

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village Council Meeting**  
**6/16/2015**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Stormwater Utility Incentive Changes	David Fieldman Village Manager

**SYNOPSIS**

A motion to amend the incentives available to residents for stormwater best management practices.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2011 - 2018 include *Top Quality Infrastructure*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The proposed changes in the amount of incentives would likely have a minimal impact on the financial condition of the Stormwater Fund. The financial impact would be affected by the total number of property owners receiving incentives and the amount of total incentives provided.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Action at the discretion of the Council.

**BACKGROUND**

On December 2, 2014, the Village Council directed staff to prepare this motion for Council consideration. It was introduced by Commissioner Hose as New Business.

Pursuant to the Stormwater Credit and Incentive Manual, the Village provides financial incentives to encourage property owners to proactively manage stormwater on their property by incorporating sustainable stormwater management practices that reduce the negative impact of development on the drainage system. Incentives are one-time reductions in the stormwater utility fees. Incentives are available for facilities that include rain barrels, rain gardens, permeable pavers and other facilities such as green roofs, cisterns and dry wells.

The following table includes both the current and proposed stormwater incentive amounts:

<b>Stormwater Facility</b>	<b>Current Incentive</b>	<b>Proposed Incentive</b>
Rain Barrel	Maximum \$25/property	\$25/rain barrel, no limit on number
*Rain Garden	Maximum \$300/property	50% of cost, maximum \$1,000
*Permeable Pavers	Maximum \$300/property	50% of cost, maximum \$1,000
*Other Facilities	Maximum \$250/property	50% of cost, maximum \$1,000

\*NOTE: These proposed incentives would not be available to properties required by Village Code to install a Post Construction Best Management Practice (PCBMP) due to the addition of impervious coverage of 700 square feet or more.

A \$1,000 incentive is worth approximately 102 months (8.6 years) of stormwater fees at the current rate for the typical residential property ( $\$1,000 / \$9.72 \text{ per ERU per month} = 102.88 \text{ months}$ ). Therefore, the properties receiving a \$1,000 incentive would not pay a stormwater fee for over eight years. Changes in the stormwater fee rate would affect this calculation.

In 2013, the first year of the SWU, \$15,306 in incentives were given. In 2014, the total was \$7,300, and to date in 2015 it has been \$750, for a total of \$ 23,356.