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*Protecting the Environment...Safeguarding Public Health*

# A New Storm Water Utility

## Milford Responds To Local Needs & Federal Regulations



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City of Milford Storm Water Utility*

## City of Milford's Approach to Storm Water Management



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



### Storm Water Program Mission Statement:

**“As Stewards of Milford’s Natural Environment, Our Mission is to Construct and Maintain a Storm Water System That Protects Our Waterways and Property, Leading to a Higher Quality of Life.”**

Increased storm water management practices will improve the water quality in and around the City of Milford, 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, 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 & LOCAL NEEDS

To protect and improve the quality of our waterways, the U.S. EPA has issued new regulations that require communities like the City of Milford, Clermont County, and Hamilton County to reduce the pollutants in the storm water runoff.

### UNFUNDED MANDATE

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

### KEY STAKEHOLDER INPUT & REVIEW

City Council created a seven member Storm Water Advisory Committee (SWAC) that met more than thirty times throughout the process. The SWAC provided critical input and revised several program recommendations regarding the stormwater program.

# 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;
- Help with projects to maintain, upgrade, repair, and replace the existing storm water infrastructure to reduce flooding and pollution;
- Comply with federal and state regulations.



# Who

## Will Have to Pay?

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

# When

## Will You Be Billed?

***New Storm Water Fee  
June 2004***

The new storm water charge will first appear on the June 2004 utility bill, and on each bi-monthly bill thereafter.



# What

## Will The Average Homeowner Pay?

A City of Milford survey concluded that a typical residential property contains 2,400 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 bi-monthly charge of \$11.00 (\$5.50 per month), which will appear on your bi-monthly utility bill beginning in June 2004.

# What

## Will Non-Residential Property Owners Pay?

Non-residential properties (industries, businesses, churches, 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 \$5.50 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). For example, if a property contains 24,000 square feet of impervious surface, this would equate to 10 ERUs. This non-residential property owner would pay a monthly fee of \$55.00.

**24,000 sq. ft. / 2,400 sq. ft. = 10 ERUs**  
**10 ERUs x \$5.50 = \$55.00 per month**

### NON-RESIDENTIAL CREDITS PROGRAM

Non-residential properties may reduce their monthly storm water fee through the implementation of storm water controls on their properties that reduce the impact on the overall storm water system. For frequent updates to the non-residential credits program, please visit our website at: <http://www.milfordohio.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 Milford at (513) 248-5092.

## For More Information Contact

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