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RE: 2009 Stormwater Management Utility Fee Estimate

Dear City Property Owner:

This letter is to give you an estimate of your upcoming 2009 Stormwater Management (SWM) Utility Fee. The City wishes to give you as much notice as possible of this new fee to assist you with budgeting for the next year. The purpose of the fee is to provide sufficient and sustainable funding for operations and capital improvements to Rockville's SWM and storm drainage systems, as well as, extensive state and federal water quality regulations. Rockville is following many other municipalities in implementing a SWM Utility Fee. This is not a tax, but a fee for services similar to other utilities, such as water and refuse services.

The Mayor and Council adopted the SWM Utility Fee ordinance and regulations in April 2008 with the fee of \$61.85 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) to become effective July 1, 2009. The fee will appear as a line item on property tax bills, which are sent each July by Montgomery County's Department of Finance. For owners that do not pay property taxes, such as non-profit institutions, a special bill will be generated. Owners of multiple parcels within the City of Rockville will receive a bill for each parcel.

Rockville will apply this fee to all property owners, including residential, commercial, government, non-profit, and educational institutions. The City itself will pay the SWM Utility Fee for its properties' impervious area. Your estimated bill amount for July 2009 is shown below.

Owner	# Parcels Within City	# Equivalent Residential Units	FY10 SWM Rate/ERU	Estimated SWM Utility Fee
FLINT LEDGE EST COMMUNITY	3	10	X \$61.85 =	\$618.50

How The SWM Utility Fee Is Determined

The City's SWM Utility Fee is based on the amount of impervious area for each property, which represents the demand placed on the stormwater system. Impervious surfaces, such as roofs, driveways, and parking lots, produce more runoff from rainstorms than vegetated areas. Storm runoff typically flows through the City's public SWM treatment facilities and/or storm drain pipes into streams running through the City's park land. These are all part of the City's SWM system. The costs to manage this system are being distributed to all property owners based on this fee. While the SWM impact of any one property may seem small, the cumulative effect of impervious areas greatly affects stormwater runoff quality and stream erosion.

The City's consultant measured the impervious square footage for all non-residential properties using aerial photography. This measurement will be updated every two years. Using this

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measurement, the estimated imperviousness from residential properties based on statistical sampling, and the City's overall SWM program costs not met by existing revenues, a SWM Utility rate was developed to fairly allocate costs based on each property's share of impervious area.

An ERU represents the impervious area found on a typical single-family detached house lot in the City, which is 2,330 square feet. Although single-family detached house owners will pay one ERU as a flat rate, all other property owners will pay the fee calculated from this ERU rate multiplied by the amount of impervious area within their properties, expressed in multiples of ERUs. Your estimated total ERUs may be multiplied by 2,330 to find the total square feet of impervious area associated with your identified property.

The SWM Utility Fee rate is subject to annual adjustments to meet demands of the stormwater management program. Properties with private SWM facilities may be eligible, upon application to the City, for fee credits that partially reduce the annual SWM Utility Fee, subject to terms of the law and regulations adopted by the Mayor and Council.

More Information and Comments

These estimate letters are prepared with property owner information taken from Montgomery County's latest tax billing records for parcels within the City of Rockville. If you believe the number of parcels or ERUs for your property is inaccurate, please notify us so we may verify your information and correct the records. The City would appreciate receiving your comments prior to December 31, 2008.

Corrections to the property owner's name and mailing address must be made through the State Assessment Office. The City cannot process these requests. Please contact the local State Assessment Office at 240-314-4510, or email corrections to mont@dat.state.md.us. Follow the directions listed on http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/rp_address.html. To look up a tax account number, see www.montgomerycountymd.gov, click on 'residents' at the top of the screen, and then click on 'property tax' at the right side.

Please contact Lise Soukup, Civil Engineer II, Department of Public Works, at 240-314-8515 or at Lsoukup@rockvillemd.gov with your questions or comments. If needed, staff is available to meet with you to further explain your fee estimate. Further details about the development of the SWM Utility Fee and proposed programs may be found on the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/swm/index.html.

Sincerely,



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Director of Public Works

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