

# What benefits will I receive ?

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The funds received will be used to:

- Implement future stormwater improvement projects
- Maintain and monitor the storm system to provide cleaner water in our streams and creeks
- Comply with current and anticipated NPDES Permits regulated by the EPD



City of Milledgeville

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# Stormwater Management Program

Water Resources for Our Future



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## What is Stormwater?

Stormwater runoff is the water that flows over the land when it rains. The water flows into gutters, storm sewers, and drainage ditches that empty into our local creeks and streams and ultimately discharge to the Oconee River.

Impervious areas (the areas that cannot absorb rainfall – rooftops, driveways, parking lots, sidewalks, etc.) are the single most important factor influencing stormwater runoff. Development replaces natural ground surfaces with impervious surfaces, causing more stormwater to run off the land rather than soaking into the soil, resulting in increased stream flows and potential flooding. Impervious areas also contribute pollutants that are eventually carried into our rivers via stormwater runoff.

The City of Milledgeville is responsible for the management of the public storm sewer system. Milledgeville's stormwater drainage system includes City streets with drainage systems, publicly maintained detention ponds, pipe systems, catch basins, inlets, culverts, and ditches, all of which must be maintained by the City to ensure they function properly when rainfall events occur.

## Stormwater Regulation

Expanded regulations have recently been established by the State and federal governments to address stormwater runoff and water quality issues. The City must comply with a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater discharge permit, which requires the implementation of a Watershed Protection Plan and a water quality monitoring program. Milledgeville also anticipates it will be required to comply with the NPDES stormwater permit in the future, which mandates certain activities including comprehensive maintenance of the stormwater drainage system.



## The City's Plan For Stormwater

The City of Milledgeville has evaluated its stormwater issues and developed a plan to improve stormwater services over time to better serve the City's citizens, businesses, and property owners. The City plan includes:

- Proactive maintenance of the storm sewer conveyance system.
- \$1 million of capital projects to address flooding and other drainage issues.
- Compliance with State and Federal regulatory requirements.

## Paying for Stormwater Service

The City of Milledgeville has decided that additional resources are needed to better address the City's stormwater needs, meet customer demands, and comply with the unfunded federal and state regulatory compliance mandates.

The City is considering implementation of a Stormwater Utility for properties within the City limits to more effectively fund the stormwater management program through a system of user fees that will be dedicated solely to addressing stormwater management and drainage issues. If the City implements a Stormwater Utility to fund the stormwater program, a stormwater user fee will be charged to all developed properties within the City based on the amount of impervious surface on the parcel. The City believes that this is a more equitable method for funding stormwater services, since all properties will pay their fair share for stormwater services received.

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