

To maximize value per dollar and allow flexibility for grantees to select preferred materials, a maximum allowable cost has been set for some materials. The cost share review committee may determine maximum allowable costs for other items in project estimate based on average retail cost. The maximum allowable cost policy applies to the following Standard Cost Share projects:

- Shoreline Restoration
- Waterbody Buffer Restoration
- Stormwater Management Structure (BMP)

For **Habitat Restoration** projects, RPBCWD uses a flat \$1.50 per square foot as the maximum allowable project cost instead of a per-item maximum allowable cost.



RPBCWD reserves the right to set a maximum allowable cost for additional materials.

MATERIAL	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COST
Non-woody native plant (wildflower, grass, sedge, rush, etc.)	Up to \$8 per individual live plant or small seed packet. No set maximum for bulk seed.
Native shrub	Up to \$20 per live shrub
Native tree	Up to \$500 per live tree
Landscape edging	Up to \$2 per linear foot
Bulk natural wood mulch*	Up to \$20 per cubic yard
Bulk natural wood with delivery*	Up to \$30 per cubic yard
Bagged natural wood mulch*	Up to \$3 per cubic foot (example: maximum allowable costs for a 2 cubic foot bag is \$6)
* Only natural non-dyed mulch is eligible for reimbursement through the Stewardship Program.	

MANAGE PROJECT COSTS

When planning your project, manage costs by

- Choosing young plants in small pots (e.g. plugs). They cost less and tend to be healthier with less chance of root or disease issues.
- For erosion control and soil moisture conservation, consider weed-free straw mulch instead of more expensive wood mulch.
- Review the project scoring sheet to see how to get the highest cost share percent.



RESOURCES

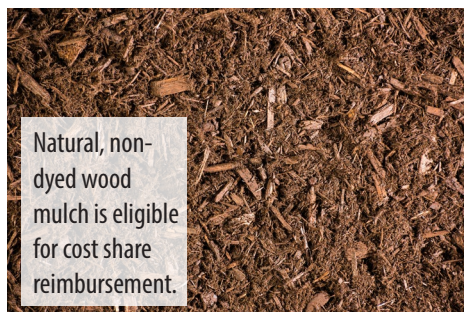


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- Native plant recommendations and resources
- Project planning tools such as online property maps
- Information about grant funds from others
- Contact information for program coordinator



Native plant plugs are more cost effective than larger pots.



Natural, non-dyed wood mulch is eligible for cost share reimbursement.



Weed-free straw is an economical choice for mulching.