

Storm Water Utility Informational Fact Sheet

Village of North Hudson

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Storm Water Runoff

When storm water flows over streets, parking areas, and lawns, pollutants are picked up, and soils are eroded. These waters then flow into our area streams, rivers, and lakes. The Village is attempting to control these pollutants and protect natural resources from these sediments and pollutants.

Storm Water Goals

The Village of North Hudson is addressing storm water quality concerns associated with urban runoff and preventing the discharge of pollutants from municipal storm sewer systems by complying with existing, and preparing for potential, Wisconsin DNR municipal requirements.



Currently, municipalities are required to mitigate runoff and reduce Total Suspended Solids (TSS) on both new development and redevelopment projects. Larger municipalities are also mandated to meet community wide TSS reduction goals.

Due to these State water quality requirements, the Village has constructed, obtained ownership of, and maintains many storm water management ponds. They have also identified several capital projects in its Capital Improvements Plan to address areas of concern.

Village projects will include new stormwater facilities and replacement of existing.

Private projects will still be required by the State to improve the quality of storm water run-off from their own sites.

Funding Options

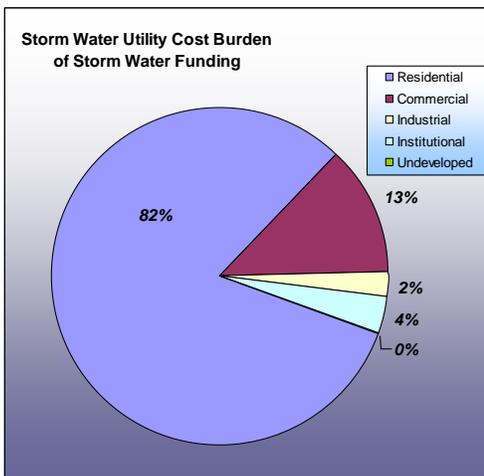
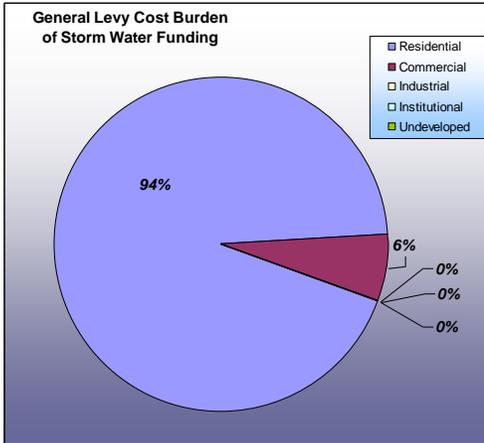
General Levy

- ▲ With this option, costs are paid from the general property taxes.

Storm Water Utility

- ▲ This method of financing distributes the cost to those generating most of the run-off and pollutants—users pay.
- ▲ Non-taxed entities pay their fair share
- ▲ Operates like the Village's other utilities: water and wastewater.

The following charts are an example of how single family residential pays a larger percentage of storm water costs on general property taxes. However, a storm water utility (user fee) spreads the cost to those that create the need.



Utility Customers

The square footage of impervious surface for a representative single family home in the Village will be measured as an Equivalent Run-off Unit (ERU). The ERU will then become the benchmark for the rate other customers will be charged.

- ▲ a single family home in the Village will be charged 1 ERU
- ▲ an average multi-family unit (4 units or less) will be charged 0.60 ERU per unit
- ▲ all other customers will have their impervious surface calculated and equated to the number of ERUs that the impervious surface represents

Cost to Implement

The proposed 2011 budget is as follows:

Maintenance and Operations	\$31,500
<u>Capital Improvements</u>	<u>\$13,500</u>
Total Proposed Budget	\$45,000

Total ERU	1,884
Annual Cost per ERU	\$24.00
Quarterly Cost per ERU	\$6.00

Comparisons

The following are storm water fees from a few local communities.

<i>Community</i>	<i>Annual Cost/ERU</i>
Altoona	\$36.00
Barron	\$24.00
Chetek	\$27.00
Chippewa Falls	\$36.00
Eau Claire	\$62.00
Grantsburg	\$18.00
Menomonie	\$32.00
New Richmond	\$28.68
River Falls	\$37.68
Superior	\$70.80
Washburn	\$48.00

For Additional Information

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