



New Stormwater charge included. To learn more, please read.



What is Stormwater?



Impervious surfaces, such as paved and unpaved 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 in streams, rivers and lakes.



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 and a Phosphorus Control Plan for the entire town. This and the rest of Shelburne's stormwater needs are estimated to cost \$500k annually.



Shelburne's funding option.



In 2017, Shelburne's Selectboard asked staff to investigate the development of a stormwater utility, similar to what other cities and towns in Vermont have done (Burlington, South Burlington, Williston, and Colchester).

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.



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



In June 2020 the Shelburne Selectboard adopted the new Stormwater Ordinance that includes the Stormwater utility and a fee to be assessed to **all** property owners in Shelburne.

What's a stormwater utility?

A stormwater utility manages water quality through stormwater management via:



Storm drains

Culverts

Swales

Stone lined ditches

Retention & detention ponds

Bioretention areas & other best practices

A stormwater utility is an effective and dedicated source of funding to pay for stormwater management programs and related infrastructure investments to meet permit requirements.

What does a stormwater utility mean for Shelburne residents?

Every single-family residential (SFR) home in Shelburne with less than 1 acre of impervious will be assessed a monthly flat fee. SFR properties with greater than 1 acre of impervious will be assessed a fee of 10X the flat fee. **The Stormwater fee for all property owners will be phased in over a three-year period. The first year will be 33% of the fee (\$1.72), year 2 will be 66% of the fee (\$3.44), and year three will be 100% of the fee (\$5.20).**

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

The fee will go toward funding all the needed infrastructure, maintenance and administrative costs.

The stormwater fee will apply to taxable and tax-exempt properties.

Flat Fee?

A fee of \$5.20 per month will be charged to all single-family residential property.

The fee would be billed quarterly.

I own commercial property. What does this mean for me?

All other property owners (commercial, multi-unit residential, etc.), referred to as non-single-family residential (NSFR) will be assessed a fee based on the amount of impervious surface. However, credits will be available for NSFR properties with Stormwater Best Treatment Practices. For more information visit the Town's Website. The web address is below.

Next steps

Billing Schedule.

The first quarterly Stormwater bill will arrive in October 2021. If you are currently receiving a quarterly water and/or wastewater bill the Stormwater fee will be included with this bill. All others will receive a separate quarterly bill.

How to stay informed

For more information, including frequently asked questions, please visit the Shelburne Stormwater / Water Quality webpage:



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

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