Fort Lauderdale, FL

Stormwater Rate Study Fee Work Session

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### Core Elements of the Study





## Historical Project Timeline

#### 2016

- Stormwater fee study analysis completed, and initial results presented.
- Trip generation and fee zones introduced as potential fee structures.

#### 2017

- Refined version of fees presented to City Commission, which considered a hybrid approach between trip generation and the current structure.
- City of Fort Lauderdale Infrastructure Task Force Committee- Recommended the City Commission consider adopting a new stormwater rate methodology based upon the trip generation cost apportionment and to consider using the bond validation process immediately thereafter to validate the methodology.

#### 2018

- **Budget Advisory Board-**Recommended that the City Commission change the methodology used for stormwater charges from using impervious surface to a trip generation model.
- City Commission provided direction to investigate hybrid structure further.
- Significant challenges arose regarding the ability to charge an updated fee using current billing data.

## Summary of Stakeholder Outreach



- Presentation to the **City Commission** Nov 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the updated hybrid methodology. Direction for further outreach received.
- Presentation to the City of Fort Lauderdale Infrastructure Task Force Committee Dec 2<sup>th</sup> regarding the updated hybrid methodology.
- Presentation to the **Council of Civic Associations** Jan 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the updated hybrid methodology, endorsement from the group received.



Presentation to the **City Commission** regarding the updated hybrid methodology and seeking Commission direction. 2020

- Pending Commission Direction Finalization of the plan of finance, updated parcel data, and final stormwater fees. Notice to all parcel owners of a new special assessment.
- Fees issued on tax bill

2020

Nov

- Finalization of the plan of finance
  - Coverage target
  - Exact debt service for the \$200M
- Updated tax roll for FY 2021
  - Land uses
  - Parel Specific Billing Units
- Fees presented herein are indicative and will be updated to reflect the most current data

Revenue Requirements

# Near Term Needs of the Stormwater Utility

The Utility delivers service through three key areas:

- Operations and Maintenance (O&M) **\$11.5M**
- Renewal and Replacement Capital Projects \$4M
- Phase 1 Master Plan Capital Projects \$200M '
  - Edgewood
  - River Oak
  - Dorsey Riverbend
  - Durrs Area
  - Progresso
  - Victoria Park
  - Southeast Isles





Revenue Sufficiency Analysis

# **Diagnostic Scenario**



Revenue Sufficiency Analysis

## Required Revenue Adjustments



### Cost Allocation

### **Options for Stormwater Cost Allocations**

Recovery Basis







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### The Hybrid Model

#### Recovery Basis

#### Revenue Requirement Split

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### Cost Allocation

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### Fee Structure

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### Single Family Fee Survey

#### Updated Fees

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### **Condo Example (Dwelling Unit)**

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Method of Billing

### Stormwater Revenue Collection Method

Method of Collection

#### Recommended

	Utility Billing – Current City Method	Non-Ad Valorem Assessment
PRO	Easier to Change the Fee	Greater Accuracy and More Equitable
		High Collection Rate
		Lower Staff Administration
		Updated With Tax Roll
		Property Owner vs. Renter Paying
CON	Difficult to Manage and Update	Strict Timeline
	Collection Issues / Write-off	Public Notice
	Nonactive Utility Customers Are Not Billed/Paving Fee	Tax Collector Cost
	Reduced Revenue and Subsidized by Others	

### **Comparable Municipal Survey**

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### Additional Questions/Discussion

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