program by November 1st. Construction will need to be completed by March 1st or forfeit the Rock Island Drainage Assistance Program resources.