What is stormwater?
Stormwater runoff is the water that is generated when rain, snow melt, and surface drainage flows over land or impervious surfaces does not percolate into the ground. Impervious surfaces are defined as hard surfaces where water is unable to soak or infiltrate into the ground, such as streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and roof tops.

Where does stormwater go?
As stormwater runoff flows over land and impervious surfaces, it picks up sediment, contaminants, litter, nutrients, and other pollutants which then discharge into Thompson Creek and other streams untreated. Unmanaged stormwater could adversely affect these waterways by causing water pollution, stream bank erosion, and even flooding.

What can I do?
By capturing rain water where it lands, and infiltrating or slowing down the stormwater through Stormwater Treatment Facilities (STFs), the pollutants and sediment have a chance to settle out rather than create adverse affects in Thompson Creek or other streams. These facilities can help improve the water quality downstream in the Big Papio Creek and Missouri River.

City of La Vista’s Cost Share Program
The goal of this program is to encourage individual landowners and businesses to incorporate STFs on their property to aid in the improvement of water quality and reduce the volume of runoff. The program is intended to help cover the cost of materials (rain barrel and accessories). The City of La Vista will provide a 50% match on rain barrels, up to $60. Funding is available to applicants on a first come, first served basis and is subject to the approval of the Public Works Department. The maximum number of barrels per residence is four (4).

Residents of the City of La Vista and businesses within the City limits are eligible for this program. Due to limited funds, we reserve the right to limit rain barrels to one per residence until the initial applications are fulfilled.
**Program Applicant Conditions:**

1. The applicant shall be responsible for all project costs. The City of La Vista will provide reimbursement after the costs have been incurred and the rain barrel is installed. After submitting receipts, the City of La Vista will reimburse the applicant.
2. The project must be completed by September 2, 2016.
3. The City of La Vista will require access to your property for inspection of the completed project prior to reimbursement.
4. Implementation of an approved project is the sole responsibility of the property owner. The City of La Vista is not liable for personal injury or property damage resulting of said work.
5. Projects approved for funding carry no implied warranty by the City of La Vista.
6. The funded practice shall be maintained for a minimum period of three years. All maintenance costs are the responsibility of the property owner.

**Instructions:**

1. Fill out the application.
2. Include the proposed style of rain barrel on the application. The barrel does not need to be exactly one of these but needs to be of similar appearance.
3. Renters will need owner’s permission and the application is to be signed by the property owner.
4. Submit the completed application and all required documents to:
   
   **Attn:** Rain Barrel Program  
   City of La Vista  
   8116 Park View Blvd.  
   La Vista, NE 68124

5. Call for a final inspection after the barrel is installed
6. Submit receipts for approval and reimbursement.

**Contact Information:**

Public Works Department  
City of La Vista  
9900 Portal Rd.  
La Vista, NE 68128  
John Kottmann: (402) 331-8927; jkottmann@cityoflavista.org
City of La Vista
Rain Barrel
2016 Reimbursement Program

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Proposed Style (see next page) ________________

Reimbursement Amount Requested (50% of materials; up to $60) _______________

The City of La Vista requires access to your property for evaluation of this application and inspection of the completed project.

☒ I understand the City of La Vista will have access to my property for an inspection.

By signing this application, the applicant agrees that all information provided in this application and the accompanying documents is accurate. The applicant also agrees to the conditions of this program, including maintenance of the above-referenced Stormwater Treatment Facilities for a period of three (3) years.

Applicant/Property Owner Signature     Date

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City of La Vista Approval

☒ Staff approval

Reviewed by:

__________________________          _________________
Signature                    Date

This section is for city use only.

Amount requested _______________
Amount approved _______________
The styles of rain barrels come in a variety of different colors and from various local stores and online vendors. Examples of styles eligible for reimbursement are shown on this page (or something similar). Feel free to call if you have questions about the style options. 402-331-8927