

*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](http://www.ultwp.com)).

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**STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
FEE**

**SINGLE-FAMILY  
RESIDENTIAL 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 Mill Creek, the Conestoga River, and the Chesapeake Bay.

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

## OUR MS4 PROGRAM GOALS

- 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)

## 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.

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**CLEAN WATER IS  
GOOD FOR EVERYONE!**

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