

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Camp Hill Borough, Cumberland County**

**FROM: Bruce Hulshizer, P.E.**

**DATE: May 1, 2019**

**RE: Stormwater Management Program  
Stakeholder Advisory Committee Recommendations regarding Fee**

The Borough established a stormwater Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) which has had seven meetings. The SAC sees the value of enacting a fee to cover the costs of the program, and they understand that a stormwater authority will be established to facilitate the utility.

The SAC recommends the following related to the Fee:

1. Do not distinguish properties based on land use for the Fee, nor assess a fee to properties with impervious area under 500 square feet.
2. Establish the initial fee based on the \$770,000 budget requesting the Borough provide a \$120,000 initial subsidy each year. This was as presented at the March public meeting.
3. Plan for annual rate increases of about 12% per year to meet the 2023 budget of \$1.1 M, or increase the Borough's annual startup subsidy each year to have a lower fee increase despite the increased budget (could increase subsidy \$90,000/year to avoid rate increase).
4. Use a 4-tier structure as follows (initial monthly fees are listed)
  - a. Tier 1: 500 sf to 2499 sf (\$6.00)
  - b. Tier 2: 2500 sf to 4999 sf (\$10.70)
  - c. Tier 3: 5000 sf to 7499 sf (\$18.40)
  - d. Tier 4: \$3.10 per 1000 sf IA

The Borough has substantial control of the fee through the amount of its startup subsidy. Note that subsidizing the budget means that some stormwater program costs are being distributed based on property value (through taxes), rather than distributing costs based on impervious area. The following table is provided to give a reference to the Borough in concluding how much of a subsidy to provide:

<b>Example Stormwater Program Fees</b>	<b>Total IA (sf)</b>	<b>Monthly Fee Before Credits</b>			
		<b>No Subsidy</b>	<b>\$120,000 Subsidy</b>	<b>\$220,000 Subsidy</b>	<b>\$320,000 Subsidy</b>
Small Residential	2,000	7.10	6.00	5.10	4.10
Average Residential	3,500	12.50	10.70	9.00	7.30
Bank	19,900	72	62	52	42
Church 1	23,400	85	73	61	49
Library	76,300	277	237	198	160
Post Office	105,000	381	326	273	221
Church 2	113,000	410	350	294	237
School District	493,300	1791	1529	1283	1036
Mall	1,602,400	5817	4967	4166	3365