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## Flood & Pollution Reduction Fees and Credits for Commercial Parcels

### How would the stormwater authority serve York County businesses?

Stormwater pollution and flooding have many causes, and one of them is runoff from businesses and industrial parcels. **This customer class includes commercial, apartment, industrial, and utility parcels.** As a business, you understand the concept of economies of scale. Because York County's stormwater authority would operate at the county level, we project that cost-effective, efficient solutions can be implemented to directly improve your bottom line. Once the stormwater authority is established and begins making investments around the county, businesses can expect to see the following benefits:

- Improved traffic and safer roads during rainstorms
- Less frequent road-closures for repairs after major storms
- Reduced erosion and less frequent and severe flooding on and near their land
- Cleaner and safer lakes, rivers, and streams that make your community attractive for employees
- Local water quality monitoring to generate local information on how well we are doing

### How would commercial parcel fees be calculated?

Commercial parcels will pay their fees at a rate of \$0.01205 per year for each square foot of impervious area, including; roof area, parking lots, driveways, and other surfaces that contribute to stormwater runoff because they do not absorb or infiltrate rainwater. The minimum yearly fee for commercial parcels is \$48.90.



This hypothetical commercial parcel on the left has a total taxable acreage of 2.76 acres, which includes approximately 26,013 square feet of impervious area (roof area, parking lots, driveways, etc.).

Based on the yearly rate of \$0.01205 per square feet of impervious area, the fee for this parcel would be \$313.46, without credits.

Commercial parcels can earn up to a 50% reduction in their fee by:

- having a Post-Construction Stormwater Management Plan that meets PA Chapter 102 requirements; or
- treating stormwater on-site with approved best management practices such as retention facilities, rain gardens, bioretention areas, pervious pavement, impervious surface removal, etc.

### How can businesses participate in the discussion around a stormwater authority?

The Planning Commission intends to present its recommendations to the York County Board of Commissioners for a vote early in 2019. We are required by law to hold and publicize a hearing prior to incorporating the Authority. The Commissioners would have to pass an ordinance to incorporate a new authority, advertised in the newspaper at least a week prior to the vote.

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