

ECOLOGICAL CONSULTATION COST SHARE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

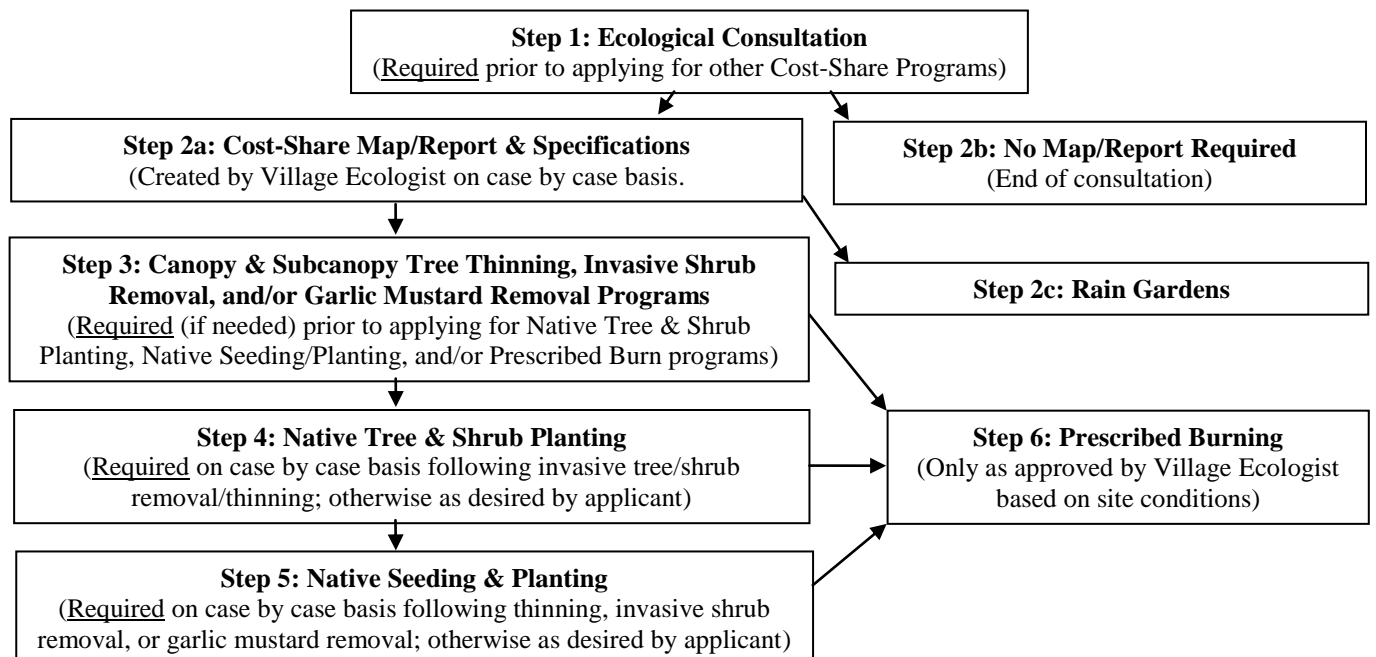
Thank you for your interest in the Village’s Ecological Consultation Cost Share Program. The Program requirements are authorized by "An Ordinance Providing for Ecological Cost-Share Programs in the Village of Riverwoods" and are subject to such ordinance, as from time to time amended. The Village Board determines the amount of cost-share funds available each year for the programs, and the funds are available to applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. An Ecological Consultation can be requested by applicants for two general purposes. The first purpose would be a land owner who would like to know more about their woodland/ landscape and how to manage it using a variety of ecologically-based Village Cost-Share Programs. The second purpose would be a land owner (not potential lot/home buyer) planning to develop or redevelop a lot that would like more information about possible Village Ordinance restrictions such as tree removal and woodland preservation or other environmental limitations on a development site.

An Ecological Consultation is required and is the first step prior to applying for the Village Cost-Share Programs 1-7 below. The intent of the Ecological Consultation Program is to provide applicants with the opportunity to spend an hour with the Village Ecologist on their property. The Village Ecologist will determine which Cost-Share Programs the applicant is eligible for and will create a Cost-Share Program Eligibility Map/Report that includes a recent aerial photo of the lot with general delineations of area(s) that were discussed during the Ecological Consultation that are eligible for Cost-Share Programs. Owner/ Contractor implementation specifications will also be provided in the report for all Cost-Share Programs that apply.

Ecological Cost Share Programs available to Village applicants include:

- 1) Canopy & Subcanopy Tree Thinning
- 2) Invasive Shrub (buckthorn, honeysuckle, burning bush, Japanese barberry) Removal
- 3) Garlic Mustard Removal
- 4) Native Tree & Shrub Planting (any residential lot or woodland)
- 5) Native Seeding & Planting (woodland understory & prairie)
- 6) Prescribed Burning
- 7) Rain Gardens

The Village Ecologist will use this chart to determine which Cost-Share Programs are eligible to the applicant:



Application and Cost-Share Basis:

1. Ecological Consultations can be conducted year round but are best done from April through November. Call the Village Hall at 847-945-3990 and inform Village staff that you would like to schedule an Ecological Consultation with the Village Ecologist. The Village Ecologist will then contact you to schedule the consultation.
2. The Ecological Consultation Program is a 50/50 cost-share program. The cost to the resident is \$75; the Village cost is \$75. Payment must be made at Village Hall before the Village Ecologist will call to schedule a site visit with you.
3. Before you receive reimbursement for implementing any of the Cost-Share Programs, you must pay all contractors and provide the Village with copies of all paid invoices and the Village Ecologist must review and approve all completed work. Once the Village has received copies of the paid invoices and the completed work has been reviewed and approved by the Village Ecologist, the reimbursement check is forwarded to the Village Board for approval with other payables. Payables are reviewed by the Village Board at the last meeting of every month. Reimbursement can be expected in one to three months following the approval of work.



Ecological Consultation Cost-Share Program Request Form

Owner's Name:	Owner's Telephone:	For Village Use	Cost: \$150	Date
Owner's Address:		Comments:		
Owner's e-mail:				

Primary Reasons for Requesting an Ecological Consultation

What would you like to know more about related to your woodland/landscape and how to manage it?

Payment and Village Cost-Share

1) Total amount of Ecological Consultation plus Map/Specifications	\$150
2) Total amount covered by Village (50% or \$75)	\$75
3) Total amount owed by Owner (50% or \$75)	\$75

Applicant Signature and Village Approval

Applicant Signature:	For Village Use	Approved by Village after Payment Received:	
	Signature:		Date:
Applicant Printed Name:	Printed Name:		