

# BALTIMORE CITY FISCAL YEAR 2014 STATE REQUIRED BIENNIAL REPORT STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE AND PROTECTED FUND

## JULY 1, 2014

The Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland § 4-202.1(b) and (c) required Maryland's nine largest counties and Baltimore City to establish a stormwater remediation fee and protected fund by July 1, 2013. The purpose of the fee and the fund was to ensure a sustainable dedicated revenue source for managing, operating and improving the State's stormwater management systems, including installing practices to improve stormwater quality.

Resolution 12-004, approved by the qualified voters of Baltimore City, amended the Baltimore City Charter to create a stormwater utility. Ordinance 13-143 established the stormwater fee and the processes for administering the program and fund. Stormwater regulations were adopted on September 9, 2013, after a period of public comment.

Beginning July 1, 2014, and every two years thereafter, these same jurisdictions must report certain information concerning their stormwater programs covering the two previous fiscal years by responding to the three questions shown below [Environment Article § 4-202.1(i)]. Because this is the first report, however, it only covers Fiscal Year 2014, the first year that the stormwater fee and protected fund existed.

- (1) The number of properties subject to a stormwater remediation fee: 209,627
- (2) The amount of money deposited into the watershed protection and restoration fund over the previous 2 fiscal years: The amount of money deposited into the watershed protection and restoration fund over the previous 2 fiscal years cannot be reported at this time. The Stormwater Fee was implemented for Fiscal Year 2014 and was billed retroactively on the quarterly water bills. The total amount billed from September 15, 2013 to May 30, 2014 is \$21,431,746. The actual amount of revenue received and deposited in the watershed protection and restoration fund has not been determined at this time but is anticipated to be less than the amount billed. It is a preliminary figure that is subject to change once the audited financial statements are released.

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(3) The percentage of funds in the local watershed protection and restoration fund spent on each of the purposes provided in the Environment Article § 4-202.1(h)(4).

PURPOSE	% OF FUNDS SPENT IN FY 14
(i) Capital improvements for stormwater management, including stream and wetland restoration projects	7%
(ii) Operation and maintenance of stormwater management systems and facilities	78%
(iii) Public education and outreach relating to stormwater management or stream and wetland restoration	2%
(iv) Stormwater management planning, including: 1. Mapping and assessment of impervious surfaces; and 2. Monitoring, inspection, and enforcement activities to carry out the purposes of the watershed protection and restoration fund	7%
(v) To the extent that fees imposed under § 4–204 of this subtitle are deposited into the local watershed protection and restoration fund, review of stormwater management plans and permit applications for new development	3%
(vi) Grants to nonprofit organizations for up to 100% of a project’s costs for watershed restoration and rehabilitation projects relating to: 1. Planning, design, and construction of stormwater management practices 2. Stream and wetland restoration 3. Public education and outreach related to stormwater management or stream and wetland restoration	0%
(vii) Reasonable costs necessary to administer the local watershed protection and restoration fund.	3%

The above percentages reflect expenditures of the stormwater utility from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, based on transactions completed by June 30, 2014.

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