

Agricultural and Stormwater Utility Credits

The policy guiding all reductions is here:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/documents/SWUCreditPolicy2011.pdf>

For agricultural land, if a farm is greater than 5 acres, a “full credit” is a reduction in the billable area to five acres. All of the impervious areas and the homestead are included in this area.

Agricultural lands must meet the state standards.

http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/nr/100/151/II/02.

And practice either no-till or install grass waterways.

In addition to the Agricultural Credit, homeowners can apply for Stormwater Utility credits.

The reductions vary year to year , but in 2016 they are as follows.

Draining Directly to a water of the state (stream, lake, river): 57.05% reduction

Draining Directly to a water of the state and living on a shoreline : 60.25% reduction

No Run-off from the 10-yr storm (4.09” in 24 hours): 60.25% reduction for the areas treated to this level.

Wetlands: 50% reduction

Stormwater rates are here:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/sewerUtility.cfm>

For your farm the bill and credits breakdown like this:

Here is the calculation of your current stormwater bill including credits. This does not include the Forestry Charge.

	Without Credits (sf)	Agricultural Credit (reduced farm to 5 ac)	With Stormwater Treatment Credit	Area treated by pond
imp	20,484	20,484	12,491	7,993
per	545,796	197,316	131,490	65,826
		old areas / full 30 days	Normal 30 day bill	
base	1.1	1.1000	1.1000	
imp	48.75	48.75	29.73	
per	92.79	33.54	22.35	
	\$ 142.64	\$ 83.39	\$53.18	
Base fee	1.1	\$		
Impervious Rate	0.00238	\$/sf		
Pervious	0.00017	\$/sf		