



Metropolitan Washington Region Stormwater Fee/Tax Rates FY 2022 COG staff draft (as of November 2021)

Note: Most utility fee systems include features such as providing rebates or credits for property owners who install stormwater controls on their property. Both utility fee and tax-based systems may provide full or partial exemptions for non-profits and religious-based property owners, and/or credits for impervious surface reductions.

Stormwater Fee/Tax Rates Year
2022
2021
2020

Jurisdiction	Tax/ Fee	Annual Amount			Avg. Single Family Pays Annually	Funds Produced by fee/tax	Annual Program Cost
		Single-Family	Multi-Family	Commercial			
District of Columbia ¹ ERU = 1,000 sf	Fee	\$32.04 per ERU	\$32.04 per ERU	\$32.04 per ERU	\$32.04	\$13.0 million	\$15.0 million
Maryland							Annual program cost
Charles County	Fee	\$92	\$92	\$92	\$92	\$5.95 Million	\$6.1 Million
Frederick County ²	Fee	\$.01	\$.01	\$.01	\$.01	\$536	\$8.7 Million
Gaithersburg Billable unit = 500 sf	Fee	\$32.28/ billable unit	\$32.28/ billable unit	\$32.28/ billable unit	\$145	\$5.2 Million	\$6 Million
Montgomery County ³ ERU = 2,406 sf	Tax	\$35.87 – \$322.80 based on ERU and SF.	Tiered tax based on total ERU divided by the number of units.	\$35.87- \$322.80 base on ERU and SF.	\$107.60	\$38.8 million	\$59.7 Million

¹ DOEE's stormwater fee is collected by DC Water on behalf of DOEE. This stormwater fee is separate from DC Water's Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge. DOEE provides \$1 million of its fee revenues to DC Water for various services.

² Frederick County funds its stormwater program with general fund revenues. It has a nominal stormwater fee to meet the requirements of Maryland law.

³ Montgomery County charges single-family homeowners by tier. The Tier's are based on square feet.

Water Quality Protection Charge 1 ERU = 2,406 sf = \$107.60							
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Maryland (continued)							
Prince George's County – Ad Valorem tax (Drainage & Infrastructure)	Tax	Either 1.2 or 5.4 cents/ \$100 assessed value; based on density	Same as single family	Same as single family	\$162	\$52.3 Million	\$87.5 Million ⁴
Prince George's County (Water Quality) ESU= 2,465 sf	Fee	Residential Small = \$33.12/year Medium = \$41.48 Large= \$62.38	Impervious Area Fee rate is \$20.90 per Equivalent Service Unit (ESU) Administrative Fee rate is \$20.58 per tax account per year.	\$372/acre. Plus \$20.58 admin fee/acct	\$41.48	\$14.6 Million	
Rockville ERU = 2,330 sf	Fee	\$132	\$132 per ERU	\$132 per ERU	\$132	\$5.5 Million	\$6.1 Million

⁴ Prince George's County program costs represented reflect two stormwater management fund sources; an ad valorem tax and the Clean Water Act utility fee. The ad valorem tax funds all aspects of traditional stormwater management (grey infrastructure, operations, maintenance, water quality etc., including costs for other departments aside from Environment. Funds from the Clean Water Fee are specific to water quality program expenditures. The annual program costs presented represent only DoE's expenditures, which include flood control/drainage improvements, NPDES MS4 permit compliance, USACE Partnership projects, and Bear Branch CIP projects.



Takoma Park \$25 per 500sf imperviousness	Fee	\$25/500 sf impervious	\$25/500 sf impervious	\$25/500 sf impervious	\$108	\$700,000	
Maryland Total (approximate)							\$189.1 Million

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Virginia							
<u>City of Alexandria</u> ERU=2,062 sf	Fee based upon a tiered and variable structure ⁵	1 ERU - Single Family	.28-.42/ ERU	\$210 (increases to \$280 Nov. 2021) for each 2,062 square feet of impervious area	\$210 (June 2021) and \$280 (Oct. 2021)	\$8.44 Million	\$12.2 Million ⁶
<u>Arlington County</u>	Tax	\$.017/\$100 assessed value	Same as single family	Same as single family	\$123	\$13.7 Million	\$15.1 Million
<u>Fairfax County</u>	Tax	\$.0325 per \$100 of assessed real estate value	Same as single family	Same as single family	\$236	\$87.2 Million	\$88 Million
<u>Falls Church</u>	Fee	For each 200 square feet of impervious	Same as single family	Same as single family	\$252	\$1.65 Million	\$1.67 Million

⁵ City of Alexandria residential properties are billed using a tiered and variable structure that is based on the primary land use classification. Condo tier: Includes garden-style and hi-rise condos. Townhouse tier includes: townhouse-style condos, row townhouses, and semi-detached houses. Typical and large single-family tiers include: detached houses. All other 'non-residential' properties are 'variable' or calculated based on ERU.

⁶ This includes revenue and new debt issuance which is paid through the stormwater utility as debt service.



		surface the cost is \$18.36					
Loudoun County	General fund revenues	na	na	na	na	na	\$13.2 million
Prince William County ERU = 2,059 sf	Fee	\$39.36	\$29.52	\$39.36/2,059 ft impervious area	\$39.36	\$8.1 million	\$8.1 million
Virginia Total							\$138.17 Million
COG Region Total Annual Stormwater Program Costs (w/out various smaller jurisdictions)						DC ~ \$15M MD ~ \$189.1M VA ~ \$138.17M Grand Total ~ \$342.27	