

Guiding Principles Recommended for the Evaluation of Stormwater Funding Models

Principle	Description of Intent
fair and equitable	Customer contributions are proportional to their impact on the system and the cost to run the system (i.e., user-pay). User fees are non-discriminatory amongst customers and sectors.
climate resilient & environmentally sustainable	Encourages customers to become more resilient to climate change through adoption of on-site controls to reduce run-off, while providing the City with funding needed to increase system-level stormwater resiliency and protect natural resources and waterbodies from the impacts of stormwater and the harmful pollutants it carries.
affordable and financially sustainable	Provides sustainable, predictable, and dedicated funding. Uses full cost pricing to meet entire stormwater revenue needs at the City's desired level of service. Allows for regular fee reviews to keep pace with changes in the cost-of-service delivery or desired service levels. Allows the City to address infrastructure deficiencies and unfunded liabilities. Considers the financial impact on various customer sectors and is comparable with other municipalities.
justifiable	Residents and businesses understand how much they contribute to stormwater management and for what the money is being used. Customers have been consulted and involved in the decision-making process, particularly those that will be most affected. Consistent with best practices and applicable laws in order to guarantee that the funding structure is justifiable and transparent if challenged
simple to understand and manage	Should be readily understood by staff, Council and customers. System is efficiently maintained by City's staff.