



PUBLIC SESSION 6 // OCTOBER 21, 2015

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RECAP &
COMMITTEE INFO

Wet Weather Program Priorities

→ **June 17 // 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

Exploring Solutions – Potential Funding

→ **July 15 // 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

Exploring Solutions Continued

→ **Aug. 19 // 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

Co-Benefits of Green Infrastructure

→ **Sept. 16 // 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

Credits and Incentives

→ **Oct. 21 // 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

OneWater Committee 2015 Overview

→ **Nov. 18 // 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

Join Us For a Tour Today

Learn about green infrastructure at
the Riverfront Museum



You shared, we listened:

Groups for potential outreach:

- The Whiskey City Collaborative
- West Bluff Council
- VFW

What other groups would you like to suggest?

Stay Involved: We are soon starting one-on-one key user meetings and neighborhood meetings.

In addition to keeping stormwater out of our sewers, green infrastructure provides opportunity for additional **COMMUNITY BENEFITS** including...



Connections between
People and Places



Ecological **Health**
and **Productivity**



Safe and Accessible
Transportation Infrastructure



Local Jobs and
Workforce Training



Crime Mitigation



Neighborhood-scale
Economic Development



Public **Health and Wellness**

Stormwater Utility Rate Update:

- SW Capital Cost: \$ 5,340,000
- SW Operating Cost: \$ 2,900,000
- CSO Cost: \$ 5,000,000
- Total Funding Needed \$13,240,000

Rate per Billing Unit (1,000 sf) = \$5.00-\$7.00

Average Monthly residential Bill (2600 sf): \$13.00-\$18.20



CREDITS & INCENTIVES

WHAT IS A CREDIT?

A credit is an ongoing reduction to the stormwater bill. Sometimes credits are for a limited time and have to be renewed; other times they are ongoing.

WHAT IS AN INCENTIVE?

An incentive is a onetime credit on the stormwater bill for best management practices such as rain barrels. A grant could be considered an incentive, or we could create a separate category for grants.

Your Thoughts on Credits/Incentives

- **Give credits for home owners and others who put in:**
 - Permeable pavers instead of concrete/asphalt
 - Native plants rather than the turf grass
 - Lawns that foster infiltration rather than water runoff
 - Other water quality best management practices- inlet filters, sediment basins, etc.
- **Reconsider your direct discharge credit** as that could cause downstream erosion
- **Give open space credit**
- **New development should pay the utility fee AND be required to retain all of their own stormwater** in their submitted plans for planning approval
- **Credits for being a "neighborhood stormwater captain"**
 - a resident that could provide info about responsible stormwater management to neighbors and serve as a liaison between the City and residents
- **Use a weighted system** that prioritizes things like plantings with deep roots/rain gardens vs. swales with turf grass

“Publicize above and beyond the success stories.”

“Make it less of a hassle for people who want to do the right thing to protect the environment.”

“No credits are needed for residential.”

**“Do not suggest credits.
It will take away from the
pool of money.”**

We looked at 8 communities in Illinois: Bloomington | Champaign | Downers Grove | Eureka Morton | Normal | Rock Island | Urbana

Common credits (4 or more IL communities) :

- Rate Reduction Credit
- Direct Discharge Credit
- Water Quality Credit
- Education Credit

Incentives (3 IL communities):

- Permeable pavement, green roof, bioswales, rain gardens, detention basins, manufactured BMPs, etc.



We looked nationally for best practices:

Grants:

- Philadelphia
- New York State Green Innovation Grant Program
- A couple others have programs similar to Peoria's private property drainage assistance program



Saw Mill River (Stream daylighting) in Yonkers made possible by the NY State Grant

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GROUP BRAINSTORM

LET'S GET SPECIFIC:

- **The purpose of this exercise is to explore credits and incentives that would make sense for different types of users**
- **With your group, discuss each user group. A moderator will tell you when to move on to the next group.**
- **Get creative! Try to think of new, innovative approaches to stormwater utility credits and incentives. Think of credits that would inspire people to action.**
- **Each group will be asked to report out after each user group**

Residential

Schools

Nonprofits

Businesses

Developers



OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Exploring Further: Committee Concerns & Ideas

- **Governance**
- **Accountability for maintenance**
- **Costs for green infrastructure maintenance**
- **Plan for increasing revenue**

What would you like to discuss?

FRENCH DRAIN INSTALLATION

