

**Application:  
Part One**

# Part One: Project Start Approval

- **Go to [Socalwatersmart.com](https://www.socalwatersmart.com) -> Rebates -> Turf replacement**
- **Set up account with valid email address/password**
- **Apply for and reserves rebate funds**
  - Reservation approval required before starting work
- **Pre-installation photos**
  - At least 5 color photos of the areas where you plan to remove turf
  - Photos must include location markers such as buildings, street signs, street area
- **A simple landscape plan**
  - Must include type and location of stormwater features
- **A photo or scanned copy of customer's recent water bill**
- **Do not begin work until you receive an email approving the start of the project**
  - Pre-approval takes approximately two weeks

The screenshot shows a web form titled "STEP 1 OF 2 Your Commercial Turf Replacement Information". The form is divided into two main sections: "APPLICANT INFORMATION" and "CUSTOMER MAILING ADDRESS".

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

- Account Holder (Property Owner) First Name \*
- Account Holder (Property Owner) Last Name \*
- Contact Person (if different)
- Daytime Phone Number \*
- Email \* (highlighted in green, with the example "kreger@mwdh2o.com")
- Additional Email

**CUSTOMER MAILING ADDRESS:**

- Mailing Address \*
- Note: Entering your zip code will automatically populate the city, state.
- Zip \*
- City \*
- State \*
- Did you watch the training videos? \*  
 Yes  No

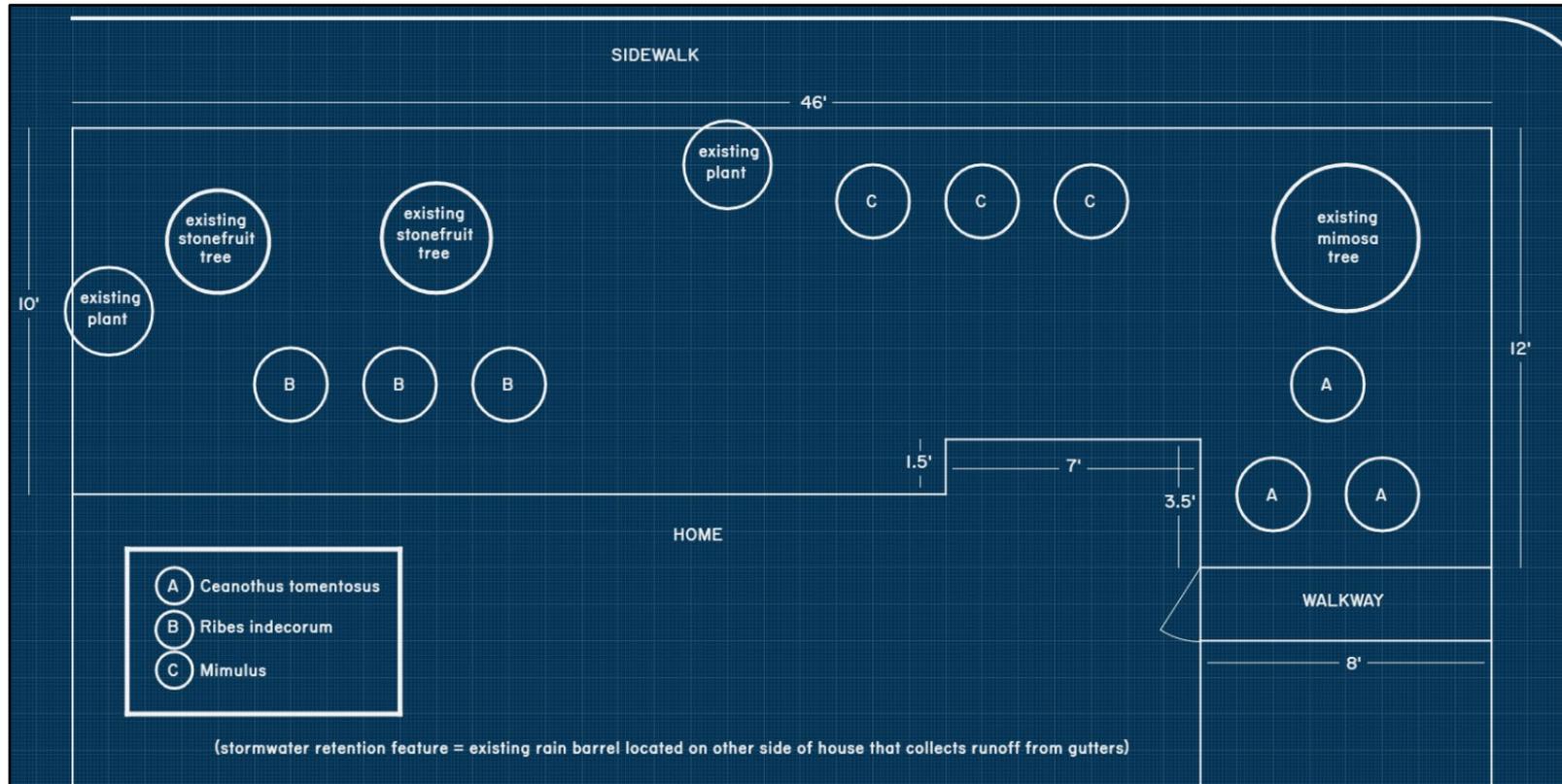
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- Once approved, you have 180 days to complete project and request rebate
- More details <https://socialwatersmart.com/en/residential/rebates/available-rebates/turf-replacement-program/how-do-i-apply/>

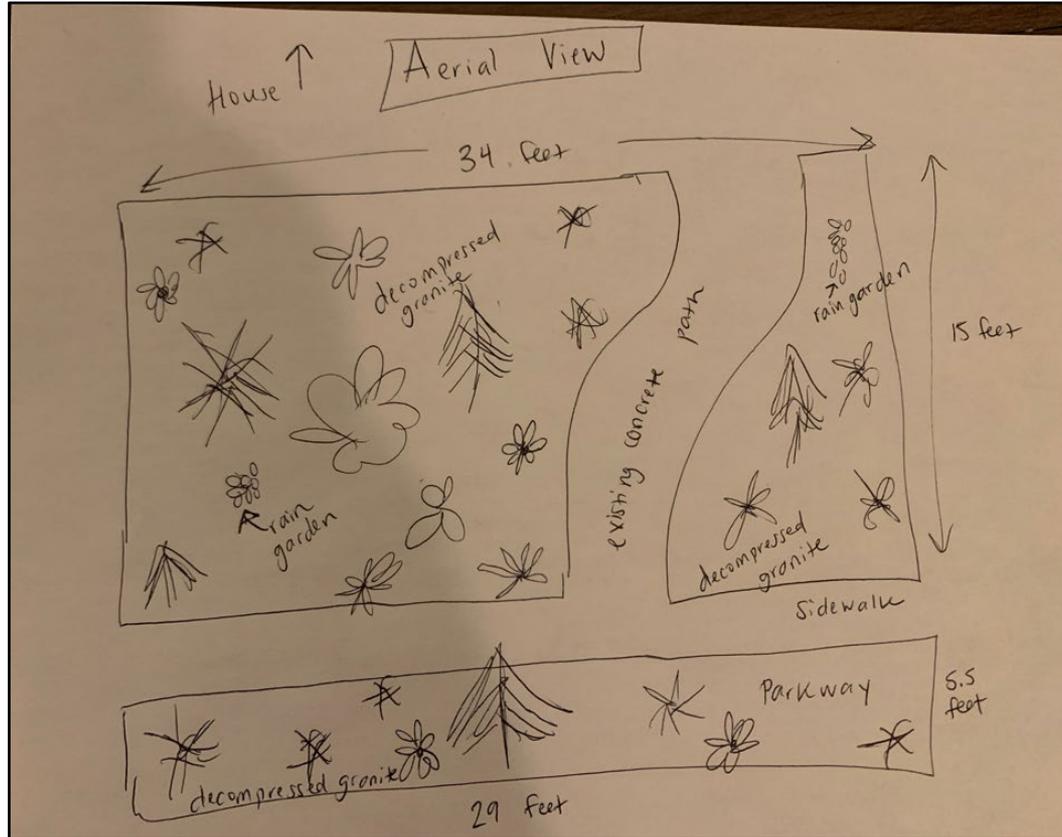
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Additional Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

# Landscape Plan Example



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# Plant Count

- **3 plants per 100 sq. ft. minimum**
- **Plants can be anywhere within the project area**
- **Plants cannot be added to planter areas or areas that were not previously turf**
- **Example:**
  - 1,000 square-foot project would need 30 plants
- **How to calculate:**
  - Project square footage divided by 100 then multiplied by 3



# Acceptable Stormwater Retention Features

## Rain Garden

- Depression filled with loose, permeable soil mix
- Runoff is absorbed and seeps into soil

## Rock Garden

- Shallow depression filled with 1–3-inch diameter gravel
- Water collects in spaces between stones and seeps through

## Vegetated Swales

- Shallow gently sloping ditch to slow runoff
- Minimum 2% slope required



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## Dry Riverbeds (Rock-lined Swale)

- Shallow swale lined with large stones to slow heavy water flow from serious downpours

## Berms

- Mounds of soil located between areas of the same elevation
- Keeps water from flowing off property

## Rain Barrels/Cisterns

- Storage tanks to capture runoff from downspouts
- Must be connected properly to existing gutters around the full perimeter of roof



# Permeable Hardscape

**Only permeable hardscapes are eligible:**  
permeable pavers, stepping stones, or  
decomposed granite paths

Wooden or concrete patios, decks, or non-  
permeable hardscapes will not be  
approved



# Mulch

## Acceptable forms of mulch:

- Decomposed granite, sand, straw, sawdust, rocks, and wood chips

**Mulch must be organic and biodegrade naturally** – color and rubber mulch will be rejected

Plants need to be surrounded by a **3-inch-deep ring of mulch**

