

Funding Options: Benefits and Drawbacks

Funding Option	Benefits	Drawbacks
Ad-Valorum Tax (Real Estate)	Simplicity in billing (line item to property tax bill)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lack of equity (no relationship to stormwater impact) ▪ No incentive for education (limited incentive for property owner to reduce stormwater impact) ▪ May change from year-to-year
Watershed Improvement Districts	Each district can set own stormwater program/fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each district could have different fees/requirements ▪ No local government oversight under current regulations ▪ Potentially several districts across City
Stormwater Utility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Equity – fees are determined based on amount of impervious area ▪ Billing could be included in the property tax bill ▪ Reduces reliance on general fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Typically needs other sources to meet funding requirements ▪ All properties pay since it is considered a fee for services (similar to water and sewer bills) ▪ Use of funds is limited to stormwater-related services

Question:

What other benefits and drawbacks can you suggest, based on your knowledge of the organizations you represent and their respective needs and concerns?