

# 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, rivers, and marsh
- Comply with anticipated NPDES Permits regulated by EPD



City of St. Marys

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# Stormwater Management Program

Water Resources for Our Future



City of St. Marys, Georgia



## 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 St. Marys River or Crooked 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 St. Marys is responsible for the management of the public storm water system. St. Marys' 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. St. Marys 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 St. Marys 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 water conveyance system.
- \$7.4 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 St. Marys 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 implementing a Stormwater Utility for properties within the City limits to more effectively fund the stormwater management program. The City has approved a system of stormwater fees that will be charged to all properties within the City that have impervious surfaces on the parcel.

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