



**FARIBAULT COUNTY  
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT &  
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To: Stormwater Grant Cost-Share Participants  
From: Hadley Mensing  
RE: Inspections  
Date: August 12, 2020

You are receiving this letter because you have an active Operation and Maintenance contract for a stormwater practice that you received cost-share for from the Faribault County SWCD. Within that contract, you are under contract for a 10-year operation and maintenance agreement with SWCD. As part of that agreement, SWCD completes inspections throughout that time period.

Inspections have been completed either by drive-by or in-person meetings. If needed, with this letter is a copy of your inspection form, which includes an action plan to get your practice back into maintenance compliance. As a reminder, raingardens and permeable pavement/pavers are to be maintained throughout the year. **Suggested maintenance includes:**

**Raingarden**

- *Removing dead plant material*
- *Mulch – keeping a 3" mulch layer will help with weed control & retain moisture*
- *Cutting down grasses*
- *Weeding*
- *Check Inlet & Outlet Area – make sure it is free of debris so water can flow properly*

**Permeable Pavement / Pavers**

- *Sweep / Vacuum – remove debris*
- *Remove plant growth – if left unaddressed, weeds can shift pavers apart*
- *Inspect for cracks, open joints, or sediment accumulation*

If you have questions on the inspection process or how to properly maintain your practice, please feel free to call me at the office (507) - 526 - 2388 or via email at [Hadley.mensing@co.faribault.mn.us](mailto:Hadley.mensing@co.faribault.mn.us)

Sincerely,

Hadley Mensing,  
Outreach Technician

Garden looks great & is thriving!

You can definitely tell you put  
a lot of work into it!

Keep up the great work!

~ Hadley