



## Background

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), polluted stormwater runoff is the leading cause of impairment to nearly 40 percent of the surveyed U.S. water bodies which do not meet current water quality standards. When left uncontrolled, this water pollution can result in the destruction of fish, wildlife, and aquatic life habitat. In addition, if not properly managed, stormwater runoff can lead to both public and private property damage.

Mandated by Congress under the Clean Water Act, the NPDES Stormwater Program (MS4) is a national program for addressing stormwater discharges, delegated to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP).

Reducing pollutant and sediment within the Borough will reduce the impact to the Susquehanna River. These reductions will help rehabilitate and protect our waterways, in return, improving our potable drinking water supply.

The Borough has spent the last year tackling the difficult issue of how to fully and equitably fund stormwater management in order to meet the obligations of the EPA and the PADEP.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**



# Rehabilitating Our Waterways



**Effective Spring 2019**





## New Stormwater Assessment

Lemoyne Borough intends to implement a Stormwater Management Program in order to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). A new Stormwater Assessment will be used to address stormwater concerns and infrastructure as required.

**Residents and property owners are encouraged to attend a public meeting on February 28, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Borough Office to learn about the upcoming Stormwater Assessment and Stormwater Management Program.**

### What is a Stormwater Assessment Fee?

A Stormwater Assessment Fee is collected solely for the purposes of funding stormwater related projects, permits, infrastructure, and public education/outreach.

This fee provides the user with various stormwater related services (much like a sewer fee, trash collection fee, or a water fee).

It has its own budget and must be fully transparent to show it is properly spent.

The collection of this fee is enabled by the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

## What is the proposed cost to you?

An Equivalent Tenth of Acre Unit (ETU) is the total deeded parcel acreage, divided by 0.1, to determine the equivalent tenth of acre units for each parcel.

**1 ETU = \$7.70/month**

Single Family Residential Equivalent Tenth of Acre Unit	Adjusted Equivalent Tenth of Acre Unit	Monthly Bill
1	1	\$7.70
2 to < 5	2	\$15.40
5 to < 10	3	\$23.10
10 to < 15	4	\$30.80
15 to < 20	5	\$38.50
20+	6	\$46.20

All Non-Single Family Residential Properties will be charged based upon the total number of Equivalent Tenth of Acre Units for that parcel.

### How are the collected fees used?

The Stormwater Assessment Fee pays for the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Stormwater Management Program. Some of the services provided in the program include the following:

- Infrastructure construction, maintenance and repair
- Stormwater quality improvement projects
- Flooding mitigation projects
- Permit Compliance
- Public Education and Outreach
- Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination

### Why not use tax revenue?

The cost of these new programs and plans, in addition to the need for various infrastructure improvement projects, far exceeds the amount the Borough currently spends from the Stormwater Fund. Additional use of tax revenue from the General Fund would require reducing expenditures by the Borough in other areas such as police services or street repairs.



## What have we done?

### • Market Street Rain Gardens

The Market Street Streetscape project incorporated a series of rain gardens along the corridor that collect and treat runoff from the road, preventing pollutants from being discharged into the Susquehanna River.

### • Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP)

The Borough developed a PRP as part of the 2017 PA DEP permit renewal process. The plan defines measurable goals of pollutant reduction over the next five years. As part of the planning process, the Borough applied for and received a grant from PA DEP for implementation of the stream restoration project identified in the plan.

## How can you help?

- Keep storm drains free of litter and other debris
- Sweep up grass clippings, leaves, and fertilizers and pesticides from impervious surfaces
- Clean up pet waste
- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Compost your yard waste
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
- Don't wash your vehicle in the road or driveway
- Check your vehicle regularly for leaks
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard

**Refer to the Borough's website, [www.lemoynepa.com](http://www.lemoynepa.com), for a list of FAQs and additional information.**

