



City of Mount Vernon: Stormwater Utility

Most of the rain that falls on the City is carried, untreated, to rivers and streams through the stormwater system.



Mount Vernon's stormwater system is aging and in need of repair. Collapsed pipes can close streets, and pipes full of debris can cause street or property flooding.



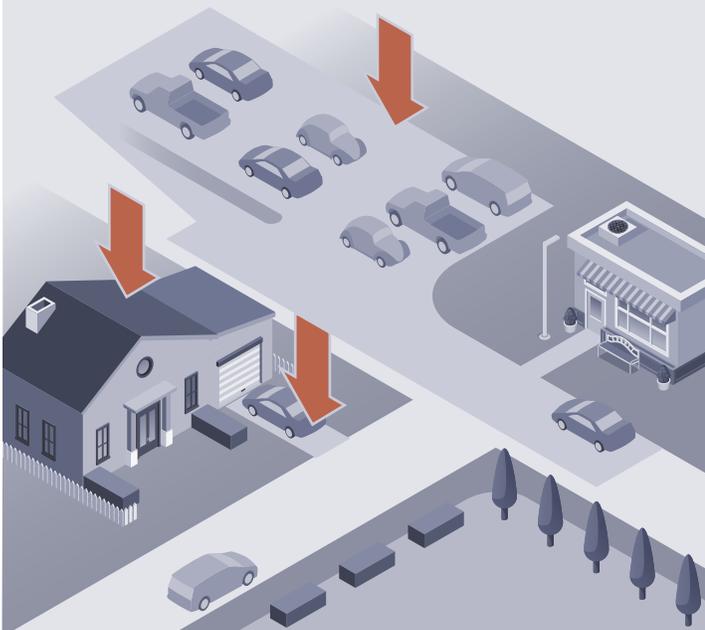
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Utility charges are based on impervious area (roofs, driveways, parking lots).

All residential properties receive the same bill.



Many neighboring municipalities have stormwater utilities, most were developed several years ago.

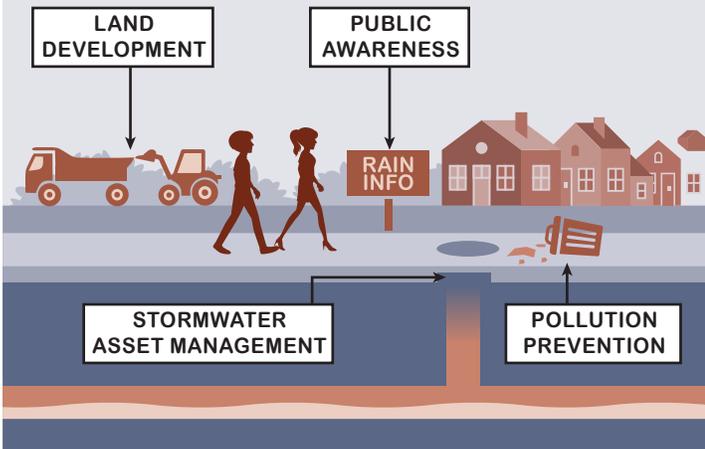


For more information visit: <http://mountvernonohio.org/stormwater-utility/>

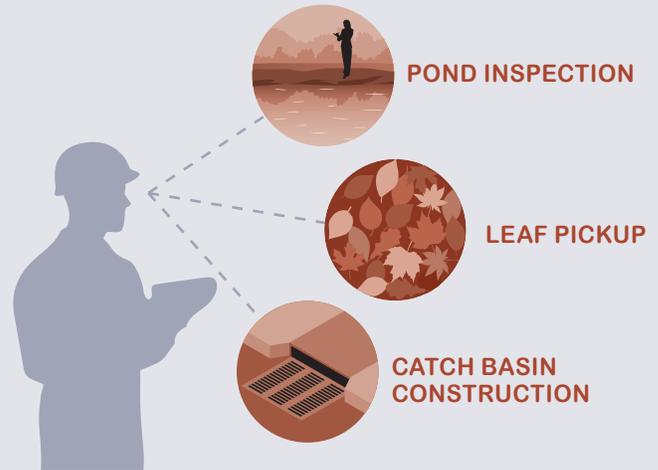


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Mount Vernon's stormwater system must meet regulatory requirements set by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Mount Vernon's Street Department spends nearly 50% of its time and budget addressing stormwater system maintenance, inspection and construction.



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Residential utility rates will be \$4 per month, increasing by \$1 per year to \$6 per month in 2022. The initial goal is to meet all Ohio EPA compliance requirements.



Initial residential monthly rate of \$4

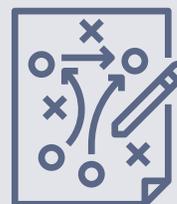


Meet regulatory compliance requirements

Mount Vernon will develop a proactive plan to address problems before emergency repairs are needed.



Provide needed drainage and flood mitigation improvements

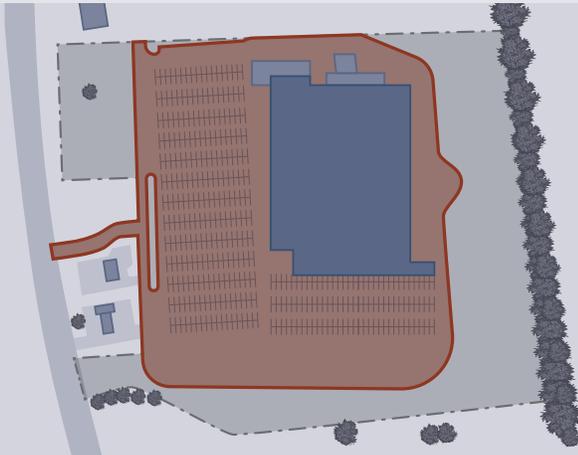


Begin proactive system planning moving beyond emergency repairs

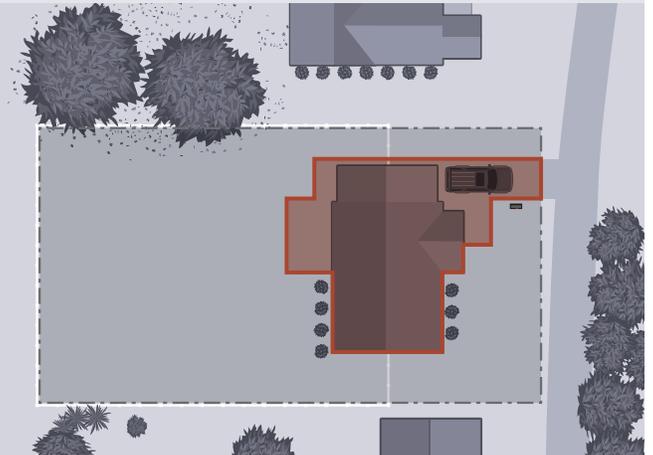


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Impervious Areas, such as parking lots and roofs carry water and pollutants quickly to streams. Commercial and Industrial areas have more impervious area than residential lots.



Through detailed analysis it was determined that a typical Mount Vernon residence has 2,900 square feet of impervious area.



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Commercial and industrial facilities, churches and schools are charged based on how many households worth of impervious area they have.



Non-residential customers can get credits if they choose to complete projects that detain more water onsite, slowing water that gets to streams and rivers.

