

*Portland is investing from the ground up to remain one of America's most livable cities.*

**This investment will:**

- ◆ Improve sewer and stormwater infrastructure
- ◆ Create a healthier Casco Bay
- ◆ Promote economic growth
- ◆ Create a fair funding system



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## *Stormwater Service Fee Informational Meetings*

**October 23, 2014 | 6:00**

Public meeting at Casco Bay High School

**November 13, 2014 | 6:00 p.m.**

Public meeting in City Council Chambers

**District 1: November 5, 2014 | 7:00 p.m.**

East End Community School

**District 2: November 6, 2014 | 7:00 p.m.**

Reiche School and Community Center

**District 3: November 12, 2014 | 7:00 p.m.**

Italian Heritage Center

**District 4: November 13, 2014 | 7:00 p.m.**

Presumpscot School

**District 5: November 18, 2014 | 7:00 p.m.**

Riverton Community Center



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## OUR CHALLENGES

Much of Portland's sewer and stormwater infrastructure is deteriorating and in need of repair or replacement.

The systems are designed to handle three kinds of pollution—stormwater runoff, sewage, and a combination of the two.

When it rains, the combined system is overwhelmed and pollution dumps directly into local water bodies. Without reliable infrastructure, the City cannot promote development. Federal law requires the City of Portland to reduce pollution.



## FAIR FUNDING SYSTEM

The current sewer fee, which funds the City's stormwater and sewer systems, is based on water use.

Pollution washes off hard surfaces (impervious areas), like roofs or parking lots. Many properties with a lot of impervious area use very little water. This puts the responsibility of clean water on water-users.

### The proposed funding system will separate charges into two parts:

- Sewer charge based on water use
- Stormwater charge based on impervious area (roofs, driveways, parking lots, etc.)

This new funding system is an accountable investment. It will apply to all property owners, including businesses, residents, nonprofits, and the City of Portland. These funds will be **used solely to maintain and improve the City's sewer and stormwater infrastructure** and cannot be used to pay for schools, police, fire, and other City services.

The new billing system is anticipated to begin in early 2016.

## CALCULATE YOUR FEE

For most residential properties, the new funding system will result in no change in monthly costs. Some properties may see an increase depending on impervious area and overall water use.

We have set up a website to help you calculate your new stormwater charge. Visit [www.CleanGrowthCleanWater.com](http://www.CleanGrowthCleanWater.com)



In this image IA is impervious area

### Can you reduce your stormwater or sewer charges? - YES!

- Reduce your water use to lower your sewer charge.
- Reduce stormwater runoff from your property to lower your stormwater charge.



Learn more at our public meetings.  
See front for schedule.