

 You may receive a stormwater bill in the future. To learn more, please read.



## What is stormwater?



Impervious surfaces, such as roads, driveways and rooftops generate stormwater runoff that flows into our streams and Lake Champlain. This runoff carries sediment and surface pollutants and can erode stream banks and increase water pollution.

The most common pollutants include sediment, trash, heavy metals, pathogens, petroleum, and nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen -- which contribute to blue green algae blooms.

## Why does Shelburne need to manage its stormwater runoff?



**It's bad for the environment.**

Stormwater runoff can erode stream banks and increase water pollution.



**The state requires it.**

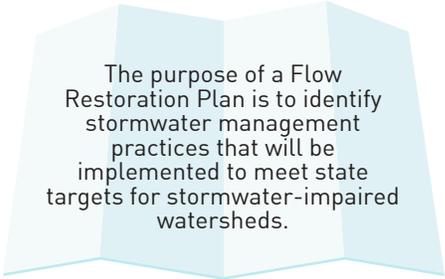
Per state statute, Shelburne must reduce phosphorus delivered to Lake Champlain and the amount of stormwater flowing into Munroe Brook.

## What needs to be done?

Shelburne has been designated as an MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) town by the state. Towns with this designation must prepare a Flow Restoration Plan for each stormwater-impaired watershed. This and the rest of Shelburne's stormwater needs are estimated to cost \$400k annually.



**The Munroe Brook  
Flow Restoration Plan**



The purpose of a Flow Restoration Plan is to identify stormwater management practices that will be implemented to meet state targets for stormwater-impaired watersheds.

## Shelburne is looking into funding options.



Shelburne's Selectboard asked staff to investigate the development of a stormwater utility, similar to what other cities and towns in Chittenden County have done (Burlington, South Burlington, Williston, and Colchester).



Town staff are working with the City of South Burlington, a leader in stormwater management, and Shelburne's Stormwater Advisory Committee on this project.



Town staff and the Stormwater Advisory Committee have also connected with other utilities to gain knowledge about best practices.

## What's a stormwater utility?

A stormwater utility manages water quality through stormwater management via:



Storm drains

Culverts

Swales

Stonelined ditches

Retention & detention ponds

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A stormwater utility can be an effective and dedicated source of funding to pay for stormwater management programs and related infrastructure investments.

## What would a stormwater utility mean for Shelburne residents?



Every single-family home in Shelburne would be assessed a flat fee.



A stormwater utility fee is comparable to a water or sewer fee and is based on a common rate for a property's contribution to stormwater runoff.



The fee would go toward funding all the needed infrastructure and administrative costs.



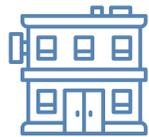
The stormwater fee would apply to taxable as well as tax exempt properties.

### How much?



Around \$4 to \$5 per month. The fee would be billed quarterly. \*

\* Estimate as of May, 2018



### I own property, but not a single-family home. What would this mean for me?

All other property owners (commercial, multi-unit residential, etc.) would be assessed a fee based on the amount of impervious surface. However, credits will be available for properties with stormwater treatment best practices.

## Public process & next steps



### Draft an ordinance to launch a stormwater utility in Shelburne.

The Shelburne Stormwater Advisory Committee is currently developing a draft ordinance, which will be followed by a series of public hearings. If the ordinance is adopted by the Shelburne Selectboard, that adoption will launch the Shelburne Stormwater Utility.



### Engage stakeholders.

The Stormwater Advisory Committee is working to engage stakeholders in vetting the draft ordinance prior to the Selectboard ordinance public hearings. A robust public engagement process is key to the success of a stormwater utility.

## How to get involved & stay informed

For more information or to get involved in the public process, please visit the Shelburne Stormwater / Water Quality webpage:



<http://shelburnevt.org/221/Stormwater-Water-Quality>



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