

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

STORMWATER FUNDING REVIEW

Stormwater is water that comes from rain and melted snow that flows over land and into storm drains, ditches, creeks and lakes. In natural landscapes, stormwater is soaked up like a sponge, which then nourishes plants and slowly replenishes creeks, lakes, wetlands and aquifers.

In more urban areas, impervious (or hard) surfaces such as asphalt, concrete and rooftops prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Instead, the water runs quickly into storm drains and sewer systems, and then to our creeks and lakes. These hard surface areas create more stormwater runoff, and carry more pollutants, such as oil, grit and garbage into creeks and lakes.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The City's stormwater management program helps protect the public, private property, infrastructure and the environment from flooding, erosion and poor water quality from the stormwater runoff. The program includes infrastructure such as sewers, pipes, and stormwater ponds.

Currently, the City primarily funds its stormwater management program through its water and wastewater utility revenues. That means that properties contribute to stormwater management and the required infrastructure based on the amount of drinking water that is consumed.