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### **Residents Eligible for up to \$75 Reimbursement to Install a Rain Barrel**

PLEASANT HILL, Iowa – June 23, 2015 – A new rain barrel cost-share program will provide Pleasant Hill residents financial assistance to install a rain barrel, which is a stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP) designed to improved water quality and reduce stormwater runoff.

Projects promoting infiltration, the process by which water on the ground surface enters the soil include rain gardens, bioretention cells, pervious pavement, rain barrels, soil conditioning, and native planting buffers.

The City of Pleasant Hill has allocated \$5,000 to the rain barrel reimbursement program. Residents can be reimbursed up to 50 percent or \$75, whichever is the lesser value. All funding is provided directly from stormwater utility fees. Any customer who pays a stormwater utility fee is eligible for participating in the program.

“This program creates awareness and improves the City’s water quality and storm sewer performance,” said Madeline Sturms, Senior Planner. “Implementing small-scale projects is more cost-effective for residents and reduces the amount of stormwater runoff.”

Residents interested in installing a rain barrel on their property must fill out an application form and provide purchase receipts to the City. The project must be completed by May 31, 2016. Applications must be submitted to the Pleasant Hill City Hall, Community Development Department, Attn: Madeline Sturms, 5160 Maple Drive, Suite A, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327.

A site visit will be part of the approval process. A signed reimbursement application and all final receipts must be submitted by the property owner in order for the City to reimburse approved costs.

Residents can get an application and learn more about the program by visiting [pleasanthilliowa.org/stormwater](http://pleasanthilliowa.org/stormwater) or contact the City of Pleasant Hill at 515-309-9464 or [msturms@pleasanthilliowa.org](mailto:msturms@pleasanthilliowa.org).

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