

## **Notice: Public Meeting to discuss Milledgeville Stormwater Program.**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Milledgeville are considering a stormwater utility and user fee system to address priority stormwater drainage issues and to comply with the regulatory requirements imposed by State and Federal agencies. Key aspects of the City's future stormwater program include inspecting, maintaining, and upgrading stormwater drainage infrastructure.

**An Open House Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM to discuss the Stormwater Program. This meeting is open to the public.**

### **Open House Meeting Location:**

Milledgeville City Hall  
Second Floor  
119 East Hancock Street

The stormwater user fee charge will be based on impervious surface (i.e. rooftops, driveways, parking lots) because impervious surface has a direct correlation to the amount of stormwater runoff individual properties discharge to the City's drainage system. Customers that reduce their impact on the City drainage system through approved credit practices, such as detention ponds, would be eligible for a reduction on their monthly stormwater user fee charge.

The City of Milledgeville is considering a stormwater user fee charge as the most equitable method available to fund implementation of the City's stormwater management program. One of the primary benefits of utilizing a fee-based system to fund the City's stormwater management program is that it ensures all developed properties, regardless of their tax status, pay their fair share of the City's cost to provide stormwater services.

The proposed monthly user fee charge rate will be \$3.95 per billing unit, and the billing unit is set at 3,400 square feet of impervious surface. The typical residential customer would be charged one (1.0) billing unit per month.

Approximately 60 communities in Georgia have implemented a Stormwater Utility and user fee system, including the Cities of Augusta, Americus, Camilla, Fayetteville, Douglasville, Athens-Clarke County and Valdosta. The proposed rate of \$3.95 per billing unit per month is amongst the lowest stormwater user fee rates in Georgia today. If approved, the stormwater user fee charge would appear as a separate line item on the City's monthly utility bills. Residents and business owners in Milledgeville could expect to see this monthly charge beginning on their July 2019 utility bill.

The City has also prepared a draft Stormwater User Fee Credit Manual that includes the criteria and procedures for receiving credits on customers' stormwater user fees. The draft Manual and additional stormwater program information is available on the City's website and at City Hall.

For more information, you are encouraged to visit the City's Stormwater Management Webpage at:

<https://www.milledgevillega.us/index.php/stormwater-management-program/>

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