The Kitsap County Surface and Stormwater Management (SSWM) program protects people, property and natural resources by reducing flooding and stormwater runoff, and preventing stormwater pollution. The SSWM program is funded through a utility fee assessed to each developed property and road located within unincorporated Kitsap County. On your annual property tax, this fee is listed as “Stormwater Management.” In 2012, the stormwater utility fee was $69.80 per year for a single-family residence.

What is the budget for 2013?
For 2013, the SSWM revenue is expected to be approximately $8 million. Stormwater fees contribute about $5 million of the total budget. SSWM also receives funds from the County Road Fund, Washington State Department of Transportation, and local municipalities. In addition, SSWM pursues grants to pay for some stormwater projects. In 2012, SSWM received approximately $2 million in Department of Ecology grants for projects that will improve water quality in Kitsap streams, lakes, wetlands, and Puget Sound.

What are stormwater fees used for?
• Building new and improving existing stormwater facilities to reduce flooding, improve water quality, increase fish passage, and provide habitat.
• Operating and maintaining approximately 225 miles of stormwater pipes, 10,000+ storm drains/catch basins, 500+ stormwater ponds, and numerous other facilities that manage the flow of stormwater runoff.
• Preventing pollution from reaching Puget Sound through inspections and monitoring, as well as public education and outreach efforts.
• In addition, fees fund SSWM partner agencies. Each partner has an area of expertise and implements programs to address non-point sources of pollution in Kitsap surface waters. Partners include Kitsap Public Health District, Kitsap Conservation District, Washington State University – Kitsap County Extension, and Kitsap County Department of Community Development.

Some current SSWM projects include:
• Green Stormwater Planning for Kingston, Silverdale, Manchester, Keyport, Indianola and Suquamish
• Green Street construction at Brookwood Lane and Forest Drive
• Stormwater pond retrofits including Ridgetop and Manchester
• New regional stormwater facilities in Driftwood Key, Steele Creek, and Koch Creek
• Roadside ditch water quality treatment
• Culvert replacements to improve fish passage on local creeks - Clear, Strawberry, Lemolo, Burley, and Dickerson
• Replacing parking lots with permeable surfaces at three county parks
• Major comprehensive retrofit projects in Illahee, Manchester and Silverdale
• For a comprehensive list of projects through 2018, visit www.kitsapgov.com/sswm/maint.htm.

SSWM Budget - 2013

- Maintenance & Operations: 24%
- Projects & Improvements: 2%
- Education & Outreach: 13%
- Program Management: 7%
- Debt Service: 2%
- Agency Partners: 32%
Compared to other places…
Kitsap County’s stormwater fees are one of the lowest in the region. Approximate annual surface water management rate for a single family residence in 2012:

**Jurisdictions in Kitsap County**
- Kitsap County: $69.80
- City of Port Orchard: $84.00
- City of Poulsbo: $98.28
- City of Bremerton: $104.04
- City of Bainbridge Island: $146.76

**Other Jurisdictions in the Region**
- Pierce County: $108.39
- King County: $133.00
- City of Gig Harbor: $155.10
- City of Seattle: $192.79
- City of Tacoma: $213.84

My property doesn’t flood – why do I have to pay the stormwater fee?
All properties contribute to stormwater runoff and benefit from the County storm drainage system. While SSWM has an obligation to address the most critical areas first, all areas of the County benefit from flood protection, reduced stormwater runoff and clean water.

In November 2012, the Board of County Commissioners approved a stormwater fee increase.

The new fees are based on:
- Maintain Current Level of Service and Regulatory Mandates
- Construction Program Expansion
- Retrofit Program Expansion
- Pollution Identification and Correction Program Expansion
- Expected Navy SSWM Fee Revenue

**New SSWM Fee Table**

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