



Allegheny Township

WESTMORELAND COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT STORMWATER FEE FACTS

With the recent bills for Stormwater that went out from the Keystone Collections Group on behalf of the township, we've heard a number of disturbing comments and even some misunderstandings about the stormwater fee, so let's set the record straight.

Fact #1 – This fee is required to meet state mandates.

The Pennsylvania DEP requires the Township to complete specific stormwater projects. These are not optional and are necessary to improve water quality, control flooding, and meet environmental standards. Ignoring these mandates would bring costly fines and legal action against the Township.

Fact #2 – This is not a “new tax for general spending.”

Every dollar from the stormwater fee is dedicated exclusively to DEP-mandated projects. None of it can be used for unrelated Township expenses.

Fact #3 – Residents were informed before it began.

We discussed this in multiple public meetings, included details in the township newsletter, posted full information on our website, sent notification through our resident alert messaging app, read about it in two VND articles.

Conclusion

We understand no one likes additional costs, but the alternative, non-compliance, would be more expensive for everyone. Our commitment is to meet these legal requirements in the most cost-effective and transparent way possible.