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MEMORANDUM

TO: David A. Hulseberg, Village Manager

THROUGH: Carl S. Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *CJ*

FROM: David P. Gorman, PE, Asst. Director of Public Works *DPG*

SUBJECT: Rain Barrel Grant Program

DATE: June 25, 2010

The Environmental Concerns Committee has voted to recommend that the Board of Trustees amend the attached policy memorandum #08-01 and budget allocation for the Rain Barrel Grant Program. The program currently reimburses homeowners for their purchase of up to two rain barrels from any vendor at \$80 each. The current budget allocation is \$5,000.

The Committee finds that the Rain Barrel Grant Program can now continue to be a sufficient incentive by offering \$40 for one barrel only. At the same time, the FY11 budget allocation of \$5,000 would be reduced by \$1,200 and that same amount would be used to initiate a Lawn Mower Grant Program, as described under separate cover. Thus, there will be no change in the overall approved budget for grants. The annual cost for the Rain Barrel Grant Program in subsequent fiscal years will be \$3,000, with the \$2,000 reduction being used for the Lawn Mower Grant Program.

Please place this item on the Board of Trustees agenda for August 19, 2010. The amendment would be effective on September 1, 2010. This will still allow time to alert vendors (by letter) and residents (by website and a press release) of the change. I can be reached at x-5765 if there are any questions.

DG:dg Rain Barrel Memo to BOT.doc

attachment: proposed BOT Policy Memo #08-01

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
VILLAGE BOARD POLICY MEMORANDUM

Subject: **Rain Barrel Grant Program**

Number: 08-02
Date: June 19, 2008
Revised: August 19, 2010

I. Purpose

The purpose of the Rain Barrel Grant Program is to retain runoff from residential rooftops in order to improve local drainage and to treat rainfall as a resource instead of a liability.

II. Procedures/Guidelines

- A. All owners of single family residences in the Village of Lombard are eligible for 100% reimbursement for one rain barrel at a cost not to exceed \$40. The rain barrel must be completely closed or screened to prevent mosquito breeding.
- B. Grant applications shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works along with a copy of the store receipt and a photo of the installed barrel. Public Works shall evaluate the grant application and shall verify correct installation of the barrel prior to approving the grant.
- C. Upon successful completion of the work and final inspection, the Village will reimburse the applicant per the Village's standard check mailing procedure.
- D. Reimbursement is on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the annual budget approved by the Village Board of Trustees in the Capital Improvement Program.
- E. The barrel shall be owned and maintained by the property owner, not the Village of Lombard.
- F. The effective date of this policy is September 1, 2010 (originally dated July 1, 2008).

III. Legislation/Documentation

Minutes of June 4, 2008 Environmental Concerns Committee meeting.
Minutes of the June 19, 2008 Board of Trustees meeting.
Minutes of the June 22, 2010 Environmental Concerns Committee meeting.
Minutes of the August 19, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting.

APPLICATION FORM

Part 1 -- GRANT REQUEST

Name: _____ Phone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Address: _____ Lombard, IL 60148

I certify, under penalty of law for misrepresentation, that the attached receipt and photo(s) are for the rain barrel installed at my property. (The Village may require an inspection prior to grant approval.)

Signature of Applicant

____/____/____
Date

Direct questions and return applications to the Public Works Department either by mail at 255 E. Wilson Avenue, Lombard, IL 60148, by fax at 630-620-5982 or by email at publicworks@villageoflombard.org.

Part 2 -- GRANT APPROVAL

Approved for reimbursement in the amount of \$ _____ for one rain barrel installed in accordance with Board of Trustees Policy Memorandum 08-01.

Signature of Public Works Official

Print Name

____/____/____
Date