

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Rich Kelly, Engineering Services Director Wayne Miles, Assistant Engineering Services Director/Stormwater
From	Barbara Moranta, Stormwater Engineering Manager
Department	Engineering Services
Date	July 1, 2025
Subject	Raleigh Rainwater Rewards – New Project Approval – 1924 Capital Boulevard

Raleigh City Council adopted a revised Stormwater Quality Cost Share Policy in March 2018 for the Raleigh Rainwater Rewards program. This program provides funding assistance to organizations and community members that are interested in improving water quality in Raleigh. City cost share covers stormwater features that treat stormwater runoff beyond what is required by environmental regulations. Further, to qualify for a project, a property must be within City limits and the owner must be current on their stormwater utility fee payments. The policy requires City Council approval for projects where the City would contribute \$30,000 or more.

Stormwater staff evaluates potential projects by visiting project sites and reviewing information submitted by the applicants and potential contractors. Stormwater staff present a request to the Stormwater Management Advisory Commission (SMAC) who then consider the estimated project cost, water quality benefits, comparison of past requests for similar projects, available funding, and project sustainability.

At the May 1, 2025 meeting, the SMAC reviewed the property owner's request for funding assistance of more than \$30,000 in City cost share:

- **1924 Capital Boulevard.** The property owner, Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, Inc., proposes to install 1,384 square feet of rain garden and 68,500 gallons of storage using thirty-one (31) cisterns throughout this property. This practice will treat stormwater runoff from 122,556 square feet of impervious roof, sidewalk, and parking lot surface throughout the entire site. This project is within a Priority Water Quality Target Area, making it eligible for a 90 percent City/10 percent Applicant cost share under the policy. Furthermore, this property owner is a non-profit entity that serves the community and is eligible for the Raleigh Rainwater Rewards 100% funding program, which utilizes Climate Action Funds from the Office of Sustainability to cover the applicant's

cost share portion of eligible project costs. The total project cost is estimated at \$211,338; City cost share will not exceed \$211,338. See Figures 1 and 2 for project location and site map.

Recommendation

Authorize the project as recommended by the Stormwater Management Advisory Commission. Authorize the City Manager or designee of the associated budget transfer in the amount of \$190,205. Accounting details for the associated budget transfer are attached.

Attachments:

Figure 1 – Location of 1924 Capital Boulevard

Figure 2 – 1924 Capital Boulevard property with approximate rain garden and cistern locations

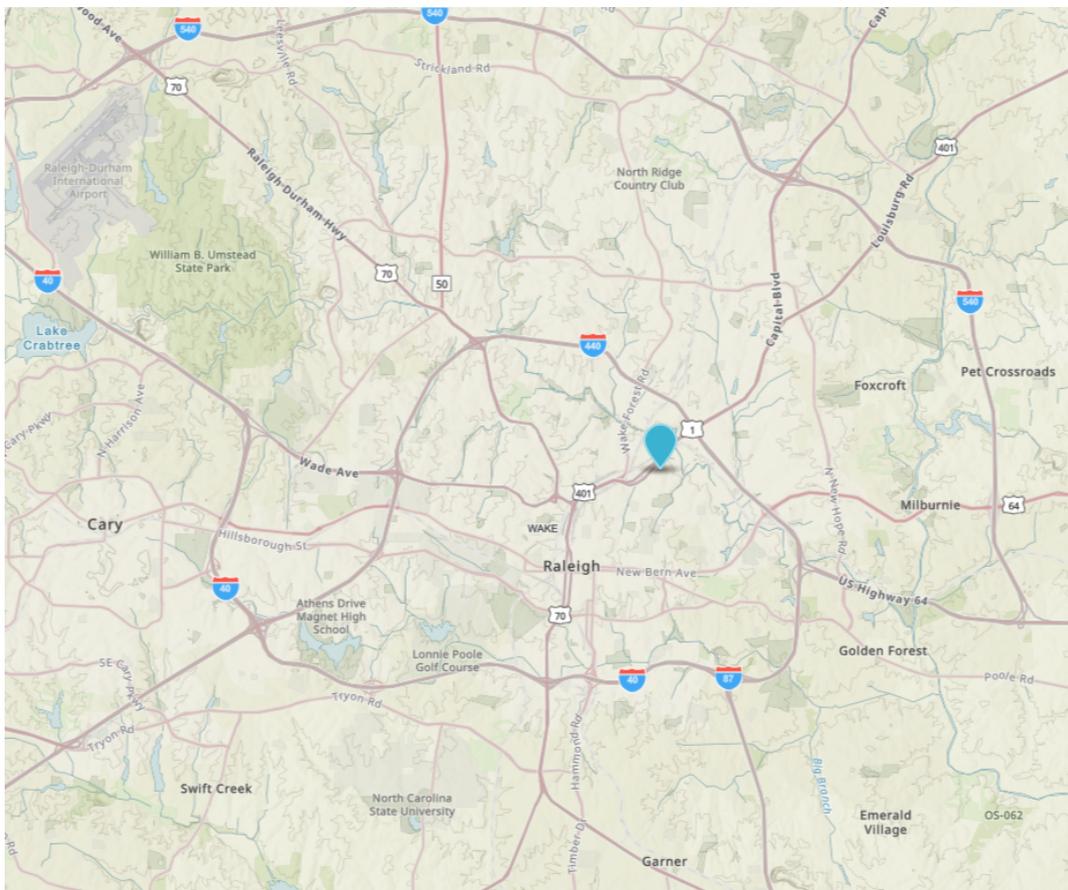


Figure 1. Location of 1924 Capital Boulevard

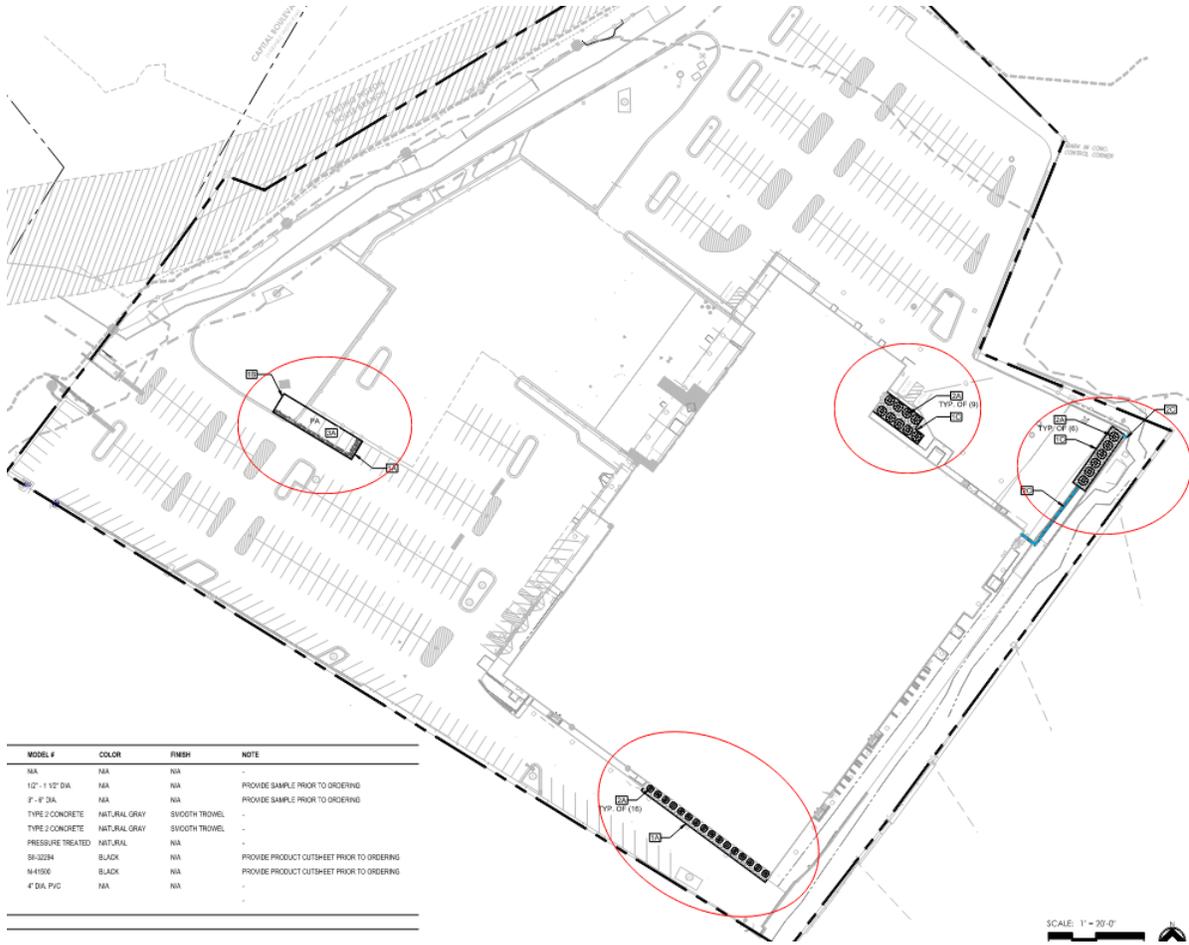


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