

Stormwater Financing for a New Era

Evolution of Stormwater Program

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Stormwater Financing: Evolution of SW Program

SW Management Has Changed

- From drainage and flood control
- To water resource management
- To multi-use systems (recreation/open Space)
- To environmental protection and regulation

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SW Was, Everyone's Step-Child, Nobody's Baby

- The property owner's problem and responsibility
(Common Enemy Doctrine)
- He who needed it, built it;
He who built it, owned it;
He who owned it, maintained it
- Was a discretionary activity of local government

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SW Now, Everyone's Rich Uncle

- SW dollars wanted for water supply
- SW dollars wanted for multi-use infrastructure
- SW dollars wanted for resource recovery and creation
- SW dollars wanted for regulatory goals
- Now a mandatory activity of local government

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Evolution Has Forced SW Program Changes

- Planning changes
- Design changes
- Construction changes
- Operations changes
- Finance changes

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SW Program Changes Caused by :

- Legal mandates
- Stakeholder expectations
- SW now a utility-like service

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SW Service Program, Utility-Like Character

- Performs comprehensive long term activities benefiting entire community (capital and operations)
- Performs obligations/actions beyond capability of individuals
- Requires long term programs and infrastructure
- Requires long term institutional resources:
Staffing, programs, funding, management

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SW Finance Must Also Evolve

- Can't be paid only by he who needs it
- Must be paid by he who benefits
- Financing must be “ADeAL”
 - Acceptable
 - Dependable
 - Adequate
 - Legal

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SW Finance Must Also Evolve (con't)

- Key Questions to Guide your Evolution
 - How much money do you need
 - What kind of money do you need
 - Who pays
 - Is a local/regional service fee right for you
 - Who decides