

# Storm Sewer Utility Credit Policy

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# Storm Water Utility Charges:

- Administrative Charge (all parcels – cost to send out bills)
- Impervious Area (pavement/roof) charges
- Pervious Area (grass...) charge

# Existing Rate Adjustment Policy adopted in 2011

Credits exist for:

- 1) Agricultural Lands
- 2) Wetlands
- 3) No discharge (volume)
- 4) Direct Discharge
- 5) Conservation (prairie)

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We currently credit for:

- Conveyance (flow charges)
- Water Quality (wpdes permit)
- Area reduction (wetland/ag)

# Proposed Storm Water Utility Credit and Correction Policy

- 1) STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CREDIT – CONSISTING OF TWO PARTS:
  - A) **Pollution Reduction Credit** - reduction of total suspended solids discharged – **BASED ON SWU budget items spent on WPDES compliance.**
  - B) **Conveyance system Credit** – (reduction of amount of water discharged) – **BASED ON SWU budget items spent on flood/conveyance items.**

These reductions are granted via the following types of actions:

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1) **RIPARIAN CREDIT** - 100% reduction Conveyance Charges of lands draining directly to Waters of State (PSC RULE).

2) **LAND COVER CONDITION**

A) **Wetland** – reduction of all area fees for the wetland area.

B) **Conservation Credit** (normally prairie) – Conveyance and Pollution Reduction percentage reduction as a percentage of volume reduced in a 10-year storm compared to no action.

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- C) **Agricultural Credit** – reduction of charges from any size parcel to 5 acres if actively farmed in accord with Dane Co Codes – all charges apply but the size of the parcel is reduced. Further if the parcel was split as part of an annexation only the Administrative fee is charged on parcels after the first parcel.
- 4) **Rural Property Credit** – 100% reduction in Conveyance Charge for lands that drain to ditches that do not return to a City Managed storm system.
- 5) **Multi-Property Storm Water Credit** – allows credit to be given for Conveyance and Pollutant Charges if the water is managed on adjacent private parcel with an agreement.

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- Allows direct credits/reductions for (including partial credit which the existing policy does not) for the following actions:
  - Rain gardens – percentage reduction of Conveyance
  - Rain barrels -- percentage reduction of Conveyance
  - Bioretention – percentage reduction of Conveyance and Pollution Charges



# FUTURE??

- In 2022 we will be looking at a revised rate structure that charges based only on impervious area.
- This change would simplify this policy significantly.



# Questions and Discussion

