

What benefit will I receive?

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The funds received will be used to:

- Maintain and monitor the storm system to provide cleaner water in our streams and creeks
- Fund future stormwater improvement projects
- Hire additional staff
- Improved existing level of service



City of Ft. Valley

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CITY OF FT. VALLEY - GEORGIA

Stormwater Management Program

Water Resources for our Future





The City of Ft. Valley's Plan for Stormwater

The City of Fort Valley has evaluated its stormwater issues and developed a plan to enhance delivery of stormwater services over time to better serve the City's citizens, businesses, and property owners. The City plan includes:

- Proactive maintenance of the storm sewer conveyance system
- Improved level of service
- Dedicated stormwater maintenance staff
- \$4.7 million of capital projects to address flooding
- Expansion of the floodplain management program

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 Bay Creek, Big Indian Creek, Flint River, etc.

Impervious areas (the 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 Fort Valley is responsible for the management of the public storm sewer system. Fort Valley has approximately 100 miles of streets with drainage systems; over 20 miles of pipes; nearly 1,000 drainage inlets and other structures; and miles of ditches, all of which must be maintained by the City to ensure they function properly when rainfall events occur.

Stormwater Regulation

Expanded regulations have recently been established by the State and federal governments to address stormwater runoff and water quality issues. 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 has not yet been designated as a NPDES Phase II MS4 Permit community, but it is likely to be designated as such after the 2020 Census. Currently, the City still must address water management activities related to other regulatory compliance requirements.

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Paying for Stormwater Service

The City of Fort Valley has decided that additional resources are needed 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 the most equitable method for funding stormwater services, since all properties will pay their fair share for stormwater services received.