

Urbana is considering a stormwater utility fee increase.

To ensure proper maintenance and improve resilience, Urbana is considering increasing the stormwater utility fees in 2024. Maintenance and repairs have become a constant drain on city funds. In addition, state requirements for stormwater maintenance will go into effect soon, and we need to ensure there is adequate funding to meet these requirements. Urbana is considering up to a 450% increase in the stormwater utility rate (\$27/ERU).

We invite you to participate in a survey on how Urbana repairs and rehabilitates our aging stormwater infrastructure. We value your input in this decision-making process!



Visit us online to take the survey and have your say today.

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What does our current stormwater management program look like?

URBANA'S CURRENT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IS BROKEN DOWN INTO SEVEN CATEGORIES:

- 1 Administration and finance
- 2 Planning, engineering, and staff
- 3 Maintenance activities such as sewer cleaning and street sweeping
- 4 Compliance with federal, state, and local permits
- 5 Improving water quality, such as rain barrels and rain gardens
- 6 Oversight and maintenance of Credits and Incentives Manual
- 7 Capital construction projects

What is the stormwater utility fee?

Urbana is responsible for managing stormwater within the city limits, including operating and maintaining stormwater infrastructure, investigating flooding problems, and improving stormwater quality within the community. In order to provide these services, Urbana developed a Stormwater Utility Fee in 2013 that all Urbana property owners pay to fund these services.

What is the current stormwater utility fee?

Single family & duplex residential property owners	\$5.60/month flat fee for each property*
All other properties	\$5.60/month for every 3,100 square feet of impervious property (\$5.60 x # of ERUs**)

**Urbana's stormwater utility fee is scheduled to increase to \$5.82/ERU on July 1, 2023, as approved by the City Council.*

***Equivalent Residential Units*



Healthy stormwater infrastructure leads to:

- » cleaner discharges into local streams
- » reduces maintenance and repairs
- » minimizes standing water on roads
- » supports community growth

What are the **STORMWATER ASSETS** that Urbana manages?

A thorough review of Urbana's stormwater assets had not been done previously, and so the Program study provides an opportunity to take a much closer look to determine assets and management needs. This study compiled information about Urbana's many stormwater assets, which includes:

- + over 145 miles of sewer pipe
- + over 8,300 drainage structures
- + 1 pump station
- + 4 stormwater management ponds
- + 1 storm screen
- + 4 stream segments
- + 2 green infrastructure facilities



What is a stormwater asset management plan? How will this benefit the community?

Maintaining public infrastructure, such as stormwater infrastructure, is a critical responsibility of the City of Urbana. Urbana has a stormwater management program that has been designed to meet federal, state, and local permit requirements that allows the City to discharge stormwater into its receiving streams. Urbana is undertaking the development of a Stormwater Asset Management Plan to better define the level of funding necessary to maintain the stormwater management system indefinitely, as well as considers the total cost of ownership, which includes operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and replacement of the assets.

The Stormwater Asset Management Plan will also provide a strategy for Urbana to manage its stormwater infrastructure, such as sewers, detention basins, and other assets for the system's service life.



WHAT IS ASSET MANAGEMENT? It involves **repairing** and **rehabilitating** Urbana's stormwater system before it fails.

Ultimately, the program is essential to improve the community's stormwater discharges, maintain the integrity of the storm drainage system, and promote sustainable growth and development in Urbana.



A public meeting was held on May 11, 2023. To watch the recording, please visit: urbanaininois.us/swamp



A final recommendation and report are anticipated in Summer 2023.



Get involved and share your feedback!

Why are we **UNDERTAKING THIS STUDY?**

DOCUMENT the storm drainage system needs of the Urbana community

PROVIDE City staff with a strategy to manage the system of pipes, structures, basins, and streams

IDENTIFY opportunities to implement green infrastructure

QUANTIFY the future costs to manage the system