



WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT FEE INCENTIVE GRANTS

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Background

- **April 2009 Task Force**
 - Code of Ordinance Article XIV
 - Creation of Incentive Grant Program
- **\$1,200,000 per year**
 - Grants to fund water quality oriented education programs, projects, and flood mitigation projects
- **Allocate incentives grants:**
 - Residential (\$200,000)
 - Non-residential (\$1,000,000)
- **Section 16-410(8):** Requires 10% of total annual revenue to be allocated to the program

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ACCOUNT

Service Address
1234 MAIN ST

BILLING PERIOD INFO

Billing Date May 18, 2023
Billing Period Apr 11 to May 10 (29 days)
Rate Type Residential
Total Hundred Gallons 33.0
Gallons Used 3300

Account Number 0123456789

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Please keep your bill current to avoid penalties, interest and potential shutoff of water.

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PREVIOUS ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

Balance from Last LEXserv Bill \$52.03

Payments Received -\$52.03 CR
Total Prior Balance **-\$0.00**

CURRENT CHARGES

Sewer Usage (\$0.011096 x 748.0) \$8.30
Sewer Usage (\$0.008356 x 2552.0) \$21.32
Total Sanitary Sewer Use Billed \$29.62

Water Quality Management Fee \$5.37

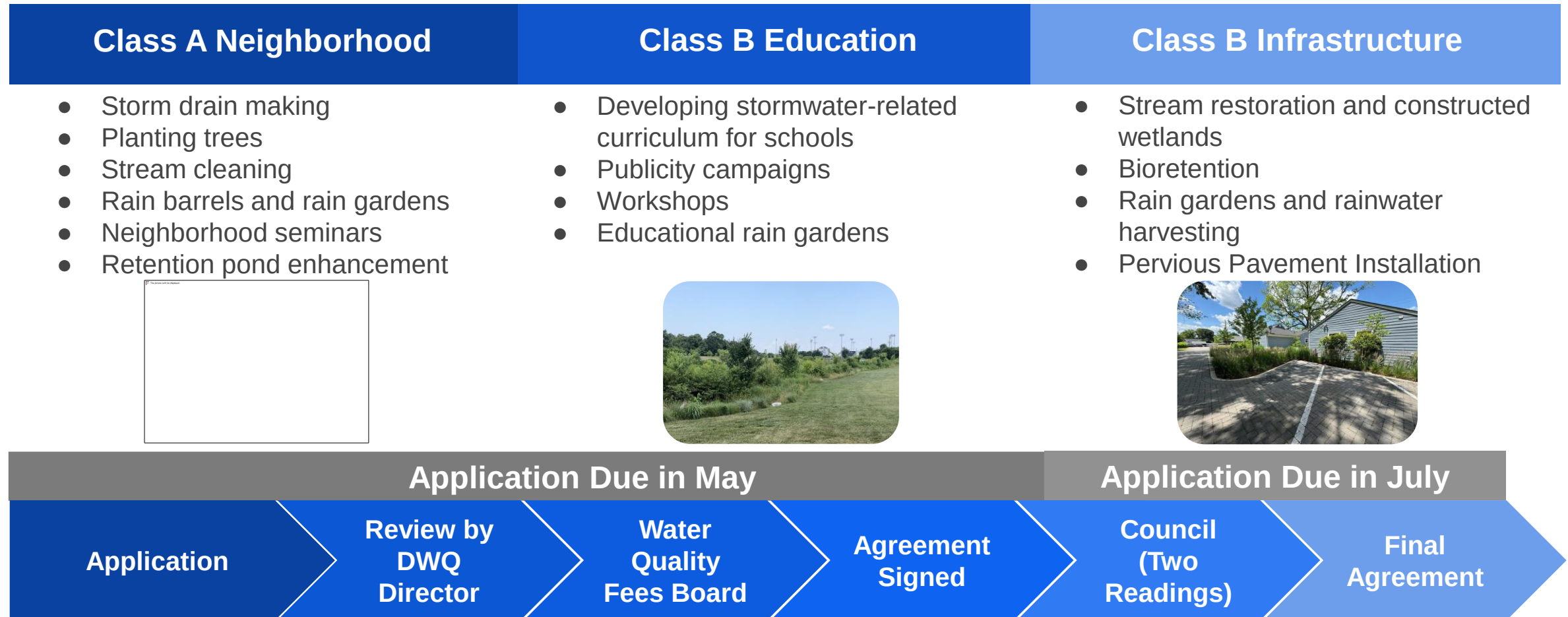
Landfill \$4.50

Total Current Charges \$39.49





Grant Process

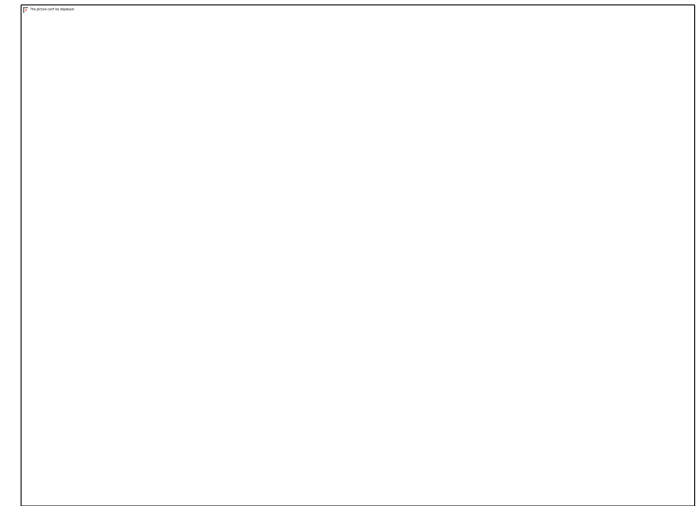




District 10 Review



- **March 2025:** Item in EQPW Committee
- **June - August 2025**
 - Identify Goals
 - Review of Past Applications, Website, and Processes
 - Meetings with Internal & External Groups
- **September - October 2025:** Recommendation Development & Review
- **November 2025:** EQPW Update





Goals

Recommendations





Recommendation Implementation

1. Accessibility & Technical Support (DES, DWQ)

- Online Application
- Office Hours/One-on-One Meetings with Applicants, and BMP Bingo
- Grant Toolkit & Tips

Timeline

- Spring 2026
- Spring 2026
- June 30, 2026

B I N G O				
Watershed	Clean Water Act	Pesticides	MS4	Storm Drains
Outfall	Riprap	Non Point Source Pollutants	Rain Garden	Fertilizers
Runoff	Stormwater Management program (optional)	Herbicides	Pollutants of Concern	Erosion
Stormwater	Source Control	BMP	Impervious surface	Free
Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)	Point Source Pollutants	Green Infrastructure	Low Impact Development (LID)	Free

2. Storytelling & Marketing (DES)

- Videos
- Brochures & Signage
- Website

Timeline

- Dec 2026
- June 30, 2026
- June 30, 2026



3. Reporting Process (DES, DWQ)

- Online Reporting Process
- Annual Feedback from Applicants
- Timeline Communication

Timeline

- Dec 2026
- Dec 2026
- Dec 2026

Practices & Payment Scenarios	
Tier 1: Non-native perennial herbaceous cover	Scenario 1: 100% Non-native perennial herbaceous cover Scenario 2: 50% Non-native perennial herbaceous cover Scenario 3: 25% Non-native perennial herbaceous cover
Tier 2: Native perennial herbaceous cover	Scenario 1: 100% Native perennial herbaceous cover Scenario 2: 50% Native perennial herbaceous cover Scenario 3: 25% Native perennial herbaceous cover
Tier 3: Native woody vegetation - wildlife and pollinators	Scenario 1: 100% Native woody vegetation - wildlife and pollinators Scenario 2: 50% Native woody vegetation - wildlife and pollinators Scenario 3: 25% Native woody vegetation - wildlife and pollinators
Tier 4: Native woody vegetation - riparian forest buffer	Scenario 1: 100% Native woody vegetation - riparian forest buffer Scenario 2: 50% Native woody vegetation - riparian forest buffer Scenario 3: 25% Native woody vegetation - riparian forest buffer





Next Steps

- Committee Action
- Working with DES & DWQ to Implement
- Annual Water Quality Management Fee Incentive Grants Update



Questions?



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