

2. PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals of the Authority's stormwater management fee program are to improve the health of local waterways, operate and maintain the Authority's MS4, and comply with federal NPDES program requirements. The implementation of a stormwater management fee which is fair, equitable, and self-sustaining will generate the revenue that will be used to meet each of those goals. This report will outline the objectives necessary to implement the fee, including:

- review commonly-used fee structures,
- select a fee structure,
- calculate the value of an equivalent residential unit (ERU),
- determine the total number of single-family residential (SFR) ERUs in the Borough,
- determine the number of ERUs to be assigned to each non-SFR parcel,
- determine the total number of ERUs in Cleona Borough,
- estimate the MS4 program costs to be paid from the fund established by the stormwater management fee,
- categorize the costs into Basic Services or those services necessary to properly administer the MS4 program including achieving compliance with the Authority's MS4 permit as well as maintaining the existing MS4 infrastructure; and Comprehensive Services which in addition to Basic Services, includes services to make improvements to the Authority's existing MS4 system, i.e., adding stormwater facilities to parts of the Borough that currently have none, replacing existing facilities such as pipes, inlets and catch basins that have exceeded their useful life, increasing the capacity of existing undersized facilities, etc.
- calculate the stormwater management fee per ERU for each level of service,
- select a level of service,
- create a billing structure,
- create procedures for reviewing and responding to appeals, applications for credits, and changes to property owners, parcel identification, and impervious areas,
- implementing the fee using a resolution approved by the Authority,
- begin collection of the fee, and
- conduct annual reviews of the stormwater management fee program.