



Stormwater Utility Fee Credit Policy Manual Update

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Purpose of the Update: Increase Participation

- ✓ Simplify the Application Process
- ✓ Increased Credits for Practices
- ✓ Two-Year Credit Cycle
- ✓ Notification to Reapply
- ✓ Add Mature Tree Preservation
- ✓ Add Dry Floodproofing Practices

Main Goals

- **Simplify the Application Process**
 - Create “menus” for property owners to easily understand their credit options based on property type
 - i.e., Residential, Condo Association, Non-residential property
 - Removes areas of duplication
 - Reduced documentation requirements
 - Maintenance and self-certification requirements will now be included in a “Terms and Condition” check box
- **Extend Credits for 2-years**
 - Property owner receives credit for 2 consecutive calendar years, which is 4 billings
 - Remove annual application burden
- **Increase Credits**
 - Increase credits from 30% to 50% maximum per property
 - Increase credits per existing practice
- **Add Complementary Best Practices**
 - Mature Trees
 - Dry Floodproofing Practices



Credit Increases & New Water Quality Practice

Existing Practice Increases	Current (%)	Proposed (%)
Rain Barrel (up to 4 allowed - percent per rain barrel shown)	2	5
Cistern & Detention	10	20
Rain Garden & Planter Box	15	20
Permeable Pavement & Green Roof	20	20
No Fertilizer Pledge	3	10

New Practice	Proposed (%)
New Practice: Mature Tree (per tree)	10

New Practices: Dry Floodproofing

- Window and door protection
- Building protection
- Elevate exterior utilities
- 5% to 10% based on practice



Estimated Fiscal Impact

- Assume 50% increase in participation
- Between \$100,000 to \$150,000 annually
- Total increased to \$400,000 annually
- Increased implementation of practices reduces burden on infrastructure and services



Staff Recommendations / Questions / Thank You

- ✓ Staff recommends approval of the Credit Manual updates with the policy changes