



City of Greenville
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Greenville, Ohio 45331

A New Storm Water Utility

Greenville Responds To Local Needs & Federal Regulations



Protecting the Environment...Safeguarding Public Health and Safety

City Of Greenville's Approach to Storm Water Management

Local leaders have asked the City of Greenville staff to develop and manage a cost-effective program to comply with the U.S. EPA regulations and effectively manage storm water runoff.

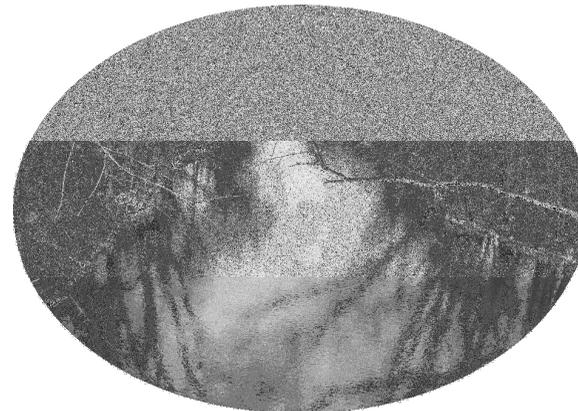
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Storm Water Program Mission Statement:

"The storm water program strives to enhance the quality of life in Greenville by reducing drainage, flooding and infrastructure problems, and by improving water quality through construction and maintenance of the storm water system, and through the promotion and implementation of effective storm water management practices."

Increased storm water management practices will improve the water quality in and around the City of Greenville, creating a better environment for local wildlife and providing future generations with the opportunity to enjoy local waterways while managing the effects of growing development in the City.



Why Is This Program Necessary?

WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), 40 percent of our nation's waterways remain polluted and storm water runoff is a leading source.

Storm water pollution can occur when it rains, as oil, salt storage areas, litter, soil, fertilizer and pesticides are washed into nearby street drains. Most of these drains empty directly into the streams and rivers that we use for fishing, swimming and boating, resulting in unusable, polluted waterways.

NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS

To protect and improve the quality of our waterways, the U.S. EPA has issued new regulations that require communities like the City of Greenville, Darke County, and the Miami Conservancy District to reduce the pollutants in storm water runoff.

UNFUNDED MANDATE

Because Federal and State funding is not available, the City of Greenville residents and businesses will have to absorb the costs of meeting the new regulations for repairing the existing storm water infrastructure.

KEY INPUT & REVIEW

A Committee comprised of key city staff and consultants met over 10 times throughout the process to develop program policies and procedures for the Storm Water Program and provided several updates to City Council during this 18 month time period.

What Services Will Be Provided?

The revenue created from a new storm water fee will be used to comply with federal regulations, improve water quality, and begin to upgrade the storm water infrastructure in our city. Money will be used to:

- Monitor water quality of local waterways to control potential discharge of pollutants;
- Identify and eliminate improper connections that illegally dump waste, instead of storm water, directly into our rivers and streams;
- Develop plans to properly address storm water runoff throughout the existing storm water system;
- Comply with federal and state regulations.



Who Will Have to Pay?

Property owners, including schools, churches, businesses, industries and governments located within the City of Greenville, will be required to pay this fee. No property is exempt from the fee.

When Will You Be Billed?

*New Storm Water Fee
April 2008*

The new storm water charge will first appear on the April 2008 utility bill and on each quarterly bill thereafter.

What Will The Average Homeowner Pay?

A City of Greenville survey concluded that a typical residential property contains 2,800 square feet of impervious area. This value is known as the equivalent residential unit or ERU. All residential properties defined as single-family and two-family residential homes will pay a flat quarterly charge of \$8.85 (\$2.95 per month), which will appear on your quarterly utility bill beginning in April 2008.

What Will Non-Residential Property Owners Pay?

Non-residential properties (industries, businesses, churches and schools, governments, etc) containing three units or more will pay a fee based on the amount of impervious area contained on the property. Impervious areas include pavement, rooftops, driveways, parking lots, private sidewalks and other hard surfaces that prevent rain water from soaking into the soil.

A business property that contains the impervious area equal to 10 residential homes will be required to pay 10 times the rate of one residential home.

The monthly storm water rate for non-residential properties will be \$2.95 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). For example, if a property contains 28,000 square feet of impervious surface, this equates to 10 ERUs. This non-residential property owner would pay a monthly fee of \$29.50, or \$88.50 quarterly.

28,000 sq. ft. / 2,800 sq. ft. = 10 ERUs
10 ERUs x \$2.95 = \$29.50 per month or \$88.50 per quarter.

Non-Residential Credits Program

Non-residential properties may reduce their quarterly storm water fee through implementation of storm water controls on their properties that reduce the impact on the overall storm water system. The non-residential credit application can be downloaded from our website at: <http://www.cityofgreenville.org>.

Who Do I Call For Storm Water Related Issues?

If you are experiencing flooding or other storm water related problems, please call the City of Greenville at (937) 548-1819.

For More Information Contact

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