



Legislation Text

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Substitute

Public Hearing: YES ☐ NO ☒

Department: Public Works - Roads & Drainage

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Districts

Stormwater Fee Increase - The proposed fee increases are from currently four dollars (\$4.00) per month per equivalent residential unit to; Eight dollars (\$8.00) per month per equivalent residential unit for the year 2023. Nine dollars (\$9.00) per month per equivalent residential unit for the year 2024; and Ten dollars (\$10.00) per month per equivalent residential unit for the year 2025 and for every subsequent year, subject to adjustment through official action of the DeKalb County Governing Authority.

Out of these fees, an annual fund of \$350,000.00 from the Stormwater Utility Fund shall be established for the purposes of supporting a Green Schoolyards and Educational partnership with the DeKalb County School System (DCSD).

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PURPOSE:

To approve Roads and Drainage's proposed Stormwater fee increase and the creation of an annual fund to support a Green Schoolyards and Educational Partnership. The resolution and supporting documentation is attached.

NEED/IMPACT:

There has not been a Stormwater fee increase since the creation of the Stormwater Utility in 2003. Since the creation of the Utility, not only has the stormwater infrastructure inventory increased, but the existing inventory has also continued to age, and needs ongoing maintenance, upgrades, and replacements. The cost of ongoing maintenance continues to increase. Roads and Drainage has exhausted reserves and requires additional funds in order to adequately maintain the existing stormwater infrastructure and to support the required activities of the County's NPDES Permit. (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System).

The current stormwater infrastructure inventory includes more than 149,000 MS4's, municipal separate storm sewer systems, including:

- (1) 25,000 catch basins
- (2) 1,020 retention ponds
- (3) 3,182,000 linear feet of storm drain- pipe (602 miles)
- (4) 923,000 linear feet of county- maintained ditches.
- (5) 200 bridges

(6) Thousands of culverts, headwalls, and outfalls

The fee increase is critical to continued operations and would support an annual fund of \$350,000.00 to support a Green Schoolyards and Educational partnership with DCSD.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed fee increases are Eight dollars (\$8.00) per month per equivalent residential unit for the year 2023. Nine dollars (\$9.00) per month per equivalent residential unit for the year 2024; and

Ten dollars (\$10.00) per month per equivalent residential unit for the year 2025 and for every subsequent year, subject to adjustment through official action of the DeKalb County Governing Authority.

\$12,741,225	\$25,482,449	\$28,667,755	\$31,853,062	\$31,853,062	\$31,853,062
Base 2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the proposed stormwater fee increase and the establishment of an annual fund for the purpose of supporting a Green Schoolyards and Educational partnership with DCSD and to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents.