

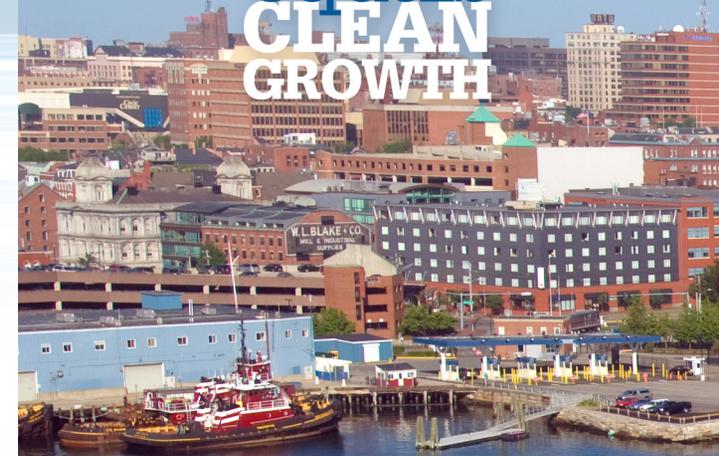
DID YOU KNOW?

- Your City's wastewater system is old and in need of repair.
- Your City's wastewater system has three kinds of pollution in it - Stormwater runoff, sanitary sewage, and a combination of the two.
- Your City's wastewater system combines sanitary sewage and stormwater in a single pipe.
- When it rains the combined sewer system is overwhelmed by runoff and raw sewage dumps into Casco Bay and our streams.
- Your City is required by law to stop raw sewage from dumping into Casco Bay.

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Review task force recommendations in detail
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CLEAN WATER equals CLEAN GROWTH



One of America's Most Livable Cities,
 Portland is investing from the ground up.

This investment will:

- Protect Casco Bay
- Improve Fairness For Sewer Fee Payers
- Safeguard Private Investment



Clean Growth Keeps Portland Strong

Investment to maintain and improve the sewer system is needed. These investments help the environment, grow the economy, encourage development, and keep Portland competitive.

The City Council formed a Task Force to figure out:

- How to pay for rising wastewater costs
- Which funding sources to use
- What fee structure best reduces the financial impact to current sewer rate payers

The Task Force recommends:

Splitting the sewer fee into two separate parts - one to pay for sewage, one to pay for stormwater.

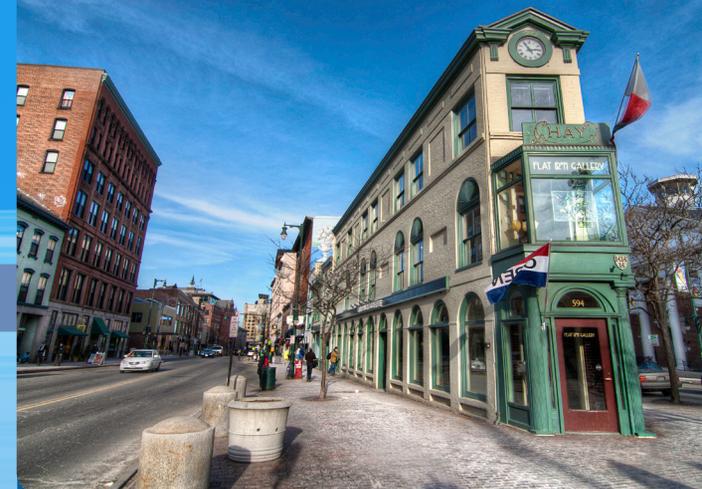
The task force was made up of business, resident, and non-profit representatives from the community.



A Fair Funding System

- The new fee structure **more fairly shares sewer costs** reducing rate increases.
- The less wastewater you use or send into the sewer system, the **less you pay** to maintain and improve it.
- Businesses can **lower their sewer fees** by reducing their water use and runoff from their property.
- Businesses can **lower their stormwater fees** through credits by making site improvements.
- The new fee structure applies to **all property owners**, including businesses, non-profits, schools and the City itself.
- Funding will continue to be **used solely to maintain and improve the sewer system** and cannot be used to pay for school, police, fire, and other city services.
- **Portland is not alone**; this type of fee system is used in over 1,000 cities and towns nationwide.

Why change how investments are funded?
A new fee structure better shares the burden.



What Can You Expect?



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