Upper Leacock Township Municipal Authority

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Re: Upper Leacock Township Municipal Authority (ULTMA) Stormwater Fee

**EPA’s MS4 STORMWATER PROGRAM**

Under the Federal Clean Water Act, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created the MS4 Stormwater Program. MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, and refers to stormwater collection systems (e.g., storm drains, pipes, ditches) owned by municipalities. The EPA and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), the agency which administers the MS4 Program for EPA, requires municipalities, like Upper Leacock Township, to take the lead in this Program. The attached brochure provides more information about the MS4 Program, in general, and Upper Leacock Township’s Program, in particular.

**STORMWATER FEE**

Since the MS4 Program is not funded at either the Federal or State level, municipalities and their property owners are responsible to fund the program. To do this, the Upper Leacock Township Municipal Authority (ULTMA) will be implementing a stormwater fee for all properties in 2023. ULTMA will calculate the fee for all agricultural properties based on the existing impervious area (buildings, driveways, parking areas, etc.) on your property. The total impervious area will be divided by 4,800 square feet to determine the number of associated Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) on your property. One (1) ERU equals 4,800 square feet. The initial stormwater fee will be $6.00/ ERU / Month. ULTMA has calculated your property located at «PROPERTY\_ADD» to contain «Impervious\_SF» square feet or «ERUs» ERUs.

**Your monthly stormwater fee will be $«Monthly\_Fee\_per\_ERU\_» / Month.**

This fee will be billed annually (once per year) and the total for each bill will be twelve times the monthly fee. **Your annual fee will be $«Annual\_Fee\_per\_ERU».**

Upper Leacock Township will implement a credit policy where you will have an opportunity to reduce your stormwater fee by up to 90% by obtaining and implementing a Conservation Plan or Agriculture Erosion & Sediment Control plan, and a Nutrient Management or Manure Management plan on your property. If you are interested in and qualify for this credit, ULTMA encourages you to submit a credit application by July 31, 2022, so your 2023 fee can be adjusted accordingly. Additional information on credits is provided at the website link below.

This notice is being provided in advance so that you can plan for this new fee when it starts in 2023. If you would like more information, please go to the Township’s website at www.ultwp.com and click on the Stormwater link at the top of the page, then Agriculture/Presentation. The Authority will also be holding a public meeting on March 24, 2022, at 9:00 AM to discuss the new fee. Both Zoom and in-person attendance will be available. Due to limited meeting room space and to protect the health of our community during COVID, we encourage people to Zoom into the meeting, if possible. A Zoom link will be available on the website. If you prefer to attend in person, we’d ask that you call the Township office at 717-656-9755 to let us know by March 15, 2022, so we can ensure we have adequate space to accommodate everyone.

Sincerely,

Upper Leacock Township Municipal Authority