

Stormwater management funding in Morton

In order to implement and sustain the desired level of service for the stormwater management program in the Village of Morton, it was determined that there must be an adequate, dedicated and stable source of funding. The tax-based funding that currently supports stormwater management is not capable of being guaranteed year in and year out at the current level of funding and is less likely to be capable of supporting the enhanced program.

The Village, its consultants, and the stakeholder group decided that the best models for funding an infrastructure program like stormwater would be found in similar infrastructure programs, such as water, sewer, and gas service. All of these programs have similar administrative, engineering, operational, and capital needs. These similar programs are financed by user fees that are based on the demand for service by individual customers.

The Village is considering a similar approach for stormwater management. In this approach the demand for service would be measured in terms of the hard surfaces, such as pavement and rooftops, on each property that directly relates to the amount of runoff typically produced during a storm event. Distributing the previously mentioned program cost on this basis, a user fee dedicated to paying only the costs of the enhanced stormwater management program would be less than \$5 per month for a single family residential property, and would be based on the actual impervious area for all other properties. (multi-family, commercial, industrial, governmental, etc)

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