



Storm Sewer System Needs Must be Met to Protect Citizens Effectively

The City of Celina is implementing a Storm Water Utility in the community. Following are some key facts:

Why is a storm water utility needed?

The City's storm sewer system is a separate utility system necessary to safely and efficiently convey a property's rainfall runoff into pipe systems, drainage channels, detention structures, streams and water bodies. This system requires diligent monitoring and maintenance to perform effectively, including activities such as:

- **Water quality protection:** to protect creeks and streams from pollution
- **Preventative maintenance:** debris removal, repair of storm sewer infrastructure, erosion protection, sediment removal
- **Flood protection**



How would a storm water utility meet the City's needs?

Revenues from a storm water utility fee would provide the City with a stable funding source restricted by State law to storm sewer system maintenance and improvement activities. Ultimately, a storm water utility fee will help the City protect our community from flooding and protect riparian areas, our most treasured recreational resource.



How would the storm water utility be determined?

Much like a sewer bill is based on the amount of sewage sent to the sewer collection system, a storm water utility fee would be based on the amount of storm water runoff generated by the impervious area of a property that flows to the storm system. Impervious area, such as parking lots, rooftops, and driveways keep rainfall from soaking into the ground and increase runoff to the Town's storm sewer system.

How would the storm water utility fee be assessed?

The storm water utility fee would be included on each property's monthly utility bill.