



# Allegheny Township

WESTMORELAND COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

## Stormwater Fee – What You Need To Know

### Why the Fee Exists:

- Allegheny Township holds a designated MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) Permit.
- The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires the Township to complete specific stormwater projects under this permit.
- These projects are designed to improve water quality, manage runoff, and reduce flooding.
- Failure to comply would result in costly fines and potential legal action. (Non-Compliant since 2018)

### Where the Money Goes:

- 100% of the stormwater fee is dedicated to DEP-mandated projects.
- Funds cannot be used for unrelated Township expenses.

### How You Were Informed:

- Discussion over several Township meetings (Feb-May)
- Article in direct mail township newsletter
- Notification through township alert messaging app for residents and followers
- Detailed information on the Township website
- Valley News Dispatch articles covering meeting in March and April

### Key Facts:

1. This is not a “general tax” — it’s a compliance tool required by state law.
2. Ignoring the mandates would cost more than the fee itself.
3. We are committed to transparency and accountability with every dollar collected. While working together, we can protect our community, comply with state law and safeguard future waterways.