

# What benefits will I receive?

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The funds received will be used to:

- Comply with the City's NPDES Permit that is monitored by the EPD
- Bond future stormwater improvement projects
- Maintain and monitor the storm system to provide cleaner water in our streams and creeks



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# Stormwater Management Program

Protecting Water Resources





## What is Stormwater?

Stormwater runoff is the water that flows over the land when it rains. The water flows into gutters, storm sewers, and drainage ditches that empty into our local creeks and streams and ultimately discharge to the Ogeechee River

Impervious areas (areas that cannot absorb rainfall – rooftops, driveways, parking lots, sidewalks, etc.) are the single most important factor influencing stormwater runoff. Development replaces natural ground surfaces with impervious surfaces, causing more stormwater to run off the land rather than soaking into the soil, resulting in increased stream flows and potential flooding. Impervious areas also contribute pollutants that are eventually carried into our rivers via stormwater runoff.

The City of Richmond Hill is responsible for the management of the public storm sewer system, which is composed of catch basins, inlets, storm pipes, ditches, canals, all of which must be maintained by the City to ensure they function properly when rainfall events occur.

## Stormwater Regulation

New regulations have recently been established by the State and federal governments to address stormwater runoff and water quality issues in Richmond Hill. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) regulates the discharge of pollutants in stormwater through National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater discharge permits. The City of Richmond Hill must now comply with their NPDES Phase II MS4 stormwater permit, which mandates certain activities including comprehensive maintenance of the stormwater drainage system.



## Stormwater Management

The City of Richmond Hill has evaluated its stormwater program and developed a plan to enhance delivery of stormwater services and reduce flooding over time to better serve the City's citizens, businesses, and property owners. The City plan includes:

- Proactive maintenance of the storm sewer drainage system.
- \$13 million of capital projects to address flooding.
- Expansion of the floodplain management program.

## Paying for Stormwater Service

The City of Richmond Hill requires additional resources to better address the City's stormwater needs, meet customer demands, and comply with the unfunded federal and state regulatory compliance mandates.

The City is considering implementation of a Stormwater Utility for properties within the City limits to more effectively fund the stormwater management program through a system of user fees that will be dedicated solely to addressing stormwater management and drainage issues. If the City implements a Stormwater Utility to fund the stormwater program, a stormwater user fee will be charged to all developed properties within the City based on the amount of impervious surface on the parcel. The City believes that this is a more equitable method for funding stormwater services, since all properties will pay their fair share for stormwater services received.

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