COST-SHARE MAINTENANCE

Participation Agreement

The Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) has granted the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (Alliance) funding to assist RiverSmart Homes Program property owners with the maintenance of approved stormwater practice.

_____ at _____
(Name of Property Owner)   *(Address of Property Owner)*

has voluntarily agreed to:

1. Participate in this program, including hands-on participation in the maintenance tasks alongside the contractor during the scheduled maintenance service;
2. Maintain the installed stormwater practice for its life cycle, including adequate watering of any installed plants, weeding, and regular cleaning of filters (if rain barrel overflow is directed into garden);
3. Allow an Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay or other representative to conduct a site visit in order to quality check the maintenance of the project; and
4. Provide before and after photos of the project site to be used at the discretion of the Alliance (please reference the stormwater practice Inspection Photo Guide procedures).
5. Complete a follow up survey regarding experience with the Cost-Share Maintenance Program.

Financial Obligation of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay:
- Provide a 50% cost-share match of maintenance service costs (not to exceed $750 per property), pending approval of application, successful completion of maintenance service, and availability of funds.

Financial Obligation of the Property Owner:
- Cover 50% of the project cost and any balance over the maximum cost-share amount
- Pay the property owner portion of the maintenance cost directly to the contractor

Indemnification
The Property Owner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and all of its officers, agents and servants against any and all claims of liability or lawsuits arising from or based on, or as a consequence of or result of, any act, omission or default of Alliance employees or its subcontractors, in the performance of activities through the Cost-Share Maintenance Program.

PROPERTY OWNER:

ACCEPTED BY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____