



What is a Stormwater Utility?

A Stormwater Utility is a legal entity which provides maintenance, improvements, planning, regulation, permitting and administrative functions for the Town's stormwater system. A Stormwater Utility (like other Town Utilities) will provide a method of generating revenues for these necessary activities through user fees.

What are Stormwater User Fees?

Once the Stormwater Utility is in place, user fees will be billed and collected by the Utility on a monthly basis from each property. Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) will be used to assess fees. An ERU is equal to the average amount of residential impervious surface area. The user fee per ERU is determined according to the cost of the annual stormwater management needs.

How may the revenue be used by the Stormwater Utility?

- Revenue from stormwater user fees will be used to fund stormwater management programs and projects.
- Storm sewer maintenance and expansion projects may be funded to improve drainage throughout the Town.
- Requirement for the NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit Program may be funded.

For more information regarding the development of the Stormwater Utility, please contact the Danville Town Hall or attend one of the regularly scheduled Town Council meetings on the first and third Monday of each month at the Danville Town Hall at 7:00pm.

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How do impervious surfaces affect stormwater?

What is an impervious surface?

Impervious surfaces include all hard surfaces such as rooftops, driveways, parking lots, patios and roads (concrete, asphalt and compacted gravel surfaces are included). Impervious surfaces increase stormwater runoff and may contribute to stormwater pollution.

How is stormwater affected by increased runoff?

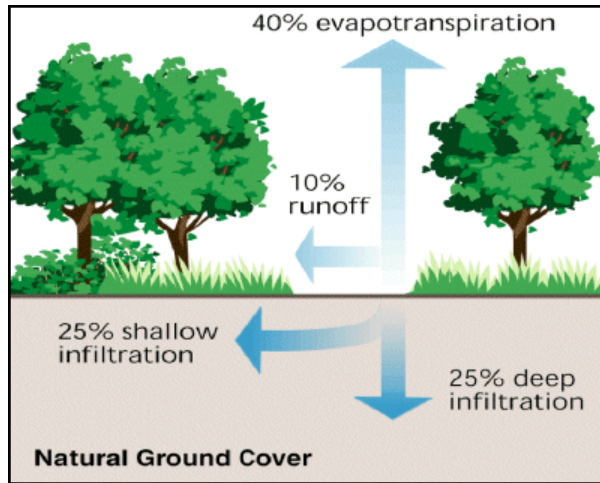
Stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces travels at high speeds. This runoff carries pollutants to the stormwater drainage system and eventually to receiving waters (lakes, ponds, rivers and streams). Large volumes of quickly flowing runoff will also erode soil, damage plants and cause waters to become clouded and murky with sediments.

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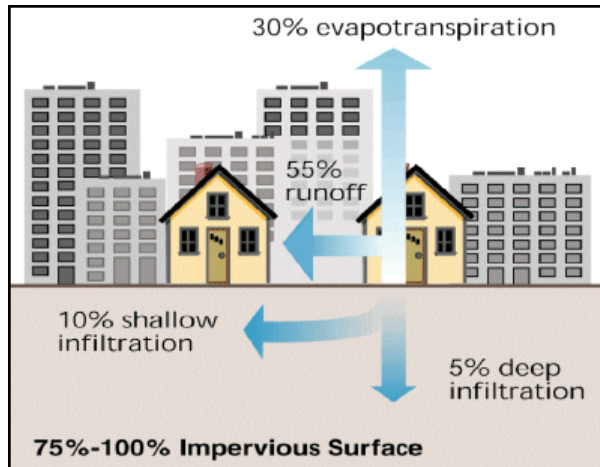
Within urbanized areas, impervious surfaces tend to collect a variety of pollutants. Oil, grease, and toxic chemicals from automobiles; road salts; pesticides and fertilizers from lawn maintenance and gardening; and eroded sediments. Increased amount of pollutants can harm fish and wildlife, kill native plants, contaminate drinking water supplies, and make recreational areas unsafe.

Federal and State regulations require the Town of Danville to reduce pollutants.

In 2003, the Town of Danville was mandated under the Federal NPDES Phase II Stormwater Program to obtain an NPDES stormwater permit. This permit program requires the Town to reduce pollutants carried by the municipal storm sewer system. In order for the Town to comply with this Federal mandate and continue to implement this program and provide storm sewer services, a funding source must be developed. The Town's solution to this funding problem is to develop a Stormwater Utility.



In areas of natural ground cover, stormwater is able to evaporate to the air and infiltrate to the ground. This results in less runoff and less stormwater pollution.



As the amount of impervious surface increases, the rate of stormwater runoff is increased resulting in more stormwater runoff and pollution.