

STORMWATER IMPACT FEE



Cheltenham residents are no strangers to copious flooding issues.

Cheltenham Township needs to join an increasing number of communities across the country in implementing a fee to fund its stormwater program. This fee will be assessed to all property owners in the Township – residential, commercial and nonprofit – to account for the impervious surfaces (buildings, driveways, sidewalk, etc.) that create stormwater runoff. The income from this fee will be used to meet the increasing regulatory requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Clean Water Act, which challenge large and small municipalities and their taxpayers.

The fee will be dedicated for projects and activities related to the management of stormwater and the improvement of water quality, including pollution reduction, inlet and pipe maintenance and replacement, streambank restoration, tree planting, and other stormwater infrastructure projects.

This bioswale at Curtis Arboretum is one example of a stormwater mitigation project that the stormwater fee would fund.

