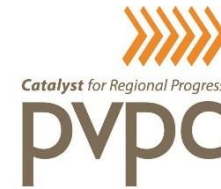


Town of Agawam Stormwater System Assessment and Utility/Fee Planning Project



Business Workshop



January 16, 2018



Agenda

- 6³⁰ - 6⁴⁰p:** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 6⁴⁰ - 6⁴⁵p:** **Project Overview**
- 6⁴⁵ - 7⁰⁵p:** **Stormwater Program**
- ▶ Municipal stormwater system
 - ▶ Existing activities and costs
 - ▶ Future needs, costs, and level of service
- 7⁰⁵ - 7²⁵p:** **Funding Options**
- ▶ Existing funding options
 - ▶ Stormwater utility overview
 - ▶ Data analysis
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- 7³⁵ - 8⁰⁰p:** **Agawam Funding Analysis**
- ▶ Funding analysis
 - ▶ Sample properties
 - ▶ Feedback and discussion

Project Overview

Rationale and Need



Why are we here?

- ▶ The Town has existing stormwater problems.
- ▶ Stormwater management needs are increasing.
- ▶ The Town has limited resources and funding.
- ▶ We have the ability to solve these problems and manage stormwater better, but it will cost more.
- ▶ What's the best approach to move forward?



Project Overview

Goals



MassDEP s319 Grant: Project 16-06/319

Goals:

1. Obtain a local consensus on Agawam's current and future stormwater management program needs, priorities and costs.
2. Execute a robust public engagement process to promote a deep understanding of stormwater issues and funding needs.
3. Study the possibility of establishing a stormwater utility in Agawam.
4. Develop recommendations and a consensus for next steps.

Project Overview

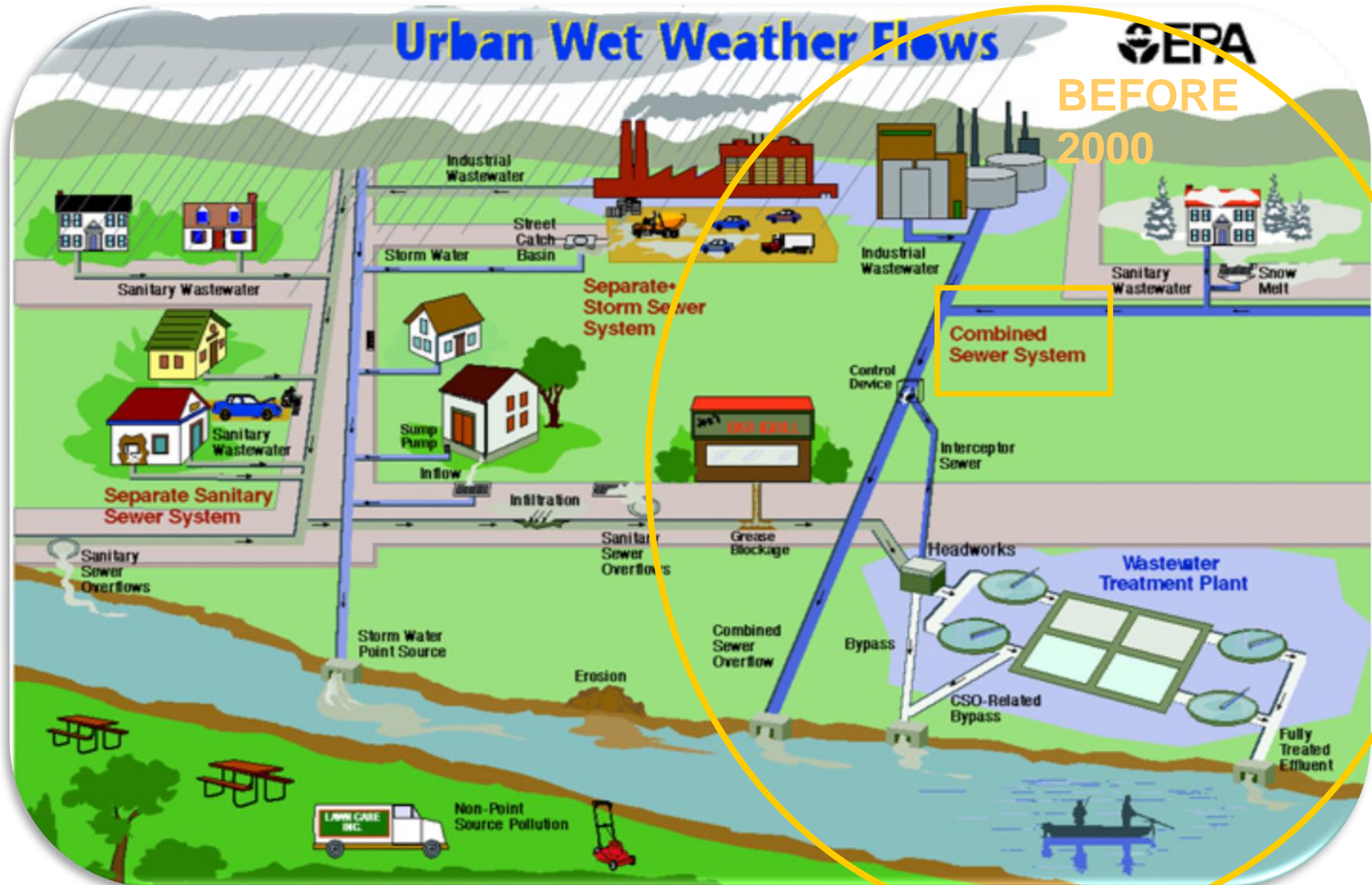
Roles and Responsibilities



- ▶ Project Team:
 - ▶ Town Staff – provide input on stormwater management program, costs, priorities, and policy recommendations
 - ▶ Pioneer Valley Planning Commission – manage grant, review project deliverables, conduct public education and outreach, support GIS updates
 - ▶ Amec Foster Wheeler – guide study, facilitate meetings, and provide technical analysis and report writing
 - ▶ Videographer – develop an informational stormwater video
 - ▶ Advisory Task Force:
 - ▶ Attend 6 meetings
 - ▶ Provide input throughout the project
 - ▶ Provide recommendations for consideration by the Town Council and the general public
 - ▶ Public Meeting and Workshop Attendee Feedback:
 - ▶ 2 public meetings
 - ▶ Senior citizens workshop
 - ▶ Clergy representatives workshop
 - ▶ Business workshop
 - ▶ Town Council:
 - ▶ Participate in Task Force and Public Meetings
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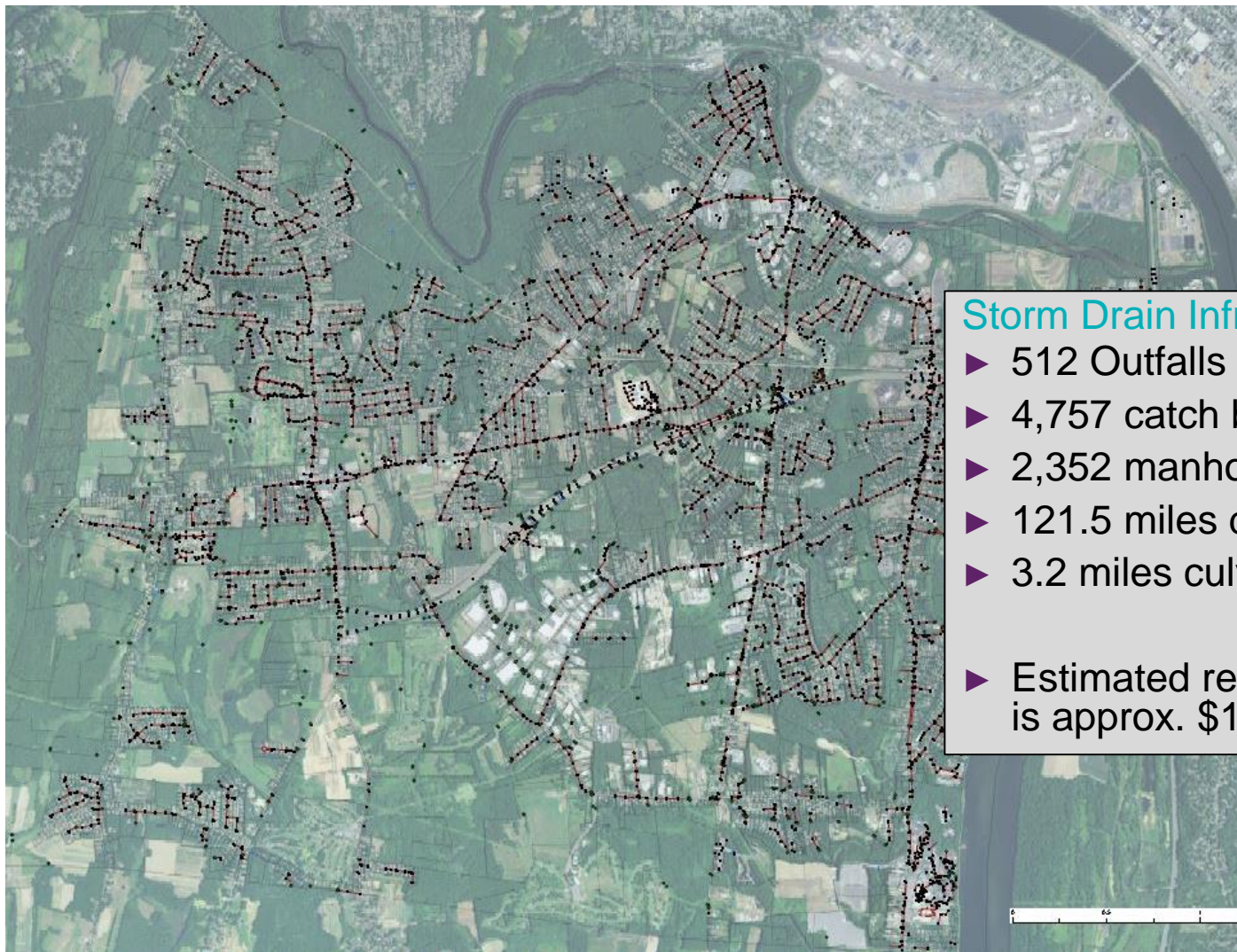
Stormwater Program

Municipal Stormwater System



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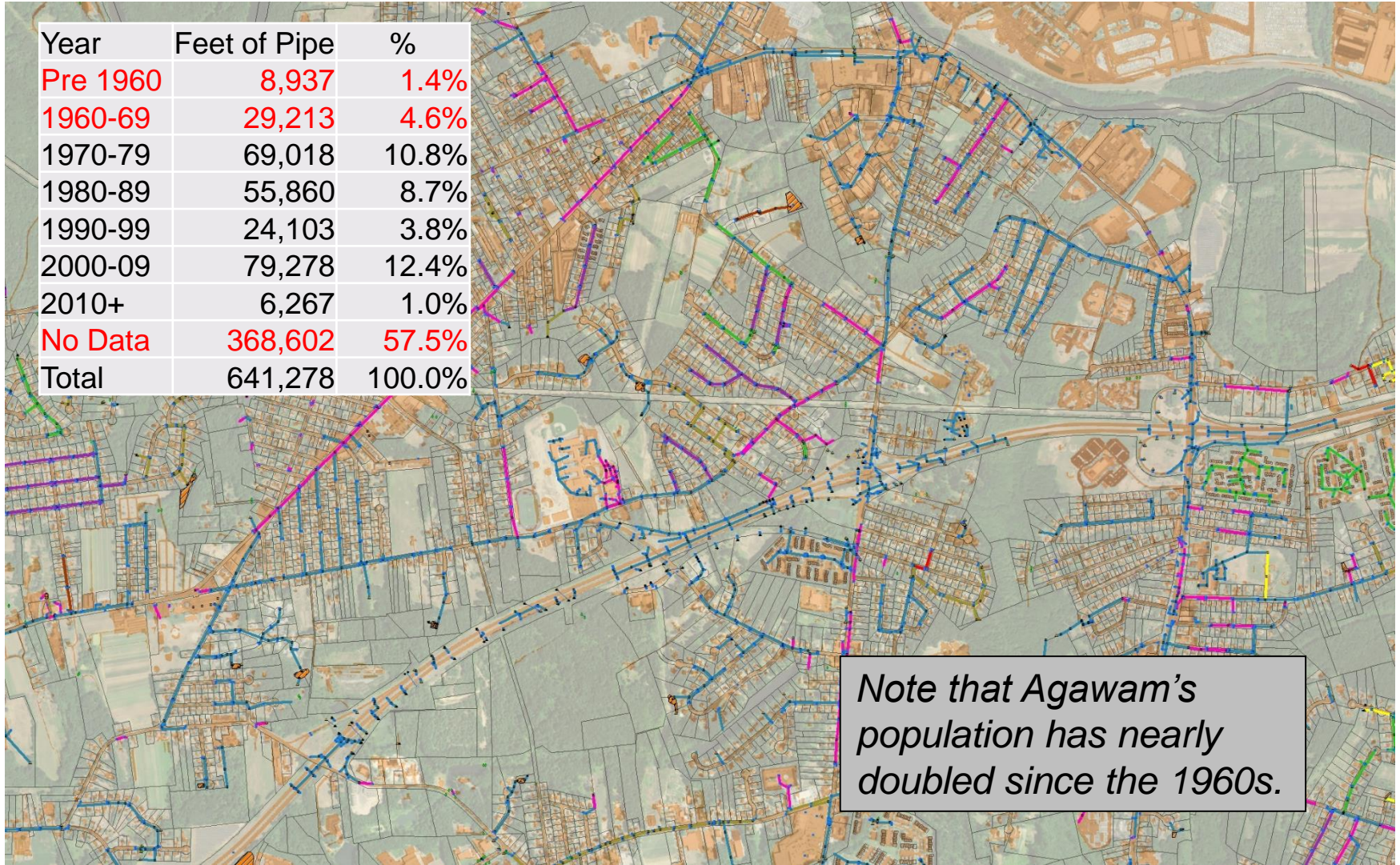
- ▶ Estimated replacement value is approx. \$150 million

Stormwater Program

Municipal Stormwater System



Year	Feet of Pipe	%
Pre 1960	8,937	1.4%
1960-69	29,213	4.6%
1970-79	69,018	10.8%
1980-89	55,860	8.7%
1990-99	24,103	3.8%
2000-09	79,278	12.4%
2010+	6,267	1.0%
No Data	368,602	57.5%
Total	641,278	100.0%



Note that Agawam's population has nearly doubled since the 1960s.

Stormwater Program

Agawam DPW Activities



Existing Activities:

- ▶ Catch basin cleaning
- ▶ Street sweeping
- ▶ Drainage structure repair and replacement
- ▶ Culvert cleaning, repair and replacement
- ▶ Management of stormwater treatment facilities
- ▶ Road shoulder and ditch repair
- ▶ Flood response and related improvements
- ▶ Engineering and planning for upgrades
- ▶ Drainage mapping and assessments
- ▶ Stormwater permit compliance

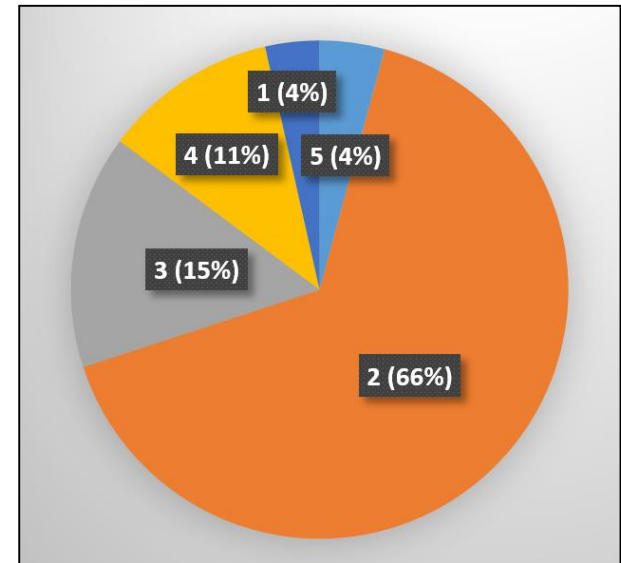


Stormwater Program

All Stormwater Related Expenditures



Functional Category	FY '17 Budget
1. Stormwater Program Administration	\$37,676
2. Stormwater Operations and Maintenance	\$586,799
3. Drainage Engineering and Stormwater Management Planning	\$135,725
4. Regulatory Compliance/Enforcement	\$100,917
5. Stormwater Capital Improvement Projects and Equipment	\$31,456
Total	\$892,571



- ▶ Preliminary costs are derived primarily from:
 - ▶ Existing and estimated budget items
 - ▶ Estimated personnel (labor) efforts – approx. 5 full time employees (FTEs)
 - ▶ Contractors and expenses

Stormwater Program

Functional Approach for All Expenditures



- ▶ 1. Stormwater Program Administration
 - ▶ General administration (budgets, personnel, management, etc.)
 - ▶ Grant application/management
 - ▶ Internal/external project coordination
- ▶ 2. Stormwater Operations and Maintenance
 - ▶ Catch basin repairs
 - ▶ Storm drain and culvert repairs
 - ▶ Street sweeping
 - ▶ Catch basin cleaning
 - ▶ Storm cleanup/flood relief response
 - ▶ Ditch/channel maintenance
 - ▶ Equipment maintenance/repair
- ▶ 3. Drainage Engineering and Stormwater Management Planning
 - ▶ System conditions inspection/video
 - ▶ Asset management
 - ▶ Planning/design of collection system upgrades



Stormwater Program

Functional Approach for All Expenditures



- ▶ 3. Drainage Engineering and Stormwater Management Planning (*continued*)
 - ▶ Planning/design of collection system upgrades
 - ▶ Planning/design of stormwater treatment (BMPs)
 - ▶ Drainage design standards and bylaws
 - ▶ System mapping and database management
 - ▶ Water quality monitoring
 - ▶ Public involvement/outreach
- ▶ 4. Regulatory Compliance/Enforcement
 - ▶ MS4 permit compliance
 - ▶ Review and approval of stormwater plans
 - ▶ Construction inspections and reporting
 - ▶ BMP inspection and enforcement
- ▶ 5. Stormwater Capital Improvement Projects and Equipment
 - ▶ Minor projects: drainage improvements (existing systems)
 - ▶ Major projects: new infrastructure/BMPs
 - ▶ Capital equipment



Stormwater Program

Future Needs: Infrastructure



Additional Needs:

- ▶ Ongoing operation and maintenance (repairs & reconstruction) challenges
- ▶ Maintenance backlog of deteriorated storm drain infrastructure
- ▶ Culvert failures: North Street culvert is severely deteriorated, resulting in bank erosion for White Brook
- ▶ Pipe failures: Westford Circle outfall pipe separation and erosion
- ▶ Detention pond maintenance: private maintenance is not performed, resulting in failure and burden upon the municipal system
- ▶ Undersized pipes to convey flow
- ▶ Sanitary sewer cross-connections



Stormwater Program

Future Needs: Water Quality



Impaired Water Bodies:

► Connecticut River

- E. coli, nutrients, total suspended solids (TSS), and PCBs in fish tissue
- Long Island Sound TMDL (nitrogen) – applies to Agawam
- Incorporated into EPA stormwater permit

► Potential Causes of Impairments:

- Urban stormwater runoff
- Illicit discharges
- Sanitary sewer I/I and SSOs
- Septic systems
- Waterfowl
- Pet waste



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Connecticut River at Pynchon Point Park

River Road
Agawam, MA
Longitude/Latitude: -72.585449 / 42.083300

Pynchon Point Park is located at the mouth of the Westfield River where it joins the Connecticut River. Down a short path from the parking lot, is an unimproved ramp for car-top boats only.

Is It Clean?

Pynchon Point is sampled Thursdays from June to September by volunteers coordinated by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Sample Date	Status	CFU/100ml	Wet
2016-09-28	Clean for Boating and Swimming	190	Y
2016-09-21	Clean for Boating	270	Y
2016-09-14	Clean for Boating and Swimming	18	N
2016-09-07	Clean for Boating and Swimming	116	N
2016-08-31	Clean for Boating and Swimming	54	N

[Get more data](#) | [What do these numbers mean?](#)

A photograph showing the entrance to Pynchon Point Park, featuring a paved path, a bench, and a sign for the park.A map showing the location of Pynchon Point Park in Agawam, MA, near the Connecticut River and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. The map includes street names like Belmont Ave and Forest Pk, and highway markers for 57 and 3.

Stormwater Program

Future Needs: Flooding



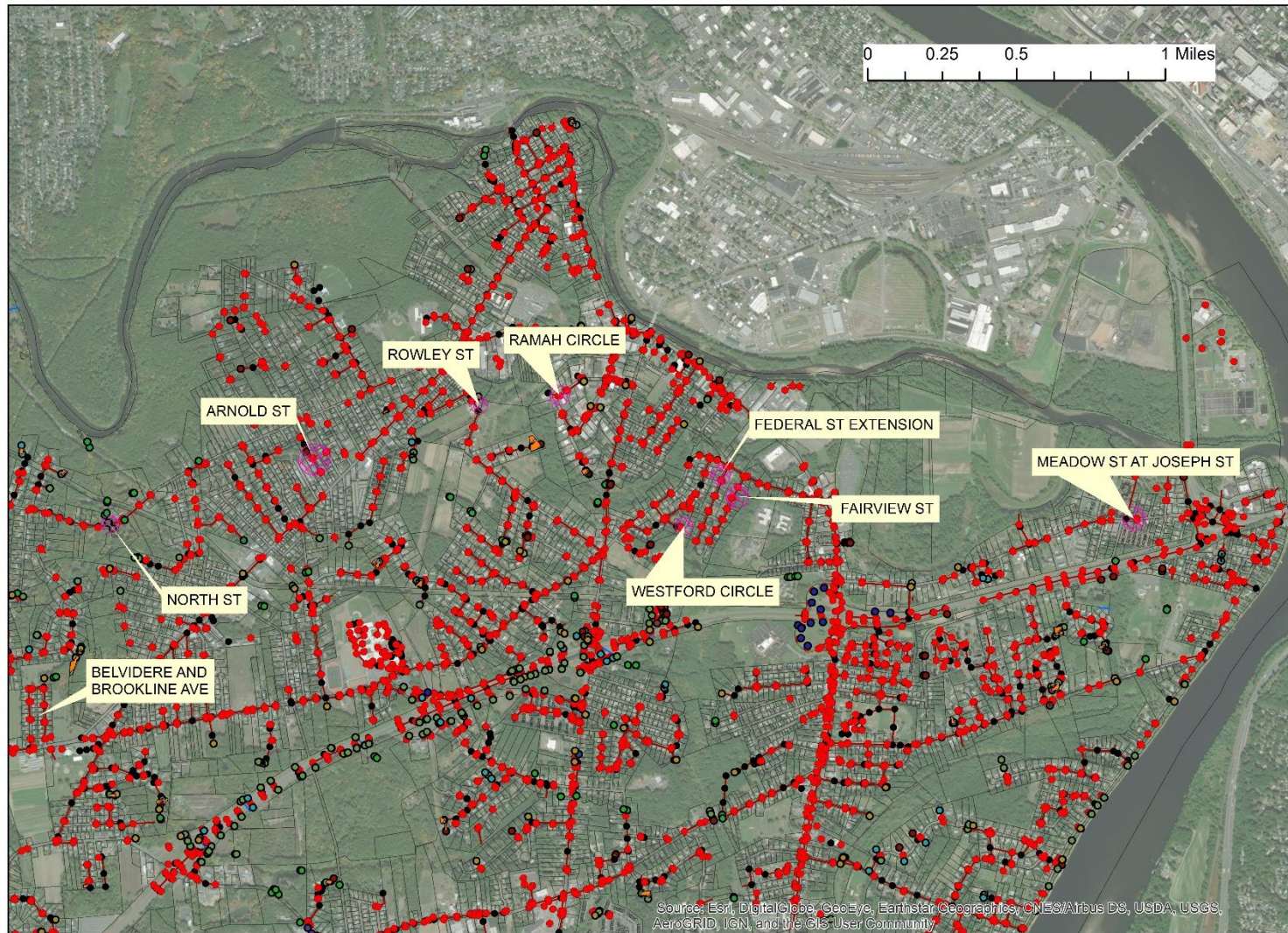
Known Problem Areas:

- ▶ Arnold Street (north) – flooding during heavy storms, failed infiltration system
- ▶ Meadow Street near Joseph Street – heavy storms overwhelm undersized pipes
- ▶ Fairview Street and Federal St. Ext. – flooding due to tree roots in pipes
- ▶ Basement flooding during extreme storms
- ▶ Increased intensity of storms and resulting flooding and erosion



Stormwater Program

Example Problem Areas

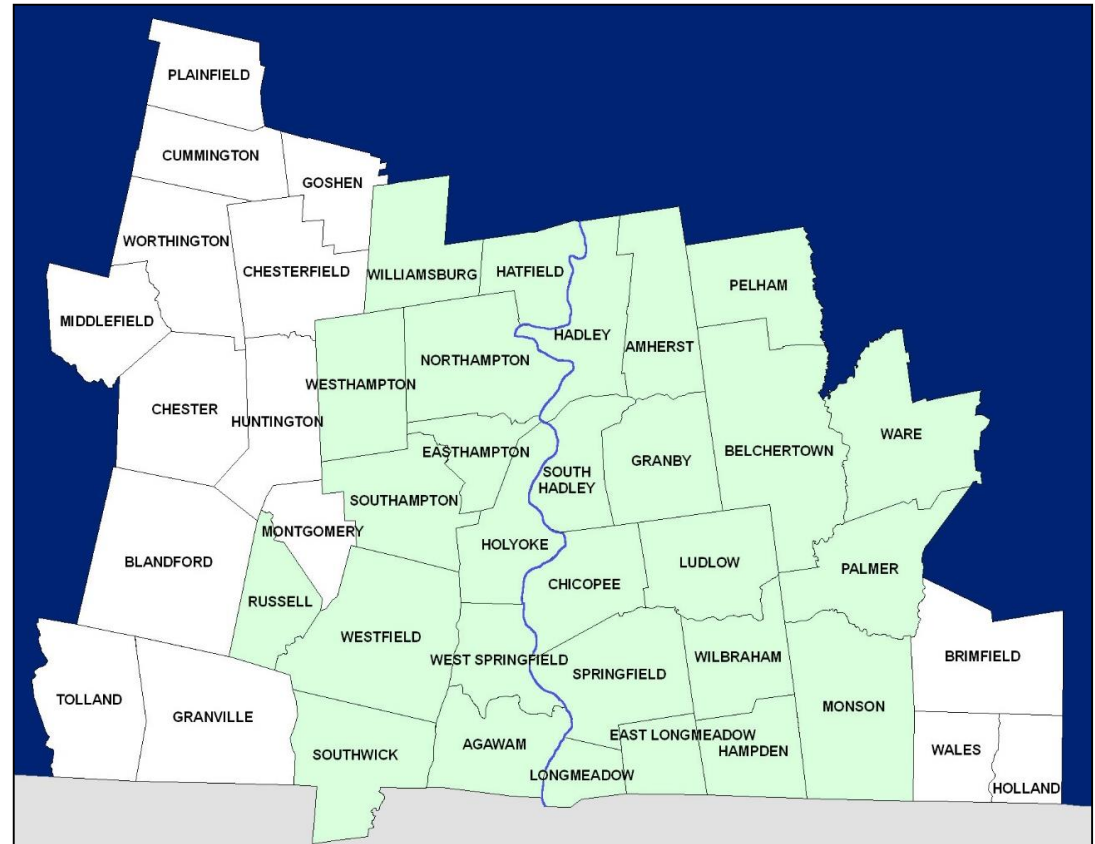


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Future Needs: Regulatory Requirements



- ▶ Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit
 - ▶ Re-issued by EPA on April 4, 2016
 - ▶ Becomes effective July 1, 2018
 - ▶ Replaces prior MS4 permit issued in 2003
- ▶ Who is regulated?
 - ▶ 26 MS4s in Pioneer Valley
 - ▶ 260 MS4s across MA



Note: Pelham and Westhampton obtained waivers.

Stormwater Needs

Advisory Task Force feedback



“We need a better stormwater management program because:”

- ▶ Aging infrastructure – 5 votes
- ▶ Flooding problems – 5 votes
- ▶ Erosion of channels and streams – 4 votes
- ▶ Water quality problems – 3 votes
- ▶ Wastewater or septic pressures – 3 votes
- ▶ Drinking water protection – 3 votes
- ▶ Compliance requirements – 2 votes
- ▶ Preserve recreation or fisheries – 2 votes
- ▶ Ecological concerns – 2 votes
- ▶ Understanding of the stormwater system / data quality – 1 vote
- ▶ Beach closures or swimming restrictions – 0 votes
- ▶ Preservation of property value – 0 votes
- ▶ Development pressures – 0 votes
- ▶ Prevent lawsuits – 0 votes

Everyone got 5
votes

Stormwater Program

Summary of Current and Future Costs



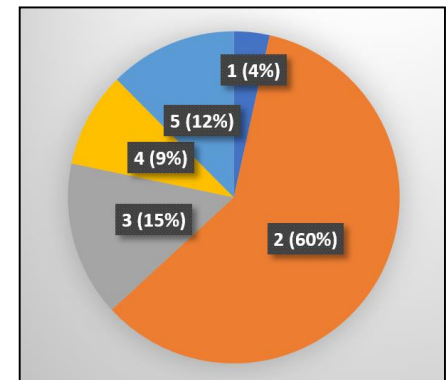
Preliminary Estimate (moderate level of service):

Functional Category	FY '18	FY '19	FY '20	FY '21	FY '22	FY '23
1. Stormwater Program Administration	\$42,176	\$66,182	\$67,236	\$67,236	\$67,236	\$67,236
2. Stormwater Operations and Maintenance	\$735,799	\$1,027,446	\$1,126,618	\$1,179,723	\$1,197,723	\$1,215,723
3. Drainage Engineering and Stormwater Management Planning	\$135,725	\$321,284	\$290,519	\$257,449	\$306,599	\$280,389
4. Regulatory Compliance / Enforcement	\$100,917	\$175,950	\$179,269	\$179,269	\$179,269	\$179,269
5. Stormwater Capital Improvement Projects and Equipment	\$31,456	\$39,619	\$289,951	\$289,951	\$289,951	\$289,951
Total	\$1,046,071	\$1,630,481	\$1,953,593	\$1,973,628	\$2,040,778	\$2,032,568

Key Considerations:

- ▶ \$880,138 – net average increase
- ▶ Increase of ~2.5 FTEs
- ▶ Increased contractor costs
- ▶ Includes \$250K for minor and major capital projects
 - ▶ Budget needs to be refined over time based on new data from future assessments.

▶ FY '19-23 (5-yr avg.):
\$1,926,209



Stormwater Program

Summary of Future Costs



Example Major Capital Project:

- ▶ ~\$324,900 (Fairview St. / Federal St. Ext.)
- ▶ Flooding during heavy rainstorms

FAIRVIEW STREET								
ITEM #	ITEM	UNIT	QUANT.	UNIT PRICE	HDPE PIPE 24X24X8 CB Cover	RCP PIPE 24X24X8 CB Cover	HDPE PIPE CB Top- Type "C"	RCP PIPE CB Top-Type "C"
DRAINAGE SYSTEM								
2	12" HDPE	LF	1590	\$6.50	\$10,335.00	-	\$10,335.00	-
6	12" RCP	LF	1590	\$8.07	-	\$12,831.30	-	\$12,831.30
9	25 LB BUCKET LUBE	EA	1	\$45.95	-	\$45.95	-	\$45.95
	Structure: CB							
10	2' CB SUMP	EA	14	\$267.00	\$3,738.00	\$3,738.00	\$3,738.00	\$3,738.00
11	2' CB RISER SOL	EA	14	\$208.00	\$2,912.00	\$2,912.00	\$2,912.00	\$2,912.00
12	4' CB KO C-RISER (4' High wit	EA	14	\$320.00	\$4,480.00	\$4,480.00	\$4,480.00	\$4,480.00
13	TYPE "C" BIT CURB CB TOP (EA	14	\$424.00	-	-	\$5,936.00	\$5,936.00
14	24" x 24" x 8" 3 Flange CB Frar	EA	14	\$408.02	\$5,712.28	\$5,712.28	-	-
15	CB Hood, Cast Iron	EA	14	\$88.96	\$1,245.44	\$1,245.44	\$1,245.44	\$1,245.44
	Structure: MH							
16	48" x 4' BASE EXT WHOLE	EA	7	\$374.00	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00
17	3' X 48" CONE W/24" OPNG	EA	7	\$192.00	\$1,344.00	\$1,344.00	\$1,344.00	\$1,344.00
18	48" X 1' RISER PER FT	PF	9	\$64.00	\$576.00	\$576.00	\$576.00	\$576.00
19	48" CONSEAL JOINT	EA	12	\$8.00	\$96.00	\$96.00	\$96.00	\$96.00
20	Massachusetts 26"x8" Frame &	EA	7	\$395.44	\$2,768.08	\$2,768.08	\$2,768.08	\$2,768.08
				SUBTOTAL =	\$35,824.80	\$38,367.05	\$36,048.52	\$38,590.77
ITEM #	ITEM	UNIT	QUANT.	UNIT PRICE	COST (INSTALL)			
INSTALLATION**								
21	PIPE, 8" - 15"	LF	1590	\$55.00	\$87,450			
23	DMH & CB	EA	21	\$1,100.00	\$23,100			
				SUBTOTAL =	\$110,550.00			
				TOTAL=	\$146,374.80	\$148,917.05	\$146,598.52	\$149,140.77
	Cold patch for Trenches	TON	134	\$114.00	\$15,276			
				TOTAL=	\$161,650.80	\$164,193.05	\$161,874.52	\$164,416.77

Stormwater Program *Level of Service*

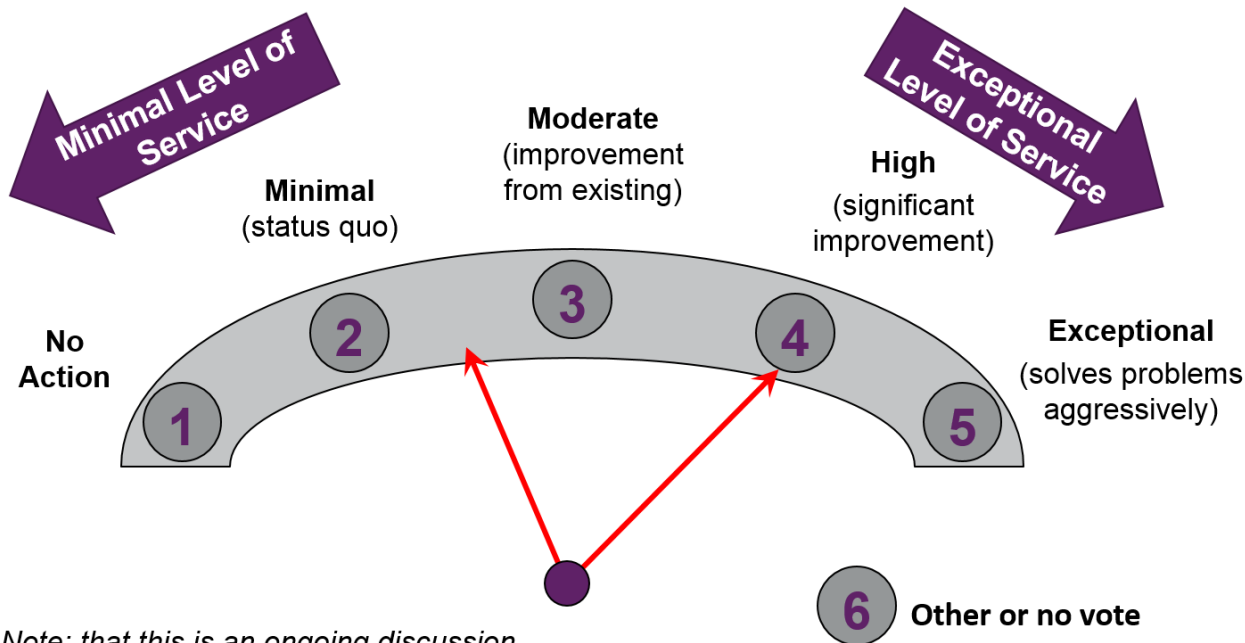


Future program considerations:

- ▶ Level of service options
- ▶ Setting expectations
- ▶ Solving problems
- ▶ Program growth over time



Source: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/52501>



Note: that this is an ongoing discussion...



Stormwater Program

Stormwater Asset Replacement Value

Something to keep in mind as we discuss the appropriate Level of Service (LOS) and annual program costs.

The American Water Works Association is a trade group that prepares manuals and best practice guidance for public water utilities.

Based on life expectancy of pipes and related infrastructure, they recommend that utility operators invest 1-2% of the value of their assets in annual maintenance (older systems at the higher end) and 1-2% in capital replacement or capital reserves.

A rough estimate of the replacement value of Agawam's existing stormwater infrastructure is **\$150M.**

- ▶ For O&M at 1% - \$1.5M/yr.
- ▶ For Capital at 1% - \$1.5M/yr.

\$3M is a reasonable LOS and a goal for program growth

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Stormwater Program

Moderate and Higher Level of Service

- ▶ \$1,926,209 – moderate level of service
 - ▶ \$880,138 – net increase
 - ▶ \$250K for capital projects
- ▶ \$2,149,800 – higher level of service
 - ▶ \$1,103,729 – net increase
 - ▶ Additional \$250K for capital projects starting in FY '21

Preliminary Estimate (higher level of service):

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Funding Options

Common Methods



Common Methods for Funding Stormwater Programs

General Fund	User Fee	Sponsors	Fines
Impact Fee	Bonds	Special Assessment	Tax Set-aside
Shared Costs	Inspection Fees	Grants	Chapter 90

Funding Options

Primary Options



User-Fee vs. Tax Revenue

► **Favored Option: Stormwater Utility (user fee)**

- Based on impervious cover, not property value
- Dedicated funding, stormwater only
- Opportunities for credit
- City Council vote to establish

► **Other Options**

- **Tax Increase – based on property value**
- **Municipal Water Infrastructure Investment Fund** (*MGL Chapter 259, Section 39M*)
 - Based on property value (surcharge up to 3%)
 - Use of funds is not limited solely to stormwater



Stormwater Utility Overview

Rational Nexus



How Does it Work?

- ▶ Fees assigned to a parcel for services provided
- ▶ Fee is proportional to the stormwater burden on the stormwater system/program
- ▶ More impervious areas...
 - ...more stormwater runoff...
 - ...larger burden on the system...
 - ...larger user fee
- ▶ Therefore, even tax-exempt properties contribute (universities, hospitals, and religious institutions, etc.)
- ▶ Not a “Rain Tax” – Value of the Property is Not Considered



Stormwater Utility Overview

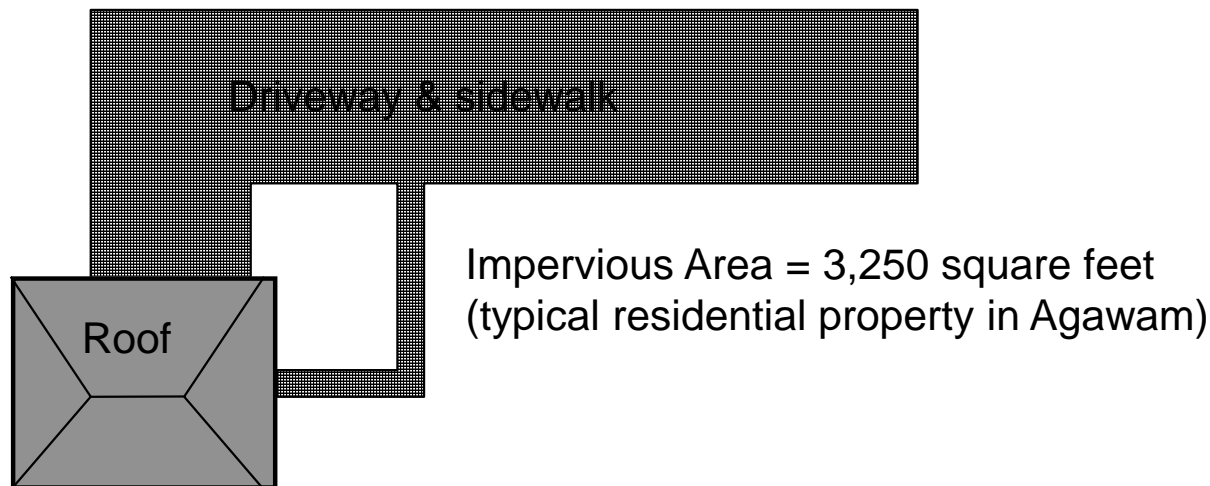
Funding Approach

▶ Key Components:

- ▶ Rate Methodology – the metric used to assess the impacts of stormwater runoff to the system (e.g., impervious area (IA)).
- ▶ Rate Structure – the metric used to distribute costs among users (e.g., flat rate, tiers, etc.).
- ▶ Billing Units – the size of the IA to which a fee is assigned based on the rate structure.

▶ Analogy for water utility:

- ▶ Water consumption
- ▶ Cubic feet of water; increasing rates for water use over 4,000 cubic feet
- ▶ \$1.90 per hundred cubic feet of water





Stormwater Utility Overview

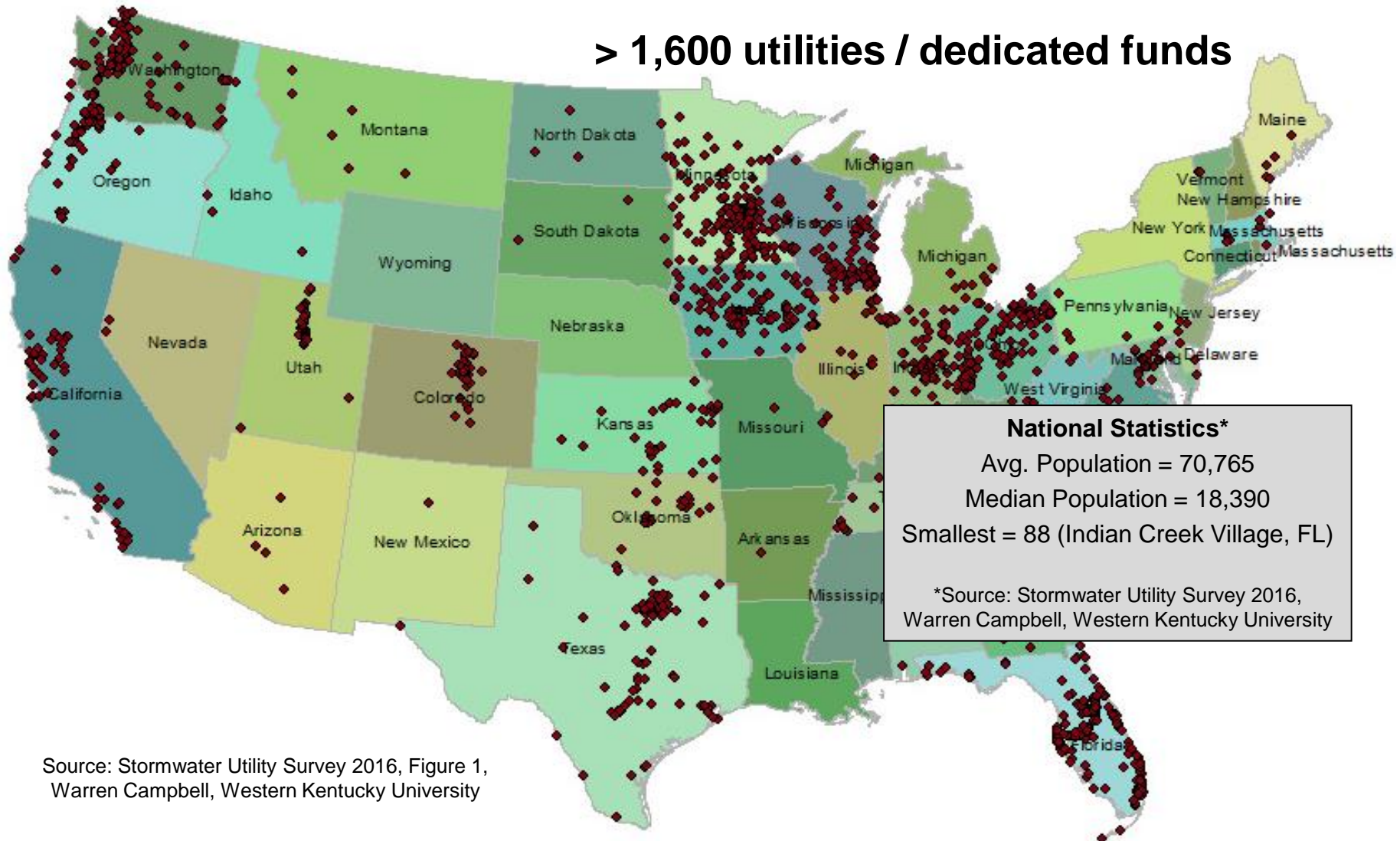
Key Benefits

Key Advantages

- ▶ **It is Stable** because it is not as dependent on the vagaries of the annual budgetary process as taxes are.
- ▶ **It is Adequate** because a typical stormwater fee is based on a well thought out stormwater program to meet the needs and demands of the community, as well as other program drivers (e.g., water quality, regulations).
- ▶ **It is Flexible** because fees can be structured in multiple ways, and the program can be managed to fund activities based on changing priorities and needs.
- ▶ **It is more Equitable** than most other funding sources because the cost is borne by the user on the basis of demand placed on the drainage system.

Stormwater Utility Overview

National Trends for Stormwater Utilities



Source: Stormwater Utility Survey 2016, Figure 1, Warren Campbell, Western Kentucky University



Stormwater Utility Overview

Sample Stormwater Utility Rates in Massachusetts

Average Residential Stormwater Fees

- ▶ **Reading** (pop. 24,747)
 - \$3.33/Month
 - \$400,000 annual revenue
- ▶ **Newton** (pop. 85,146)
 - \$6.25/Month
 - \$1,750,000 annual revenue
- ▶ **Northampton** (pop. 28,540)
 - \$7.50/Month
 - \$1,940,000 annual revenue
- ▶ **Chicopee** (pop. 55,298)
 - \$8.33/Month
 - \$1M annual revenue

Notes:

- Programs, fees and revenue can vary widely.
- Revenue potential also varies based on rate structure and rate payers (e.g., residential versus non-residential make-up).
- Fees are for average residential properties – some rate structures include increasing fees for larger residential properties, such as Northampton.



Agawam Data Analysis

Impervious Cover and Parcel Analysis

- ▶ GIS data was updated and analyzed to determine parcel boundaries and impervious area (IA).
- ▶ Aerial photography and GIS tools were used to perform an initial identification of impervious area per parcel in Agawam.
 - The analysis identified 9,179 developed parcels (having at least 200 SF of IA) with a total of 78,678,230 SF of IA



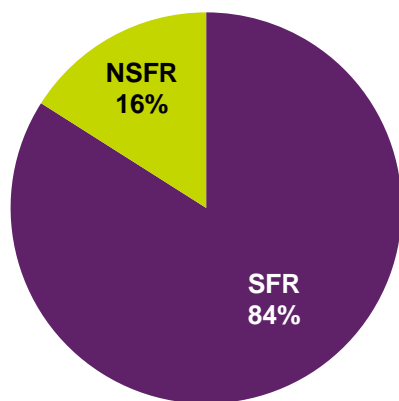


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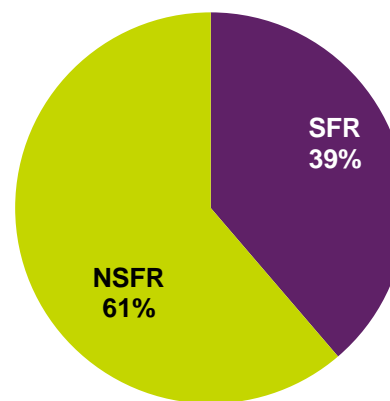
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- ▶ GIS data was updated and analyzed to determine parcel boundaries and impervious area (IA).
- ▶ The GIS data was then linked to the Town Assessor's files by parcel ID. Using the Assessor's land use codes, properties were designated Single-Family Residential (SFR) or Non-Single-Family Residential (NSFR).
 - Of the 9,179 developed parcels: 84% or 7,710 are SFR and 16% or 1,469 are NSFR.
 - The SFR properties contained 30,464,260 SF of IA
 - The NSFR properties contained 48,213,970 SF of IA

Total Parcels



Total IA





Agawam Data Analysis

Preliminary Stormwater Rate Structure

Billing unit is based on a set Flat Billing Rate

- ▶ **For Agawam, a 1,000 SF billing unit was selected.** This is large enough to minimize minor issues in using aerial photography to determine IA but small enough to recognize differences in property runoff impacts.
- ▶ Eliminates the need to assign land use codes to property, as all properties are billed on the same basis.
- ▶ Requires more accurate IA calculation on all SFR properties, but billing will align more closely with actual IA on properties across Town

	Single Family Residential	Non-Single Family Residential	Total
Parcels	7,710	1,469	9,179
Total IA (SF)	30,464,260	48,213,970	78,678,230
Billing Units	30,499	48,253	78,702

Break

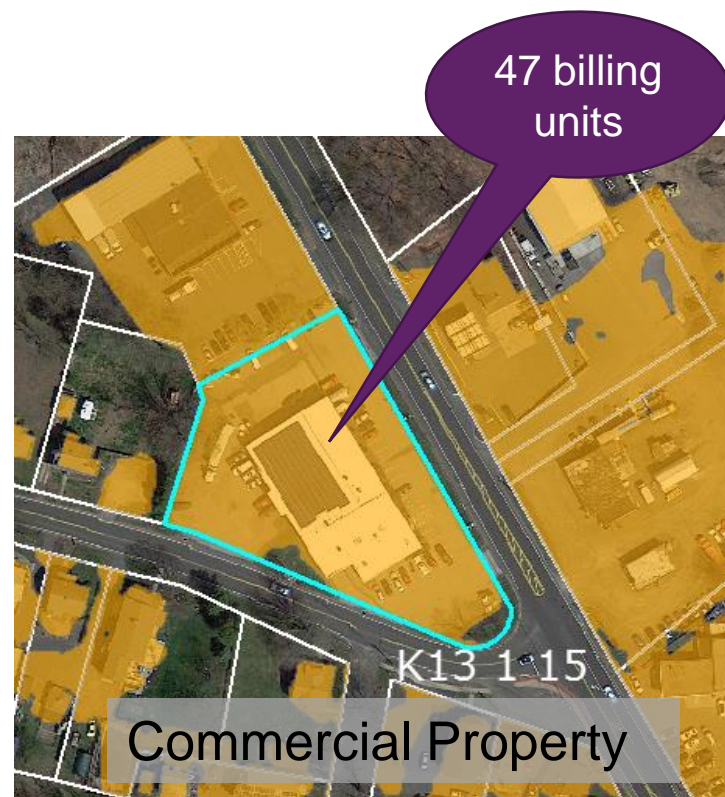




Agawam Funding Analysis

Basic Approach for Calculating Fees

- ▶ Measured impervious surface for each parcel using aerial photos and GIS.
- ▶ Billing units are calculated based on 1,000 square foot increments
- ▶ Total program costs ÷ billing units = \$/billing unit





Agawam Funding Analysis

Calculation of Rate per Billing Unit

Divide the total annual revenue needed by the amount of available billing units (1,000 sf IA billing unit):

Calculation for moderate level of service:

$\$2,052,519 \div 78,702$ billing units = $\$26.08$

or $\$26.08$ per 1,000 sf of IA per year.

Note: this is a preliminary analysis and the rate is dependent on final policies, data, and revenue needs.

Assumptions: the above calculation assumes annual revenue needs for a moderate level of service including 3% revenue for the credit program, 2% revenue for bad debt, and \$30,000 in costs for fee management activities (e.g., billing, collection, database management) = \$126,310.



Agawam Funding Analysis

Tax Versus Fee

Revenue from Real Property Tax (2018): \$60,032,566

Tax rates: Residential \$16.61/\$1,000 and Commercial \$31.47/\$1,000

Estimated tax increase to fund increased program entirely from property tax *(note: tax exempt properties would not pay under this scenario)*

- ▶ Moderate LOS (\$1,926,209 - \$1,046,071) = \$880,138 +1.5%
- ▶ Higher LOS (\$2,149,800 - \$1,046,071) = \$1,103,729 +1.8%

Potential tax decrease if current program costs (\$1,046,071) is funded by fee: -1.7%

← This is a preliminary estimate and will change based on final funding policies (decisions) by the Town and fees assessed for public properties.

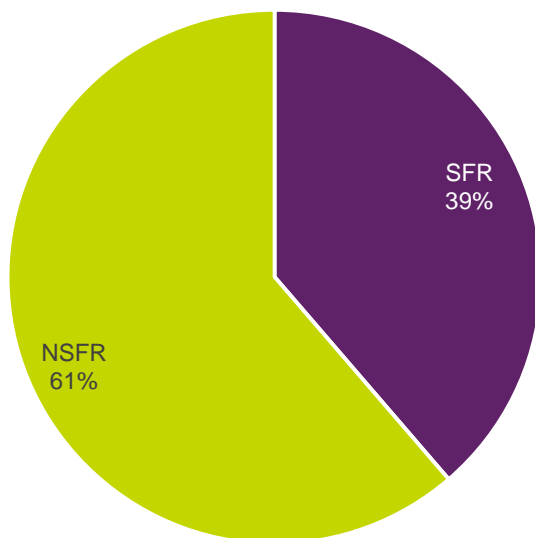


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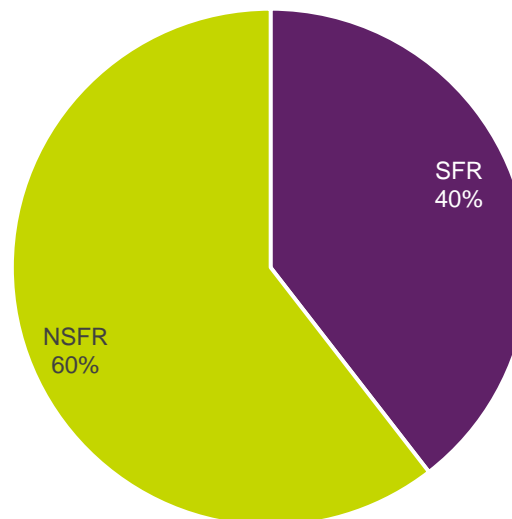
Tax Versus Fee

Revenue Distribution

1,000 sf IA Basis



SW Based on Property Value



Revenue is the same from both property classes under each funding approach, but the 1,000 sf basis (stormwater utility) does not consider property value and recognizes differences in properties and their runoff. Also, every property pays under a stormwater utility.



Agawam Funding Analysis

Tax Versus Fee – Residential Example

Typical single-family home in Agawam valued at approximately \$250,000 and has 3,250 SF of IA

Stormwater Fee

Preliminary Estimate of fees

- ▶ Moderate LOS program - \$78 per year
- ▶ Higher LOS program - \$88 per year
- ▶ Plus potential tax savings of 1.7% or \$72.36

Property Tax

Current property tax on \$250,000 = \$4,153 per year

1.5% increase = +\$60.88 (moderate LOS)

1.8% increase = +\$76.35 (higher LOS)



Agawam Funding Analysis

Tax Versus Fee - Commercial

Varies Widely - Depends on footprint, number of stories, and value

Allied Floor

Tax value = \$552,500

IA = 47,402 SF

Stormwater Fee

Preliminary estimate of fees

- ▶ Moderate LOS program = \$1,225/yr
- ▶ Higher LOS program = \$1,370/yr
- ▶ Plus potential tax savings of 1.7% or \$303

Property Tax

Current property tax on \$552,500 = \$17,387 per year

1.5% increase = +\$255

1.8% increase = +\$320

Country Manor Apts.

Tax value = \$3,347,700

IA = 51,612 SF

Stormwater Fee

Preliminary estimate of fees

- ▶ Moderate LOS program = \$1,356/yr
- ▶ Higher LOS program = \$1,516/yr
- ▶ Plus potential tax savings of 1.7% or \$1,836

Property Tax

Current property tax on \$3,347,700 = \$105,352 per year

1.5% increase = +\$1,545

1.8% increase = +\$1,937



Agawam Funding Analysis

Financial Impacts on Sample Properties

Upcoming examples do not include:

- ▶ Potential credits that properties may obtain
- ▶ Tax obligation for existing program (already paying for existing through taxes)
 - preliminary fees represent existing and future costs
- ▶ Fee versus tax comparisons are provided at the end



Note that these is a preliminary funding analysis and estimates of financial impacts will change based on final funding policies (decisions) by the Town.



Agawam Funding Analysis

Sample Properties

Single Family Home -

Morningside Circle

Estimated Impervious Area

- ▶ 2,889 SF

Preliminary Annual Range of Rates:

1,000 SF Billing Unit

- ▶ Moderate LOS - $\$26.08 \times 3 = \78.24
- ▶ Higher LOS - $\$29.16 \times 3 = \87.48





Agawam Funding Analysis

Sample Properties

Single Family Home -

Colemore St

Estimated Impervious Area

- ▶ 4,797 SF

Preliminary Annual Range of Rates:

1,000 SF Billing Unit

- ▶ Moderate LOS - $\$26.08 \times 5 = \130.40
- ▶ Higher LOS - $\$29.16 \times 5 = \145.80





Agawam Funding Analysis

Sample Properties

Tax-Exempt Property- Feeding Hills Church

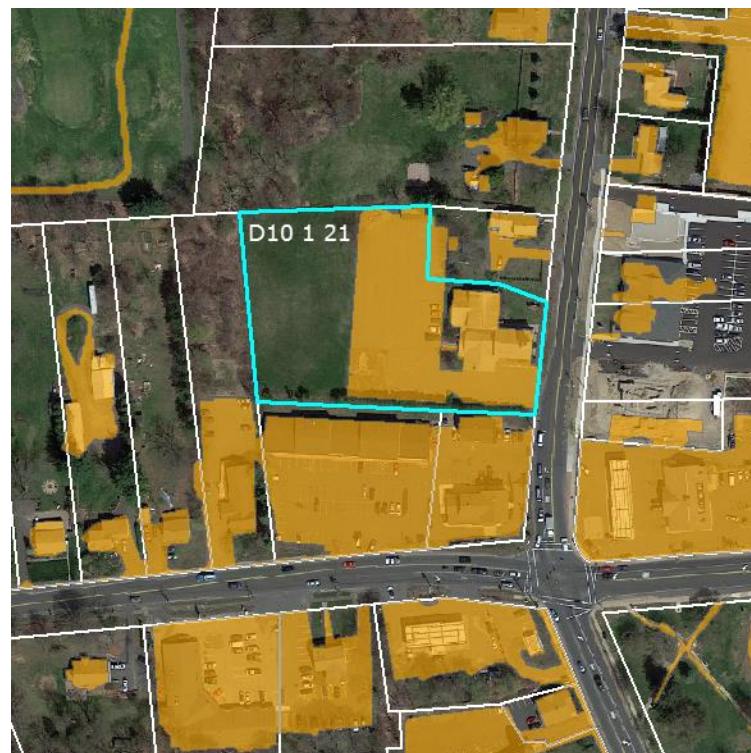
Estimated Impervious Area

▶ 40,899 SF

Preliminary Annual Range of Rates:

1,000 SF Billing Unit

- ▶ Moderate LOS - $\$26.08 \times 41 = \$1,069.28$
- ▶ Higher LOS - $\$29.16 \times 41 = \$1,195.56$





Agawam Funding Analysis

Sample Properties

Commercial Property -

Allied Floor

Estimated Impervious Area

▶ 47,402 SF

Preliminary Annual Range of Rates:

1,000 SF Billing Unit

- ▶ Moderate LOS - $\$26.08 \times 47 = \$1,225.76$
- ▶ Higher LOS - $\$29.16 \times 47 = \$1,370.52$





Agawam Funding Analysis

Sample Properties

Commercial Property -

Sarat Ford

Estimated Impervious Area

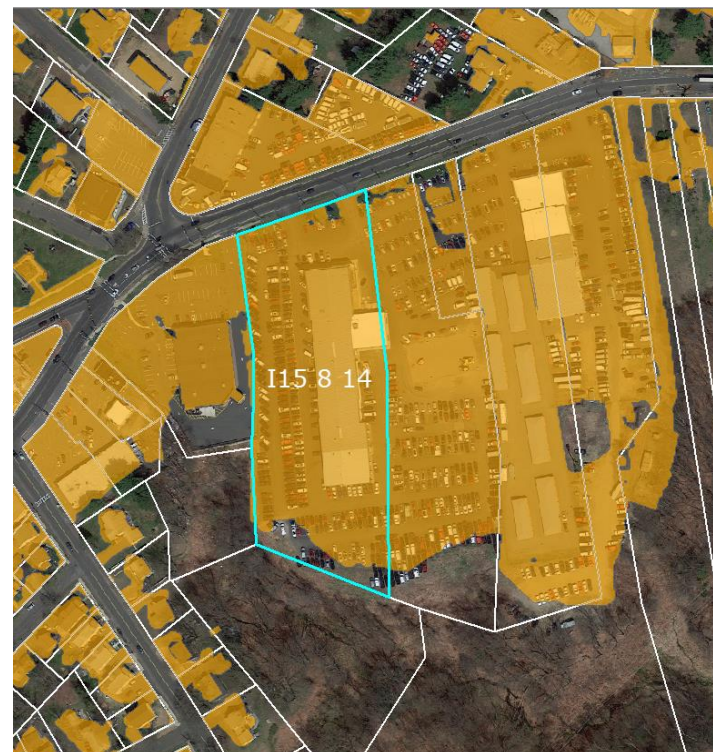
▶ 142,996 SF

Preliminary Annual Range of Rates:

1,000 SF Billing Unit

▶ Moderate LOS - $\$26.08 \times 143 = \$3,729.44$

▶ Higher LOS - $\$29.16 \times 143 = \$4,169.88$





Agawam Funding Analysis

Sample Properties

Commercial Property -

HP Hood (2 parcels)

Estimated Impervious Area

- ▶ 509,385 SF

Preliminary Annual Range of Rates:

1,000 SF Billing Unit

- ▶ Moderate LOS - $\$26.08 \times 509 = \$13,274.72$
- ▶ Higher LOS - $\$29.16 \times 509 = \$14,842.44$





Agawam Funding Analysis

Sample Properties

Commercial Property -

Six Flags

Estimated Impervious Area

▶ 2,414,275 SF

Preliminary Annual Range of Rates:

1,000 SF Billing Unit

▶ Moderate LOS - $\$26.08 \times 2,414 = \$62,957$

▶ Higher LOS - $\$29.16 \times 2,414 = \$70,392$





What Comes Next

1. Finalize recommendations
2. Council review and approval of next steps
3. Continue public engagement process
4. Potential ordinance review and implementation
5. Continue with steps to build program and funding mechanism
6. Develop credit program
7. Schedule for full implementation - sometime in 2019



Feedback and Discussion

- ▶ Overall concerns
- ▶ Thoughts on stormwater program needs and level of service
- ▶ Thoughts on funding approaches
- ▶ Recommendations and suggestions on next steps