

#### WHAT IS A USER CHARGE?

The Utility has established user charges to offset costs incurred for services and facilities provided by the Utility. The Utility's user charge is calculated by the total Equivalent Runoff Units (ERU) determined for a property. The ERU was established on the basis that a typical single family residential property has 3,623 sq. ft. of imperviousness. The current annual user charge for one ERU is \$96. User charges for non-residential properties are determined based on the total amount of impervious surface the site contains. Please refer to the Utility's code of ordinances and/or user charge determination application for additional information.

## YOUR USER CHARGE IS BEING USED TO FUND THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- Construction of Capital Improvement Projects
  - o Regional Wet Detention Ponds
    - Reduce flooding, peak discharges, & streambank erosion potential
    - Improve water quality within watershed
  - o CI Streambank Restoration Projects
    - Restore & stabilize severely eroded streambanks within Utility's Area of Control

### Inspection & Maintenance of Regional Ponds

- Utility currently owns & maintains 5 regional pond facilities (more expected in future)
- Annual ecological & site maintenance
- o Pond inspections required after 1/2" rainfall events

### Engineering / Planning

- Engineering & construction services associated with capital improvement projects
- Preparation & updating of Utility's Stormwater
  Management Plan

# THE UTILITY'S USER CHARGES ALSO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- Municipal yard waste collection program
- Municipal street sweeping program
- Municipal Adopt-a-Stream Program
- Municipal Erosion Control & Drainage Plan reviews
- Special Assessment Grant Program



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