



DRAFT Metropolitan Washington Region Stormwater Fee/Tax Rates FY 2023
COG Staff Draft (as of October 2023)

City of Frederick, Manassas, and Manassas Park included once data is finalized

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
		Single-Family	Multi-Family	Commercial		
District of Columbia ¹ ERU = 1,000 sq ft	Fee	\$32.04 per ERU	\$32.04 per ERU	\$32.04 per ERU	\$32.04	\$13M
Maryland						
Charles County Flat rate	Fee	\$127	\$127	\$127	\$127	\$6.6M
Frederick County ² General funds revenue	Fee	\$.01	\$.01	\$.01	\$.01	\$565.14
Gaithersburg 1 ERU = 500 sq ft	Fee	\$32.28/ billable unit The fee calculation is based on a billable unit of 500 square feet	\$32.28/ billable unit	\$32.28/ billable unit	\$145	\$5.3M

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.

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

		of impervious surface area.				
Montgomery County Tier System	Tax	Tiers based on how much impervious surface is on the property.	Total impervious area for property divided by the number of units. For each condo owner, their portion of the fee: sq ft of impervious area divided by ERU x \$126.00	Sq ft impervious area divided by ERU x rate	\$126	\$44.9M

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Prince George's County – Ad Valorem tax (Drainage & Infrastructure) ³	Tax	Either 1.2 or 5.4 cents/ \$100 assessed value; based on density	Same as single family	Same as single family	\$162	\$57.8M
Prince George's County (Water Quality) ESU= 2,465 sq ft	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	\$14.6M
Rockville ERU = 2,330 sq ft	Fee	\$146	\$146 per ERU	\$146 per ERU	\$146	\$5.7M
Takoma Park	Fee	\$25/500 sq ft impervious	\$25/500 sq ft impervious	\$25/500 sq ft impervious	\$126	\$772,850

³ Ad Valorem and the Clean Water Act Fee. The Ad Valorem funds all aspects of traditional SWM (grey infrastructure, operations, maintenance, water quality etc.)

Virginia						
Jurisdiction	Tax/ Fee	Annual Amount			Avg. Single Family Pays Annually	Funds Produced by fee/tax
		Single-Family	Multi-Family	Commercial		
City of Alexandria ERU=2,062 sq ft	Fee based upon a tiered structure 4	1 ERU - Single Family	.28-.42/ ERU	Calculated /Variable	\$294	\$17.9M
Arlington County	Tax (Fee in FY24)	\$.017/\$100 assessed value	Same as single family	Same as single family	\$123	14.6M
Fairfax County	Tax	\$.0325 per \$100 of assessed real estate value	Same as single family	Same as single family	\$218.61	\$94.3M
City of Fairfax	Fee	500 sq ft = 1 billing unit at \$28.80	Same as single family	Same as single family	\$172.80	5.6M
Falls Church	Fee	For each 200 square feet of impervious surface the cost is \$19.28	Same as single family	Same as single family	\$242	\$1.7M

⁴ Residential properties are billed using a tiered method 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.

Loudoun County ⁵	General fund revenues	na	na	na	na	na
Prince William County ERU = 2,059 sq ft	Fee	\$44.08	\$36.06	\$44.08/2,059 ft impervious area	\$44.08	\$9.64M

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⁵ Loudoun County funds stormwater efforts through the general fund revenues

