

What is Stormwater runoff and Stormwater Management?

Stormwater runoff is surface flow that occurs from rain or snow melt events. Runoff within the Town flows over land or streets to a municipal collection system consisting of storm sewer pipes, ditches, culverts, swales, and detention facilities.



Stormwater management is effectively managing the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff within and leaving the Town.



Example of stormwater pollution

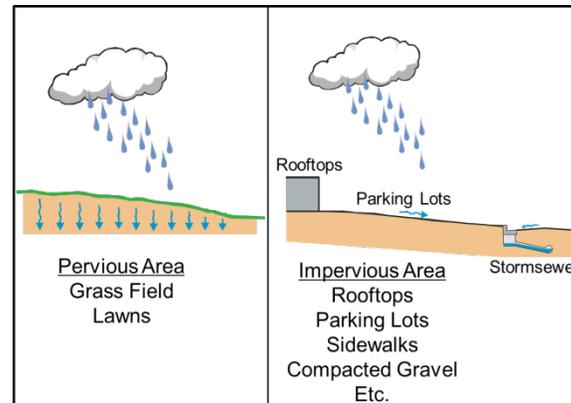
What is a Stormwater Utility?

A stormwater utility is a way to pay for the cost of stormwater management that the Town provides. It operates much like an electric or water utility. Properties within the Town of Edinburgh will pay their portion of stormwater management based on the amount of runoff generated on their

property. Businesses will be charged a utility fee based on the amount of impervious area on their property while all residents will be charged a flat fee regardless of size.

What is an impervious area?

Impervious area is any surface that does not easily absorb water. Since water is not absorbed, the runoff must be managed to prevent flooding and pollution.



How is my fee determined?

The Stormwater Utility charge would likely be based on an Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU). An ERU is defined as the average impervious area of a single-family parcel. A sample of the single-family residential parcels was measured from an aerial photo and the average impervious area of a single-family home in Edinburgh was

determined to be 3,225 square feet. Thus, 1 ERU would equal 3,225 square feet for the Town's Stormwater Utility rate structure. All residential properties will pay a fee based on one ERU.



Typical Residential Property

Commercial properties are charged based on their total impervious area divided by the average single family home. For example, a commercial property with 12,000 square feet of impervious area would be billed the equivalent stormwater management fees for 3.72 ERUs.



Typical Nonresidential Parcel

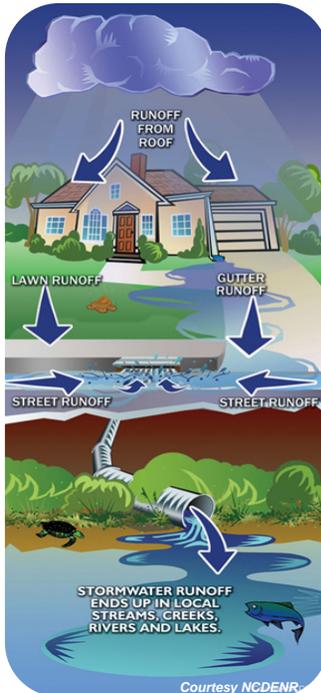
I believe that my bill is incorrect, what do I do?

Commercial stormwater utility bills are based on the amount of impervious areas observed on the property. The area was calculated using the most recent aerial photos. If you think this area and therefore your monthly fee was calculated incorrectly you may appeal.

Appeals must be filed in writing with the Town Utility Director. Prior to appealing, you should consider meeting with the Utility Director to review the data used to determine the charged fee.

My property does not drain to a stormsewer facility, why do I have to pay?

Under current regulations, the Town of Edinburgh is responsible for all stormwater flow entering Waters of the United States from within the incorporated Town limits. Drywells



discharge to the groundwater and are regulated. Private retention/infiltration basins can discharge to the groundwater but also overflow in heavy rain events to the Town's system and then to the Blue River. All stormwater runoff within the Town limits is the responsibility of the Town no matter how it is disposed of or stored.

What do I get from a Stormwater Utility?

A stormwater utility ensures a dedicated funding source that the town can use to pay for the stormwater services it provides. These services include street sweeping, inlet maintenance, pipe maintenance, maintaining ditchlines, clearing brush, construction erosion control inspections and new improvements to the system.



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Stormwater Utility Information