

PALO ALTO'S STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROVIDES PROJECTS AND SERVICES THAT REDUCE STREET FLOODING AND PROTECT CREEKS.



The San Francisquito Creek Storm Water Pump Station funded by the Storm Water Management Program clears water from a 1,250 acre neighborhood in Palo Alto.

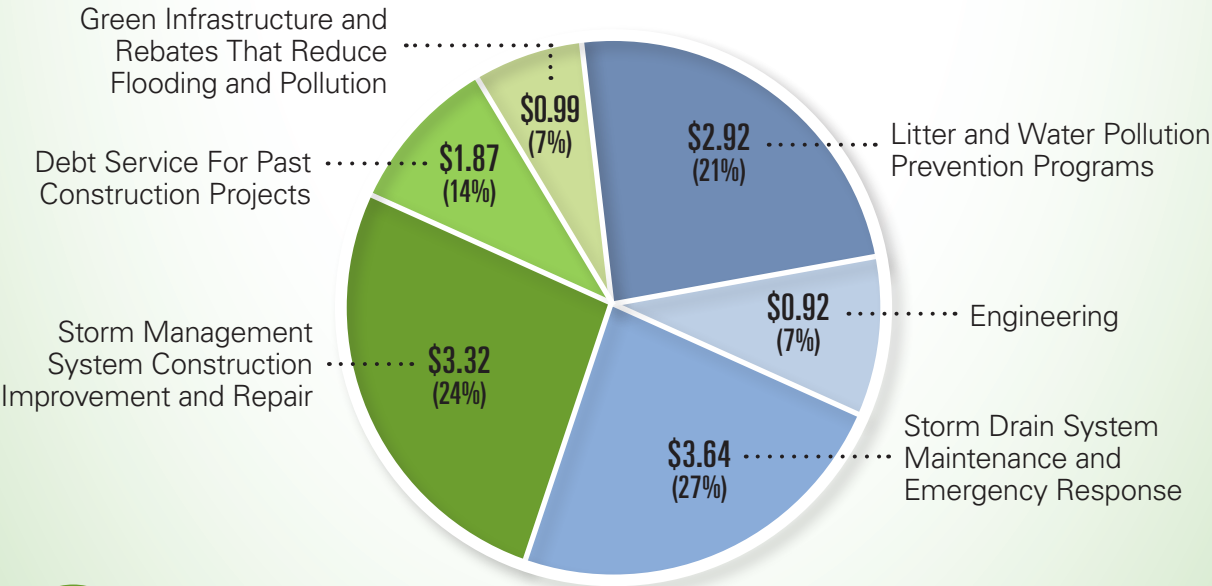
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Since 2005, Palo Alto's Storm Water Management Program has included seven high-priority storm drain pipeline and pump station projects, street improvements, and provided more than 100 rebates to property owners for rainwater catchment, permeable driveways, and green roofs.

*Property owners will be voting on whether to renew the monthly fee that funds the Storm Water Management Program. **Ballots will be mailed to Palo Alto property owners on February 24, 2017.***

If the Storm Water Management Fee is approved by a majority of Palo Alto property owners, then on June 1, 2017 the Fee will increase to approximately \$13.65 per month for a typical home. This is an average increase of 62 cents a month compared to the current Fee. If the Fee is not approved by a majority of Palo Alto property owners, it will revert to its pre-2005 level of \$4.25 per month on June 1, 2017.

SERVICES PROPOSED FOR THE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM RENEWAL



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Frequently Asked Questions

1 What services does the City’s Storm Water Management Program provide?

The Storm Water Management Program funds routine storm water system maintenance that keeps the system clean and at peak performance. It also funds construction projects that improve Palo Alto’s storm water system to prevent street flooding. Services also include litter reduction, urban pollution prevention programs, commercial and residential rebates, and flooding emergency-response services. Some of these services are state-mandated.



New storm drain pipes along Channing Avenue reduce street flooding along this important vehicle and bike corridor.

2 Why does Palo Alto’s storm water system need upgrades and repairs?

Most of Palo Alto’s storm water system is between 40 and 100 years old. Current engineering standards require storm water systems to handle “10-year storms” which Palo Alto’s current system cannot meet in many areas. As a result, even moderate storms can lead to street flooding, driving hazards, property damage and increased street repair costs.

3 Which projects were completed over the past 12 years as part of the Storm Water Management Program?

Seven construction projects have been funded since 2005 including new pump stations for San Francisquito and Matadero Creeks, and storm water system capacity improvements. Fees also funded ongoing storm water system maintenance and pollution prevention programs. More information about these projects is available at cityofpaloalto.org/stormwaterfee.

4 What happens if the ballot measure is not approved by Palo Alto property owners?

If property owners do not approve the renewal of the fee, it will revert to its pre-2005 level of \$4.25 per month when it expires on June 1, 2017. Because the pre-2005 level is less than the current cost to maintain and improve the existing storm drain system, the City would utilize General Fund dollars for these purposes, potentially reprioritizing other City programs and projects.



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