

# Storm Water Fee Increase

## Why does the storm water fee have to increase?

The City of Cudahy established a Storm Water Utility in 2001 to fund water pollution control programs, repair storm water facilities and to address flooding. The fee was set on a typical residential sized lot of 2700 square feet (1 ERU). Residential properties (up to 4 family) are charged 1 ERU per unit. Larger residential complexes, commercial, institutional and industrial properties are charged based on the impervious area within the property boundary. Fees are collected on the water bill every 4 months. Storm water programs and projects are not funded through tax dollars. The following are only a few of the many programs and projects that the fee provides for:

### Programs

Water pollution control: Some items under these programs include labor, equipment (purchase & maintenance), rental and disposal at a landfill

- Street Sweeping (done during winter as conditions allow, every week from March through April, October through December, every three weeks May through September)
- Leaf Collection disposal
- Maintenance of detention/retention facilities – removal of silted material
- Cleaning/sucking out catch basins twice a year
- Storm water outfall inspection and testing
- Cleaning of storm water pipes
- Maintenance of bio-basins
- Erosion Control

### Storm Facility Maintenance

- Repair of inlets & catch basins (City has 512 inlets)
- Ditch clean
- Replacement of storm sewer pipe (City has over 52 miles of storm sewer pipe)
- Flood prevention response – City goes out ahead of forecasted storms to clear catch basins, gets pumps, generators and barricades ready
- Emergency response during heavy storm events

**2016 Operating budget**

**\$ 603,360**

### Projects

#### Flood Control

- Install or replace storm sewer & inlets to increase capacity
- Purchase flood prone properties
- Create storm water detention facilities
- Provide storm laterals on new storm sewer or street reconstruction projects

The following projects that have been built and the City borrowed funds in 2009, 2011 & 2014:

• Northeast Flood Relief Project (AD # 1 & 2)	\$ 4,000,000
• Morris-Mallory storm sewer (2009) (AD# 3)	\$ 275,000
• Lipton Detention Basin (AD#1)	\$ 100,000
• Packard Avenue -Holmes to Cudahy, new & relay sewer, bio-basins (AD # 1,2 &3)	\$ 340,000
• Eaton –Merrill Detention basin , property purchase and construction (AD# 5)	\$ 400,000
• Grange Avenue Outfall improvements (AD # 4)	\$ 100,000
• Miscellaneous storm water improvements (AD # 4)	\$ 250,000
• Miscellaneous storm water improvements (AD # 5)	\$ 150,000
<b>Bonded 2009 to 2014</b>	<b>\$ 5,615,000</b>

Projects yet to be built

• Grange Avenue Relief Line AD# 2,3,4 & 5) (only about \$100,00 bonded to date)	\$ 8,800,000
• Van Norman- 3200 block Storm Relay (AD# 1) (bonded)	\$ 750,000
• Packard Avenue – Cudahy to Lunham storm improvements (AD#1) (bonded)	\$ 250,000
• College Avenue – 3900 block (storm relief line) (AD # 5) Not bonded yet	\$ 1,500,000
• Miscellaneous storm water improvements (all districts)	\$ 250,000
<b>Bonded 2014</b>	<b>\$ 1,350,000</b>
<b>Future bond (2018 to 2022)</b>	<b>\$10,200,000</b>