



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – January 9, 2019 Agenda Item 3

Work Session

Presentation of Results of Impervious Area Study

Recommended Council Action

Receive informational presentation, discuss next steps

Context with Key Issues

On March 7, 2018, the City Council authorized staff to enter into a contract with Black and Veatch to review available data on existing impervious area by lot and determine if the Equivalent Residential Unit on which the Stormwater Utility Fee is based should be adjusted. The contractor used recent updated Lidar data as well as current GIS and aerial maps to complete the evaluation. The Public Works Director will present the report to the Council and discuss the findings.

Council Priority

Environmentally Sustainable Community; Fiscally Sustainable Government

Environmental Considerations

All stormwater management programs are funded through revenue generated by the Stormwater Utility Fee. These programs include maintenance of existing systems as well as construction of new infiltration and treatment facilities for stormwater management. These programs are mandated by State and Federal law.

Fiscal Considerations

The Stormwater Utility Fee funds all activities the City undertakes for the management and treatment of stormwater. Ensuring that the fee structure is equitably assessed is essential to ensure the ongoing revenue necessary to provide that service.

Racial Equity Considerations

As the Council considers various stormwater fee payment options, racial equity impacts should be considered. For example, if there is an association between race and properties with less square footage of impervious surface, choosing an option that charges by amount of impervious surface could be more equitable than one that charges based on an average of all residential properties.

Attachments and Links

- Impervious Area Review Study