

How much is the Storm Water Utility Charge?

The user fee is \$6.00 per month for a single-family residence in the Town of Dyer. Each nonresidential property is billed according to the amount of equivalent impervious area for that parcel of land.

What will the money be used for?

The program will fund capital improvements, operations, maintenance, administrative services, field inspection and regulatory compliance.

Is it possible to have my fee reduced?

There is no reduction available for residential properties. However, nonresidential properties whose impact on the Utility's storm water drainage system is significantly limited or has been effectively reduced may be entitled to a credit adjustment.

Why not add this to my property taxes?

Many tax-exempt properties, such as schools and churches are large contributors to the storm water system. The use of a service fee that applies to all parcels is a more equitable method of funding than increasing property taxes.

SPECIAL STORM WATER USER FEE WORKSHOP

December 12, 2002

6:30 PM at the Dyer Town Hall

The Dyer Storm Water Management Board will conduct a Special Storm Water User Fee Workshop similar to the previous forums held on this topic to explain the credit application process for nonresidential properties as well as answer any questions you may have regarding the Storm Water User Fee.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you would like additional information on the storm water management utility or have specific concerns about storm water management issues please contact us.

Contact Information

Web Page:

<http://www.dyeronline.com/stormwater>

Email: stormwater@dyeronline.com

Director of Storm Water Management:

219-865-6108

Drainage Problems:

Call the Dyer Public Works Department at 219-865-4222 or pick up a storm water complaint form at the Town Council Office in the Dyer Town Hall.



Storm Water

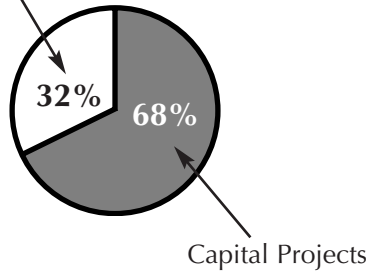
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What is your
cost?

Costs Covered by Storm Water Management Utility

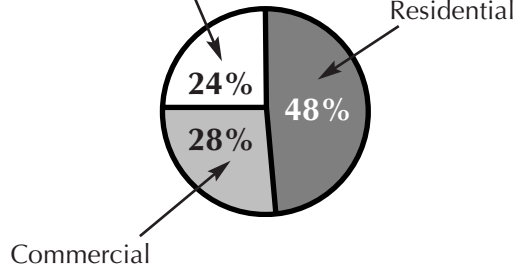
Routine Maintenance,
Equipment and
Personnel



Storm User Fee Contribution

Undeveloped
Parcels

Residential



HISTORY

Throughout much of Dyer's history, storm water management has been part of the sanitary sewer utility. Most of Dyer's sewers were "combined" and used for both sanitary and storm drainage. In the early 1980s, the sewer systems through federal mandates, were separated to meet federal and state regulations.

The separate storm sewer system, currently with over 100 miles of pipes, ditches, and 20 detention ponds, has received little attention and no direct funding. In 1991, the Town of Dyer created a Department of Storm Water Management with the responsibility of maintaining and operating this system. Over the past ten years, the Board has relied on a portion of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (CCDF) to finance their programs and projects.

**"The Town of Dyer faces
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water infrastructure..."**

The Town of Dyer faces multiple challenges of maintaining its aging storm water infrastructure in older established neighborhoods, overseeing an expanding drainage system in developing areas, and soon must monitor and improve storm water quality, as mandated by EPA's Phase II NPDES Permit requirements.

Facing ever-increasing demands and insufficient funding to meet its responsibilities, the Town of Dyer is implementing a user fee (service charge) to create a permanent and dedicated funding source to address all storm water concerns.

This relatively new, unique and legal funding source addresses the financing dilemma without increasing property taxes. This fee structure which has been used by communities to finance sewer and water utilities, is now being applied to storm water management. This method is gaining national recognition as the most equitable way to finance storm water management activities.

Look for the Special Storm Water User Fee Workshop information and contact information on the back.