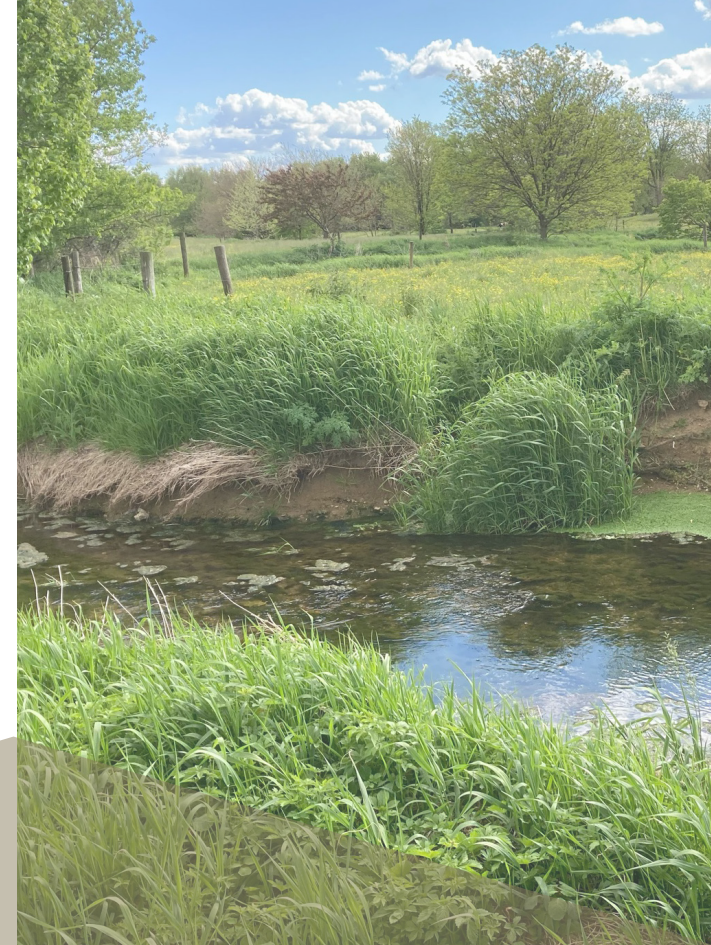


ULTMA is developing a comprehensive stormwater management program that integrates stormwater management with broader plans for infrastructure investment, environmental compliance, and cleaner streams.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

We prepared a video presentation to help you understand why ULTMA is implementing a stormwater management fee. This presentation is available on the municipal website (www.ultwp.com). Please send all comments and questions to:

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**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM FEE**

AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES

STORMWATER REGULATIONS

Under the Federal Clean Water Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created the MS4 Stormwater Program. **MS4** stands for **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System** – the collection of storm drains, inlets, pipes, swales, ditches, and basins that collect and convey stormwater runoff to surface waters (streams, lakes, and rivers).

The purpose of the MS4 Program is to reduce harmful pollutants from being washed into the stormwater system and ultimately into the Mill Creek, Conestoga River, and Chesapeake Bay.

The EPA and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), the agency that administers the MS4 Program for Pennsylvania, requires municipalities like Upper Leacock Township to take the lead in this Program.

AGRICULTURE REGULATIONS

Farming operations in Pennsylvania are required to develop and implement the following plans:

- Conservation or agriculture erosion and sediment (E&S) control plan
- Nutrient management plan or manure management plan

The Lancaster County Conservation District is responsible for enforcing these regulations. If you are interested in developing or updating a plan, contact Kevin Lutz at 717-299-5361 ext. 2527 for a list of private consultants.

OUR MS4 PROGRAM

GOALS INCLUDE:

- Educating the public on stormwater and inviting participation in the stormwater management program
- Eliminating illicit discharges – anything that is not stormwater is an illicit discharge (sewage, paint, oil, manure, etc.)
- Managing stormwater runoff from construction sites
- Inspecting stormwater facilities
- Establishing policies and practices to reduce pollution from municipal facilities
- Preparing Pollutant Reduction Plans (PRP) and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plans
- Constructing stormwater projects and/or stream restoration projects to improve water quality
- Maintaining the MS4 system (inlets, pipes, basins, swales)

**CLEAN WATER IS
GOOD FOR EVERYONE!**

STORMWATER PROGRAM COSTS

ULTMA plans to enact a stormwater fee to fund the MS4/stormwater management program. All property owners who have more than 500 SF of impervious surface – buildings, driveways, parking areas – will be assessed a fee. This includes tax-exempt properties like schools, churches, and hospitals. A fee is more equitable than a tax because all landowners contribute to the program.

STORMWATER FEES

Stormwater fees will be based on the amount of impervious surface your property contains. That's the area of buildings, parking, patios, and walkways – any hard surface where water cannot soak into the ground. All stormwater fees will be billed annually.

STORMWATER CREDITS FOR AGRICULTURAL PARCELS

Farmers can reduce their fee by complying with existing agricultural regulations.

- 25% credit for a written conservation or agriculture E&S control plan
- Up to an additional 65% credit for an implemented conservation or agriculture E&S control plan, and a nutrient management or manure management plan