

FUNDING PEORIA'S SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

STORMWATER UTILITY OVERVIEW

A stormwater utility is:



an enterprise fund created to finance wet weather management.



only applicable to wet weather needs.



like a water or electric utility, based on usage (in this case, of the stormwater system).



common – other Illinois cities, like Morton, Bloomington, Champaign and others, also have a stormwater utility.



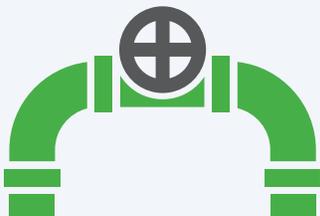
important for our community to fix and maintain critical infrastructure that could impact public safety.

FAIR & EQUITABLE SOLUTION

A stormwater utility is fair and equitable because:



The fee is based on the amount of stormwater runoff a property contributes to the system.



Property owners may lower their fees by reducing runoff.



Every property, from businesses to schools, churches to homes, participates. All properties contribute runoff, so all properties help fund a responsible solution.



BENEFITS FOR PEORIA

HEALTHIER WATERWAYS & WILDLIFE

Helps Peoria slow, cleanse and recharge groundwater, benefitting people, animals and water sources.

MAINTAIN OUR SYSTEM

Helps Peoria maintain over 150 miles of underground pipes and inlets.

LESS FLOODING

More street sweeping, preventing flooding from pollution-clogged inlets.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Will create jobs in construction, design and maintenance.

COMPLETE STREETS

Adding green infrastructure to roads will allow for better water infiltration and can provide a buffer between cars and bike/pedestrian traffic.

FREED UP GENERAL FUND

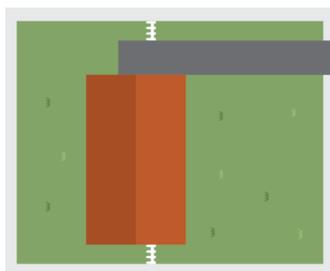
One less competing funding priority lets our city focus on other essentials, such as street repair, fire and police.

HOW THE STORMWATER UTILITY IS CALCULATED

Impervious surface areas, like rooftops, sidewalks, walkways, patio areas, driveways, parking lots and sheds, prevent stormwater from soaking into the ground. Instead, the water flows over the ground as stormwater runoff, which can be very damaging.

The stormwater utility fee is based on the amount of impervious surface area on a property. Each billing unit will be set per 1,000 square feet of impervious area.

Homeowners will also be able to apply for credit and incentives to lessen their bills. Public Works will share details about credits and incentives soon.



$$\begin{aligned} & \text{[Brown Box]} + \text{[Grey Box]} = 2,600 \text{ SF Impervious} \\ & = 2.6 \text{ Billing Units} \times \$3 \text{ per Billing Unit} \\ & = \$7.80 \text{ per Month (Average Home)} \end{aligned}$$

WILL THIS PAY FOR THE COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (CSO) FIX?

The total CSO fix will cost Peoria \$200-250 million. That would be a BIG monthly bill. The stormwater utility will instead pay for a portion of the CSO solution, namely the maintenance of green infrastructure. Green infrastructure is not only good for the combined sewer area, it benefits our whole community. The rest of the CSO funding will likely come from sewer rate increases or tax increases.