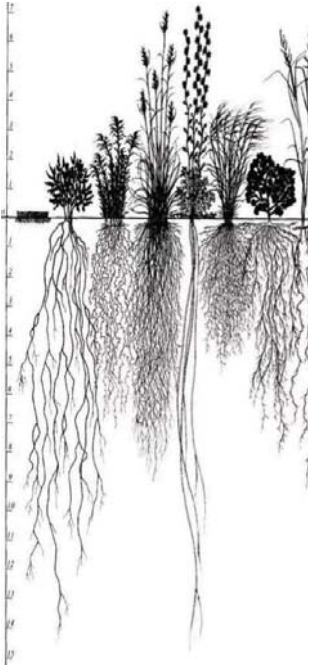


BAYSCAPING



BayScaping is a landscaping practice which replaces grass with plants native to the Chesapeake Bay region. Native plants have deeper root systems that absorb more stormwater, reduce erosion, increase infiltration, and are more drought resistant. BayScaping also provides beneficial habitat for pollinators like butterflies and honey bees.

BayScaping is a low-cost alternative to traditional landscaping. They are customized to meet individual site characteristics, factoring in topography, soils, drainage patterns, and sun exposure.

Existing beds that have plant material cannot be recommended for BayScaping.



The co-payment is \$100 for 120 sq. ft. of BayScaping. Each property is eligible for two \$1,200 grants towards two landscaping projects (rain gardens and/or BayScaping), pending audit recommendation.

Maintaining Your BayScaping

BayScaping requires watering, weeding, and mulching seasonally, especially during the first two years. Homeowners are responsible for replacing dead or dying plants.

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Next Steps

If you are interested in BayScaping, please do the following:

1. Become eligible for BayScaping through a RiverSmart Homes audit
2. If you are eligible, let your auditor know you want BayScaping installed
3. Make your copayment and have your BayScaping installed
4. Maintain your BayScaping



Create Your Own BayScape

Rebates are not available for BayScaping projects; however, installing BayScaping on your own is easy. Check out these resources to DIY your own BayScaping project:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Native Plant Guide for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed: <http://www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/chesapeake>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Chesapeake Bay Office How-to Instructions for BayScaping: <http://www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay/BayScapes/bshowto/bs-howbasics.html>
- DOEE's Backyard Habitat Education for Residents: <http://doee.dc.gov/service/backyard-habitat-education-residents>