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**Next Board Meeting:
June 22**

For a complete list of PWSA's board and community meetings, please visit [Pgh2o.com/events-meetings](https://pgh2o.com/events-meetings).

Following COVID-19 restrictions, meetings are held virtually and may be tentative or postponed.

Stormwater Improvement Projects Underway

We are building new stormwater solutions to reduce flooding, decrease water pollution, and change Pittsburgh's infrastructure for the better. The new stormwater fee based on a property's hard or impervious surfaces funds these stormwater projects and other initiatives needed to improve stormwater management in Pittsburgh. Three of our stormwater improvement projects are under construction this spring, with more expected to enter construction this summer and fall.

Maryland Avenue Project in Shadyside

We are installing underground stormwater storage systems and permeable paver parking lanes on Howe Street this spring. Similar construction on Kentucky Avenue was completed in fall 2021.



Permeable pavers will be installed over these layers of gravel and underground storage pipes on Howe Street.

Phase Two of the Wightman Park Project in Squirrel Hill

To capture and route rainwater to storage infrastructure within the renovated Wightman Park, street stormwater planter boxes are being installed at the Murray Avenue and Solway Street intersection this spring. Similar planter boxes were installed on Wightman Street, Woodmont Street, Negley Avenue, and Solway Street in 2021. Additional plantings will be installed in all planter boxes this year.

Thomas and McPherson Project in North Point Breeze

Ongoing construction includes the installation of stormwater storage systems under the median on McPherson Boulevard, under permeable paver sections on N Linden Avenue and Starling Way, and under the roadway on N Dallas Avenue. Similar stormwater storage systems were installed under the median on Thomas Boulevard in fall 2021.



Layers of gravel and storage pipes will hold stormwater below the McPherson Boulevard median.

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Additional Stormwater Resources

Explore the resources below for additional information about the stormwater fee, including the stormwater credit program, customer assistance and a web map where you can search your property.

STORMWATER CREDIT PROGRAM: Our Stormwater Credit Program offers a discount on the monthly stormwater fee. Property owners choosing to manage stormwater on site may reduce their monthly stormwater charge. Installing stormwater management systems such as a rain garden or an underground stormwater system on private property are examples of how a private property owner may earn a credit. Find out more information and apply at pgh2o.com/stormwater-fee.

FEE FINDER WEBSITE: Use our searchable map to view the amount of impervious surface on your property and understand your stormwater fee. To use the site:

- Launch the [Fee Finder Website](#)
- Enter your address in the search bar and press enter
- Click inside the boundaries of your property to view details about its impervious surface and the number of Equivalent Residential Units (ERU's)
- To determine your fee amount, multiply the number of ERU's by the stormwater rate of \$5.96 and subtract any credits that may apply

DISPUTING STORMWATER FEE: If you have questions about the amount of impervious surface calculated for your property or believe there is a discrepancy, please contact our Customer Service department by calling 412-255-2423 (Press 5), to start the process.

Visit pgh2ostormwater.com for more information about our plans to manage stormwater.

Please call PWSA Customer Service at **412-255-2423 (Press 5)** or email info@pgh2o.com for questions about the stormwater fee or general questions about the credit program.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Donate to the Hardship Grant Program online at Pgh2o.com/give.

Enroll in eBilling

Convenient and easy to use, our online billing and payment portal ensures timely delivery of bills and payments. Visit Pgh2o.com/ebilling to enroll.

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WATER WISE

What Is Impervious Area and Why Is It Important?



Impervious area is shaded in blue on this aerial image of a property.

Our stormwater fee is charged to each property in the city based on the amount of impervious area on that parcel. Impervious area is any manmade surface that prevents or limits water soaking into the ground. Instead, stormwater runs off these hard surfaces, contributing to flooding and river pollution.

Since more impervious surface area means more stormwater runoff that needs to be managed, charging for stormwater services based on impervious area is the industry standard for stormwater utilities. This method is more equitable than charging for stormwater management based on water meter usage.

Impervious area includes:

- private streets
- driveways
- concrete pads
- structures
- roofs
- mobile homes
- private sidewalks/walkways
- parking lots
- patios and decks
- athletic facilities and artificial turf
- pools (above ground and in-ground)
- compacted earth or clay
- gravel that is installed and maintained for vehicle travel or parking
- trails (paved or unpaved)