



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**#22-0646**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** September 12, 2022

**TITLE:** Public Hearing – Annual Assessment Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023 -  
Stormwater Program Management - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission hold a public hearing and adopt the annual assessment resolution approving the Stormwater Program Management Assessment Roll for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023.

**Background**

On June 16, 2020, the City Commission authorized the creation of a Stormwater Management Program Assessment to fund the planning, construction, operation, maintenance, and administration of a public stormwater management system upon benefited parcels at a rate of assessment based on the special benefit accruing to such parcel from the provision of a stormwater management system (Ordinance C-20-18). Annually, the City must adopt an Annual Assessment Resolution, in which assessments will be imposed, to approve the assessment roll to fund the Stormwater Management Program. On July 5, 2022, the City Commission approved Initial Assessment Resolution 21-142 (CAM 21-0646) declaring the City of Fort Lauderdale a Stormwater Management System Benefit Area, imposing a Stormwater Assessment, and setting a public hearing date for the proposed FY 2022 Non-Ad Valorem Assessment.

The proposed assessment rate for FY 2023 is equal to the estimated costs to be paid by the City to operate the stormwater management system utilities within the assessment area for FY 2023. The proposed assessment for FY 2023 is estimated to generate \$27,582,166 in revenue to the City's Stormwater Fund. Exhibit 1 details the assessment rate per property in the Stormwater Management Program Assessment Roll.

If the City Commission approves the recommendation, the Stormwater Program Management assessment will be collected by Broward County's Records, Taxes, and Treasury Division.

Section 28-200 11 (A) provides that the Stormwater Program Management assessments may be collected pursuant to the uniform method provided in the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, and the city shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Uniform Assessment Collection Act. Pursuant to Section 197.3632(4)(a), Florida Statutes, a local government shall adopt a non-ad valorem assessment roll at a public hearing held between January 1 and September 15, if levying the non-ad valorem assessment for the first time. The City approved the resolution on May 5, 2020 and entered into the required agreements with the Broward County Property Appraiser and the Tax collector to collect the assessment using this method.

### **Resource Impact**

The FY 2023 Stormwater Program Management Assessment will generate approximately \$27,582,166 in revenues in FY 2023.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2022 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective: Proactively maintain our water, wastewater, storm water, road, and bridge infrastructure
- Objective: Reduce flooding and adapt to sea level rise

This item advances the *Fast-Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We are Ready*.

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding giving due consideration to the City's natural and built environment.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Stormwater Management Program Assessment Roll

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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