

Creative Funding Mechanisms for Intermunicipal Watershed Protection

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Intermunicipal council as 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity

- Incorporate as Type C corporation under NYS Not-for-Profit Law §201(b)
- Apply for federal tax exemption under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

Example: *Ten Towns Committee Great Swamp
Watershed Management Committee*

<http://www.tentowns.org/10t/index.htm>

Hudson River Estuary Program of the NYS DEC

- Goal 4 of Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda supports intermunicipal watershed coordination
- Due to budget constraints, the Estuary Program's grant program was put on hold in 2009, and reinstatement in 2010-2011 is not anticipated

Federal Funding Programs

- Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund>
- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: <https://www.cfda.gov/>
- State Revolving Fund, Category G & GIGP
- Federal earmarks and appropriations from Congressional representatives



**How are local governments in
other states funding watershed
protection and stormwater
management?**

Stormwater Fees

Using Utility Structure to Collect Fees

- Use an existing sewer or water utility
- Form a stormwater pollution utility district covering geographic extent of watershed or basin; requires approval by NYS legislature

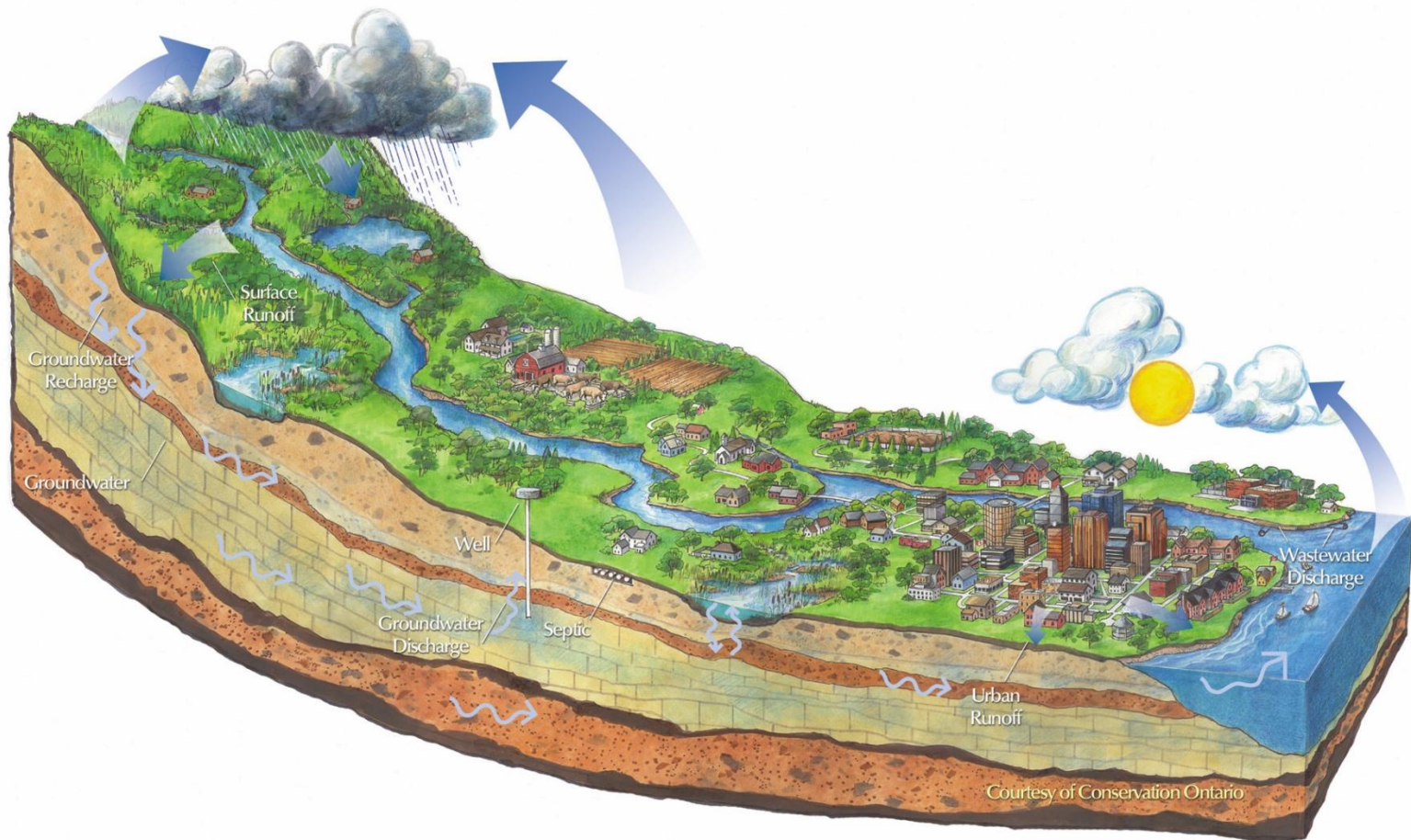
Stormwater Fees

- Fees or rates should be intended and described as a charge for a particular service
- Fees or rates should be based upon a relationship between stormwater generated on property and benefit received by payer
- Factors considered in determining fee:
 - Impervious surface on property
 - Implementation of mitigating measures

Recent Example: Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District

- Fee assessed based upon impervious surface
- Applies to all property owners, even vacant parking lot owners
- Total annual charge for owners of average size homes -- with 2,000 to 4,000 square feet of impervious surface -- is \$57 a year, or \$4.75 a month

Ongoing facilitation critical



Questions?

Thank You!

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