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Subject: Maple Grove Water Efficiency Rebate Program

The City of Maple Grove has been approved by Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) for participation in the 2022-2024 Water Efficiency Rebate Program. This will be the first time we have participated in this program. A copy of our application and the award letter from MCES is attached. MCES and the Clean Water Fund provides grant funding for establishing a water demand reduction program to implement measures to reduce water demand to ensure the reliability and protection of drinking water supplies. Maple Grove will receive a grant in the amount of \$45,000. The Agreement requires a 20% (\$11,250) match by the City for a total budget of \$56,250 for the 2-year rebate program.

This funding will be used to establish a local rebate program to incentivize residents and business owners of Maple Grove to reduce water demand for irrigation purposes. Residents and business owners will be able to apply for a rebate on purchases of approved replacement irrigation water system controllers and sprinkler heads.

To meet eligibility requirements, all replacement equipment and devices must be listed on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) website and must include a WaterSense Label, shown below. The EPA website lists pre-approved controllers and sprinklers that have been shown to reduce water demand.



The rebate program will begin July 1, 2022 and extend through June 30, 2024. The design and scope of our rebate program is fairly flexible but must meet the following MCES requirements:

- New construction and new developments are ineligible
- Replacement equipment and devices only
- Funds are for rebates only; city staff time is ineligible
- Replacement devices, equipment and services must be listed on the EPA website and have the required WaterSense label
- MCES and Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment logos, shown below, must be included on all websites or documents intended for public use



The City of Maple Grove Water Efficiency Rebate Program is as follows:

- Rebates will be for 75% of cost up to a maximum amount of \$250 per valid utility account number. The combination of qualified equipment and devices, ie., controller and spray sprinkler bodies, is allowed but must be made at the same time under the same application
- Rebates to appear as credit on future utility bill
- Property must be located in Maple Grove and served by our public water system
- Applicant must provide valid utility account number
- Rebates to be limited to eligible irrigation system controllers and spray sprinkler bodies
- Recent purchase of eligible device replacement and installation no earlier than March 1, 2021
- Applications shall be available on-line on the City of Maple Grove website. Applicants will be required to upload supporting documentation including itemized invoice or receipt, not online confirmation, including make and model (required to determine eligibility), proof of purchase (receipt(s)), photo of required Water Sense label and photo documentation of installed device(s).
- Rebates will be first come, first-serve and be limited to one per utility account. The City reserves the right to discontinue the rebate program, at any time, without notice, if funding is depleted.
- The City is not responsible for product performance or water savings, and no warranty or guarantee is provided by the City
- Delinquent water/sewer utility accounts are ineligible

An on-line application process will be added to the City's website. Public outreach will occur through the City's website, utility billing inserts, and social media.