Drainage Utility Fee & Stormwater Management Discount Program
Landscape Professional Training

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RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM
RAIN GARDEN
GREEN ROOF
STORMWATER POND
Presentation Outline

1. Background
2. Program Overview
3. Q&A
• Dedicated source of funding for the 3 critical mission areas for Watershed Protection
  – Flooding
  – Erosion
  – Water Pollution

• Approximately 95% of total budget of approximately $93 million comes from drainage charge

• Program Areas Funded
  – Flood Risk Reduction
  – Infrastructure and Waterway Maintenance
  – Stream Restoration
  – Watershed Policy and Planning
  – Water Quality Protection
  – Cash funding towards Capital projects
Background – Drainage Charge

• New Charge Implemented in Oct. 2015
  – Based on amount and percent of impervious cover
  – Apply to entire property, not units on property
  – Calculated same way for all properties

• Drainage Charge Formula
  – Drainage Charge = Base Rate x Impervious Cover x Adjustment Factor
Background – Why a Discount?

• Recognize reduction in drainage impact
  – Storing stormwater on your property can reduce the impact of impervious cover

• Provide a way to reduce your bill
  – Customers have options to reduce their other utility bills

• Reduce damaging effect of stormwater
  – While impact reduction per property may be relatively small, it can have a cumulative effect
Program Overview - Eligibility

- **What’s eligible**
  - Tanks
  - Rain Gardens
  - Detention, Water Quality, and Retention/Irrigation Systems
  - Green Roofs
Program Overview

- Water Quality Pond
- Detention Pond
- Retention/Irrigation Pond
- Green Roof
Program Overview- Amount of Discount

The discount varies, based on:

- Volume of stormwater control measure
- Amount of impervious cover on property
- Percent of impervious cover on property
- Amount of impervious cover feeding the stormwater control measure

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<td>Small rain garden (60 sq ft., 6 inches deep)</td>
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<td>1,000 gallon tank</td>
<td>$2.90 to $4.90 per month</td>
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Actual discount will vary depending on the amount and percent of impervious cover on a property. The low end of the range is based on a property with 2,000 square feet and 30% impervious cover. The high end is based on a property with 5,000 square feet and 50% impervious cover.
Program Overview

- Applicants must be a current drainage utility customer or a tenant of the benefitted property.
- Discount available only for stormwater control measures that exceed the development requirements.
- Customers may be able to mitigate up to 50% of impervious cover on the property.
Program Overview – How to Apply

Applications can be submitted online or mailed and should include:

- Customer Information
- Stormwater Control Measure Information
  - Type
  - Volume
  - Area That Feeds It
  - Image
• Applications may also include:

  – Proof that the stormwater control measure exceeds legal requirements for property
    • Typically for detention/WQ ponds
  – If required, evidence of permit approval
  – Sketch or plan of stormwater control measure layout may be required
Program Overview - Maintenance

• **Inspection and Maintenance**
  – Customers receiving discount must service and maintain stormwater control measure in order to retain discount.

• **Timeline**
  – Discount is valid for two years starting on date of approval. To renew discount, customer must complete renewal process.
• Acknowledge & incentivize voluntary initiatives

• Discounts varies by size of control and existing impervious cover on property

• Tailored application level of effort to discount amounts
  • Fairly quick to complete smaller/residential applications
  • Larger/commercial controls may take a little longer, but still straightforward and just enough to verify application

• Disclaimer: Impervious cover on property will be subject to correction when reviewing the application, which may result in an increase or decrease to the charge.
Questions?

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