



## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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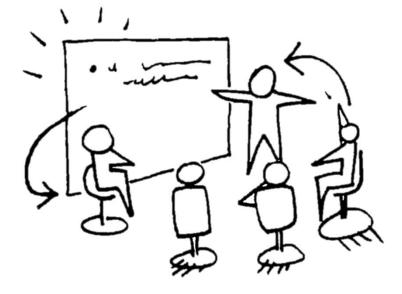
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#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Stormwater Overview
- 2. Program Budget
- 3. Funding Source for Program
- 4. Credits and Appeals
- 5. What's Next?
- 6. Q&A Session







# STORMWATER: WHAT IS IT AND WHY WORRY ABOUT IT?

Stormwater is water that originates from precipitation (rain, snow, ice melt, etc.).

- Can carry pollutants (sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus, etc.)
- Transported through storm sewers and surface conveyances into local waterways
- Runoff from impervious surfaces is the principal concern.





#### **HOW DID WE GET HERE:**

#### **Chesapeake Bay Agreement of 1983**

- New Pollutant Reduction Goals Set in 2000 to be achieved by 2023
  - □ 10% Sediment Reduction
  - ☐ 5% Total Phosphorus
  - □ 3% Total Nitrogen

MS4 Municipalities Must Meet This Goal







#### MS4 MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURES (MCMS)

MCM 1: PUBLIC EDUCATION

Raise stormwater awareness via educational materials

MCM 2: PUBLIC OUTREACH

Promotional events and advertising materials

MCM 3: ILLICIT DISCHARGE

Mapping Outfall inspections Illicit discharge reporting

MCM 4: CONSTRUCTION

Stormwater management on development and redevelopment

MCM 5: POST-CONSTRUCTION SWM

BMP maintenance and inspection

MCM 6: GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

Document completion and retention





#### INCREASED REGULATION OF MS4 COMMUNITIES

- Unfunded Federal Mandate
- Broad permit requirements (six MCMs)
- Required to Complete Pollution Reduction Projects (PRP)
- Likely further requirements in next permit
- E. The permittee shall develop and maintain adequate legal authorities and shall maintain adequate funding and staffing to implement this General Permit, including the SWMP contained in Part C I of this General Permit.

MS4- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System MCMs- Minimum Control Measures





#### MUNICIPAL STORMWATER CHALLENGES

- Challenge #1: Polluted streams and increased flooding
- Challenge #2: Increased regulations: must implement PRP
- Challenge #3: Aging infrastructure
  - Some very old; need to assess condition
    - Will identify additional infrastructure needs
  - Maintenance limited by budget
- Challenge #4: Borough Growth= more runoff and infrastructure
- Challenge #5: Funding

~11 miles of pipe + open channels; structures, outfalls, basins





#### **PROGRAM COSTS**

Function	Average Annual Cost*
Operation & Maintenance**	\$595 K
Capital Improvements	\$230 K
Total Annual Budget	\$825 K

<sup>\*</sup>Assumes 2024 Start

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes allowance for delinquencies





#### **COVER PROGRAM COSTS BY ERU FEE STRUCTURE**

Group	Estimated Monthly Fee Per Property
Single Family Residential	\$10.00
Other Properties	\$6.50/ 1,000 SF of IA





#### OWNERS CAN APPLY FOR CREDITS TO LOWER FEE

(ANTICIPATED CREDIT OPTIONS)

- Peak Rate/Volume Control Structural Best Management Practices
- Rain Barrel Rebate
- Education Credit
- Stormwater Partnership Credit







#### CREDITS AND APPEALS PROCESS

- → Application by Property Owner (with documentation and fee, if applicable)
  - → Review by Authority
    - → O&M Agreement (ensure long term benefit to program)
      - → Credit applied to next billing cycle





#### WHAT'S NEXT?

- First bills to be mailed in April 2024
- Fee will be issued with sanitary sewer bill (where applicable)
- Stormwater Infrastructure Assessment and Improvement Projects begin





### **ANY QUESTIONS?**





