



Hamilton

# DRAFT STORMWATER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The City is proposing an incentive program for property owners that implement stormwater management measures on their properties.

## Single-family and multi-residential properties with less than or equal to six units

Single-family residential and multi-residential properties with six or fewer units will be able to access subsidized programs that provide:

- Materials such as rain barrels at a significant discount;
- A grant (subsidy) for the disconnection of downspouts, installation of a backwater valve, and other eligible works that help to reduce the risk of basement flooding;
- In-person advisory services on how properties can reduce their stormwater water runoff;
- How-to information/publications on how properties can reduce their stormwater runoff; and
- A grant (subsidy) for the installation of rain gardens, bioswales, pollinator gardens, or permeable surfaces and other measures that reduce the quantity and improve the quality of stormwater runoff from residential properties.

## Industrial, commercial, institutional, and multi-residential properties with greater than six units

Industrial, commercial, institutional, and multi-residential properties with more than six units will be able to apply for a credit (i.e., reduction on their stormwater fee) if they reduce the quantity or improve the quality of stormwater that runs off their property. The various criteria and associated credit are summarized in the following table.

Stormwater Objective	Maximum Credit Amount (Total Max. 50%)	Description	Example Measures
<b>Slow it down</b> (peak flow reduction)	40%	Percent reduction of the 100-year storm post-development flow to pre-development conditions of the site.	Detention ponds, cisterns
<b>Clean it up</b> (water quality)	25%	Remove ammonia, sediment, and phosphorous. Remove 60% to 70% sediment (based on receiving waters).	Oil-grit separators, treatment facilities
<b>Soak it up</b> (volume reduction)	40%	Percent capture of first 28 mm of rainfall during a single rainfall event.	Infiltration facilities/rain gardens, re-use facilities, pervious pavers
<b>Prevent it first</b> (pollution prevention)	15%	Develop and implement a pollution prevention plan	Salt management plan, pesticide/manure management, sweeping, spill response plan, public education etc.

Time and effort will be required by the property owner and the City in the application and administration of a credit program.

- To apply for the credit, property owners will need to show that they have and maintain measures on their property that meet the proposed credit criteria. This typically requires the submission of drawings and maintenance records.
- Property owners will also need to periodically renew their application (e.g., every 2 to 5 years) to show that the measures continue to be maintained.

Since the stormwater fee for the average residential property would likely be less than \$20 per month, the City is not proposing a credit program (i.e., reduction in stormwater fee) for residential properties with six or fewer units.