



## Metropolitan Washington Region Stormwater Fee/Tax Rates FY 2020 COG staff draft (as of November 2019)

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.

Jurisdiction	Tax/ Fee	Annual Amount			Avg. Single Family Pays Annually	Funds Produced by fee/tax	Annual Program Cost
		Single-Family	Multi-Family	Commercial			
<u>District of Columbia</u> <sup>1</sup>  ERU = 1,000 sf	Fee	\$32.04 per ERU	\$32.04 per ERU	\$32.04 per ERU	\$32.04	~\$13.0 million <sup>2</sup>	\$17.0 million
<b>Maryland</b>							<b>Annual program cost</b>
<u>Charles County</u> <sup>3</sup>	Fee	\$78	\$78	\$78	\$78	\$2.8 million	\$16 million
Frederick County <sup>4</sup>	Fee	\$.01	\$.01	\$.01	\$.01	\$2,020	\$11.4 million
<u>Montgomery County</u>  ERU = 2,406 sf Water Quality Protection Charge	Tax	\$34 to \$312 based on ERU	Tiered tax based on total ERU divided by the number of units.	\$34 to \$312 based on ERU	\$104.25	~\$38 million	\$38 million

<sup>1</sup> DOEE's stormwater fee is collected by DC Water on behalf of DOEE. This fee is separate from DC Water's Clean Rivers Impervious Surface Charge and other DC Water fees.

<sup>2</sup> DOEE provides \$1 million of its fee revenues to DC Water for various services.

<sup>3</sup> Charles County's flat rate

<sup>4</sup> Frederick County funds its stormwater program with general fund revenues. It has a nominal stormwater fee to meet the requirements of Maryland law.

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<b>Maryland (continued)</b>							
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	\$55 million	\$65.9 million <sup>5</sup>
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	\$15.5 million	
<u>Rockville</u>  ERU = 2,330 sf	Fee	\$132	\$132 per ERU	\$132 per ERU	\$132	\$4.8 million	\$6.1 million
<u>Takoma Park</u> ERU=1,228 sf	Fee	\$92	\$92 per ERU	\$92 per ERU	\$92	\$712.395	\$722,426
<b>Maryland Total (approximate)</b>							<b>\$138.1 million</b>

<sup>5</sup> Prince George's County numbers in the last three columns have not been updated for FY 2020, and the information in the other columns has not been verified.

Jurisdiction	Tax/ Fee	Annual Amount			Avg. Single Family Pays Annually	Funds Produced by fee/tax	Annual Program Cost
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<b>Virginia</b>							
<u>City of Alexandria</u> ERU=2,062 sf	Fee based upon a tiered structure	1 ERU - Single Family	.28-.42 ERU	\$140 for each 2,062 square feet of impervious area	\$140	\$8.44 million	\$12.2 million <sup>6</sup>
<u>Arlington County</u>	Tax	\$.013/\$100 assessed value	Same as single family	Same as single family	\$86	\$10.1 million	\$11.2 million
<u>Fairfax County</u>	Tax	\$.0325 per \$100 of assessed real estate value	Same as single family	Same as single family	\$183	\$81.9 million (estimated)	\$81.9 million
<u>Falls Church</u>	Fee	For each 200 square feet of impervious surface the cost is \$18	Same as single family	Same as single family	\$252	\$1.7 million	\$1.7 million
Loudoun County	General fund revenues	na	na	na	na	na	\$7.2 million
<u>Prince William County</u> ERU = 2,059 sf	Fee	\$39.36	\$29.52	\$19.12/1000 ft impervious area	\$39.36	\$8.1 million	\$8.1 million <sup>7</sup>
<b>Virginia Total</b>						<b>\$122.3 million</b>	

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

<sup>7</sup> Prince William County's annual programmatic cost has not been updated for FY 2020, and the information in the other columns has not been verified.



**COG Region Total Annual Stormwater Program Costs**  
(w/out various smaller jurisdictions)

DC ~ \$17.0  
MD ~\$138.1  
VA ~ \$122.31  
**Grand Total ~ \$277 Million**

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