

Be RainWise rebates for rain gardens & cisterns

Big Roof Case Study



Seattle
Public
Utilities



King County

Metropolitan Management

Barton Court at 9021 35th Ave SW & Bostonian Apartments at 1000 E Boston



Barton Court Apartments in West Seattle.



Bostonian Apartments in Capitol Hill.

Contractor:
Homegrown
Organics

BARTON COURT



Three
cisterns



2,001 ft² of
roof captured



\$5,622.66
rebated



Completed
in 2016

BOSTONIAN APARTMENTS



Two
cisterns



3,268 ft² of
roof captured



\$8,137.32
rebated



Completed
in 2017

Project Summary

Metropolitan Management Co. manages 45 properties in Seattle and even more outside the city. Two of their properties, Barton Court, located in the Barton neighborhood of West Seattle, and Bostonian Apartments in Capitol Hill, became RainWise in recent years. The project

- manages rainwater runoff from almost 5,300 combined square feet of flat roof area,
- provides detention and infiltration of the existing roof area,
- protects Puget Sound from combined sewer system overflows, and
- serves as an example to other property management companies to become RainWise.

Project completion was in 2016 and 2017, with a combined rebate total of \$13,759.98 covered by the RainWise rebate program.

For more information, please visit: rainwise.seattle.gov

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Project Specifications



Barton Court One 205-gallon cistern receiving 600 square feet of roof area, one 205-gallon cistern receiving 660 square feet of roof area and one 265-gallon cistern receiving 741 square feet of roof area. All cisterns overflow to side sewer.



Bostonian Apartments Two hidden 530-gallon cisterns receiving a total of 3,268 square feet of roof area.

Customer Relationship Building

In July 2015, RainWise reached out Blake Sommerville of Metropolitan Management. Blake expressed great interest in the RainWise program, with four of the properties that he manages being RainWise eligible. The RainWise outreach team sent out a request for contractors and John Coghlan from HomeGrown Organics saw the opportunity and provided a consultation and site design for Barton Court Apartments. The collaboration forged a relationship between Blake and the RainWise team.

“This project shows the impact of large roofs, as one roof like this has easily as much impact as five or six households participating in RainWise. Blake went all in, anywhere we could realistically install a RainWise job at a property that qualified, we would make it happen. Met Management wants to make a statement that they care about these environmental issues.”

Homegrown Organics

With that in mind, Blake decided to have the rest of his eligible buildings become RainWise and entrusted the same contractor, John, to take on those projects. This included Bostonian Apartments, Laura May and Maxwell Apartments. Blake also volunteered to connect us with other Metropolitan Management eligible properties even though he is not the manager.

RainWise now has a happy customer who is willing to help promote the program and represent a success story to our future customers. The RainWise program is dedicated to building positive customer relationships to maintain the image of RainWise. Our outreach team strives to help RainWise customers get the most out of the rebate so that they can focus on being part of this positive environmental solution.

About RainWise

RainWise is a joint program between Seattle Public Utilities and King County Wastewater Treatment Division that provides rebates for rain gardens and cisterns to private property owners in eligible areas. Rain gardens and cisterns help control stormwater, reducing sewer overflows and the erosion of hillsides and stream banks. We'll help you determine if your property qualifies.

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