



**Stormwater Utility Community
Advisory Group**
Meeting Five: Wrap Up



Agenda

- Welcome
- Recap
- Review current utility recommendations
- SUCAG Q&A
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

Thank you!

We very much appreciate your time, participation and valuable feedback as the County has developed the stormwater utility



Recap

- Meeting 1 – Orientation & Project Overview
 - › Why are we considering moving from tax to fee?
 - › Goals of SUCAG
 - › Overview of stormwater program
- Meeting 2 – Costs & Cost Recovery
 - › Stormwater program components
 - › Cost drivers
 - › CIP projects
 - › Tax vs. utility
- Meeting 3 – Rate Structures
 - › Multi-family and Base charge options
- Meeting 4 – Draft credit program



Review Current Utility Recommendations

Fee Structure Recommendations for Property Types



Rate Structure for Single-Family Residential (SFR)

- Attached (townhomes & duplexes)
 - Properties charged 0.60 ERU
- Detached below:

Tier	Impervious Area Range	Billed
Tier 1	≤ 1600 SF	0.60 ERU
Tier 2	> 1600 - ≤ 3600 SF	1.00 ERU
Tier 3	> 3600 - ≤ 4800 SF	1.70 ERU
Cap	> 4800 SF	Per ERU, like Non-Res (NR)



Rate Structure for Multi-Family (MFR)

- Charged based on number of units per property
 - Properties charged 0.18 ERU/ unit



Rate Structure for Non-Residential (NR)

- Charged based on impervious area (IA) of each property, per ERU

Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) = 2,400 sq. Impervious Area (IA)
Estimated rate = \$230-\$250 per ERU

Credit Program Overview

- The primary purpose of the utility is to recover costs for the stormwater management program
- Per VA code, a credit program is required
- Intent is to balance benefits of the credit program with the administrative cost and burden
 - Considerations of equity



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Credits will be Available for Mandatory and Voluntary Activities

- The credit program will include both mandatory and voluntary actions
- Up to 35% for all customers
 - Approximately \$80/ERU
- VA law requires that localities provide a credit for qualifying stormwater facilities, even mandatory ones installed as part of a development project



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Mandatory Stormwater Facility Credit – All Property Types

- Installed before 2014, or Streamlined permit (LDA) = 5%
- Installed after 2014:
 - Less than 1 acre = 10%
 - Over 1 acre = 15%
 - LDA 2.0 = 15%
- The performance and design standard for mandatory stormwater facilities have increased over time
- Property owner must complete required compliance inspection and submit forms on time for automatic annual credit

Credit Program Overview

Single-Family Residential: Attached & Detached

<p><u>Mandatory Structural Stormwater Facilities (LDA)</u></p> <p>Up to 15%</p>	<p><u>Voluntary Actions - 5% each</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Landscaping • Tree Planting • Rainwater Collection 	<p><u>Voluntary Actions - 10% each</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rain Garden • Permeable Driveway 	<p>MAX Credit of 35%</p>
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Multi-Family and Non-Residential

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Example of New Stormwater Utility Fee for Church

+3 additional properties =
Estimated Annual Fee
\$20,501 - \$22,175

Less 35% Max Credits for Voluntary
Actions:

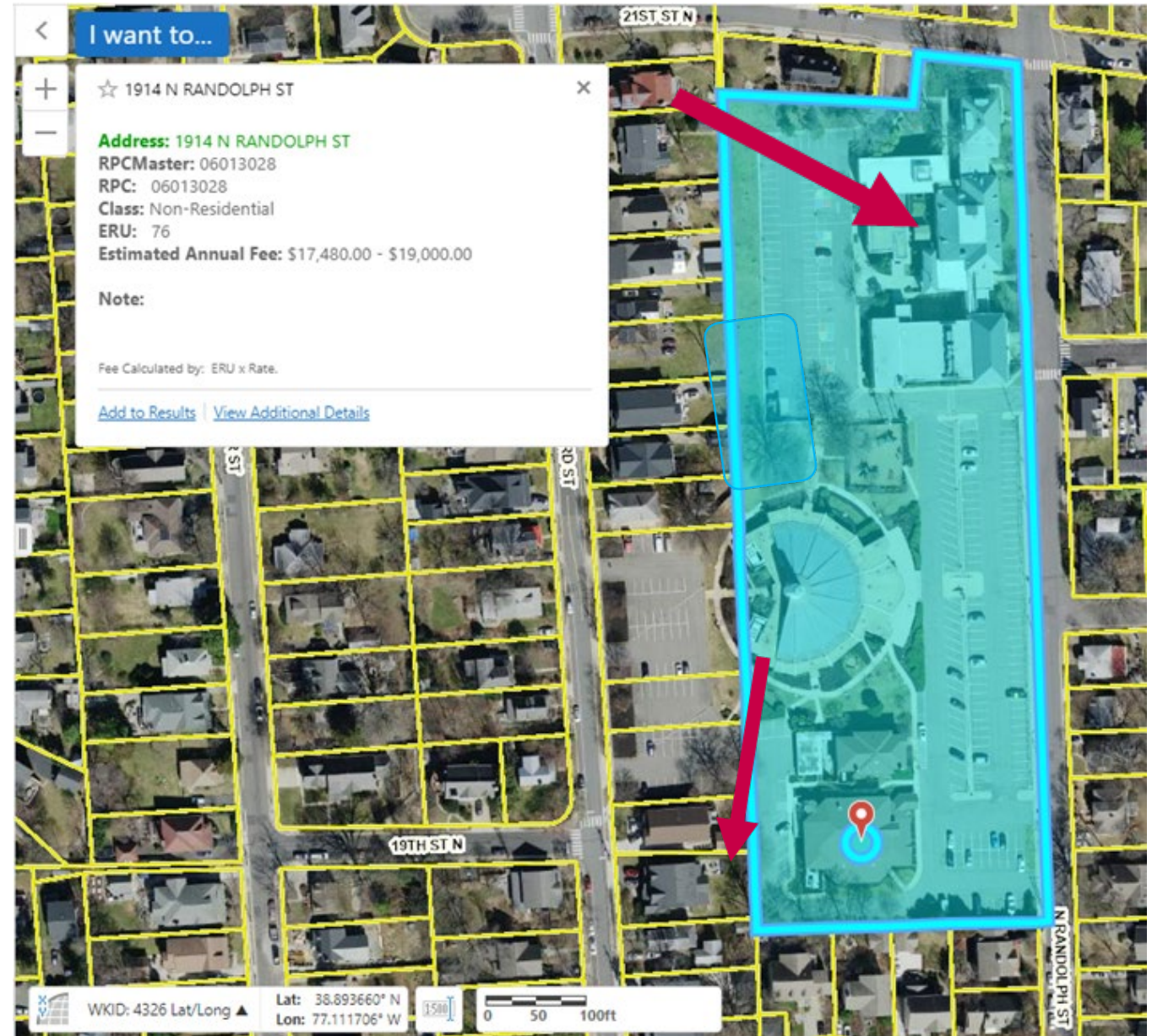
10% = Invasive Plant Removal (30
volunteer hours)

10% = Parking Lot Sweeping (6 times)

10% = Rain Garden

5% = Tree Planting

Total Utility Fee = \$13,326 – \$14,414



Webmap Overview

- The webmap bill estimator [is online](#)
- It allows property owners to look up the estimated ERUs for their property and estimated stormwater utility fee

The screenshot displays the 'ARLINGTON VIRGINIA Stormwater Utility Fee Estimator' web application. The interface includes a search bar at the top right, a 'Tools' menu, and a 'Home' section with a disclaimer and fee estimates. A central map shows a residential neighborhood with yellow parcel boundaries. A specific parcel at 803 N Kenmore St is highlighted in cyan. A pop-up window for this parcel provides the following information:

- Address: 803 N KENMORE ST
- RPCMaster: 19014017
- RPC: 19014017
- Class: Single Family Detached
- ERU: 1
- Estimated Annual Fee: \$230.00 - \$250.00

The pop-up also includes a 'Note' section and links for 'Add to Results' and 'View Additional Details'. The map shows the intersection of Kenmore St and Jackson St. The bottom of the interface features a scale bar and coordinate information: WKID: 4326 Lat/Long, Lat: 38.862022° N, Lon: 77.098828° W, and a scale of 0, 30, 60ft.

Focused outreach for tax exempt property owners

- Faith groups feedback
 - Concern about how this new expense will affect their ability to offer other social service programs
 - Request to delay or phase implementation to allow for budget planning
 - Expressed interest in the credit program and felt that their organizations would take advantage of the program
 - Requested that property owners with multiple parcels be considered as a unit for voluntary credits to apply to
- Additional information session for non-profits/cemeteries scheduled Nov 2

Other ongoing implementation items

- Develop bill dispute process
- Develop credit manual, documentation information, and application form
- Finish digitizing parcel information
- Finish development of Stormwater Account Management System (SAMS)
- Integration of stormwater utility fee with Real Estate tax bill
- Communication of program elements to property owners

Next Steps

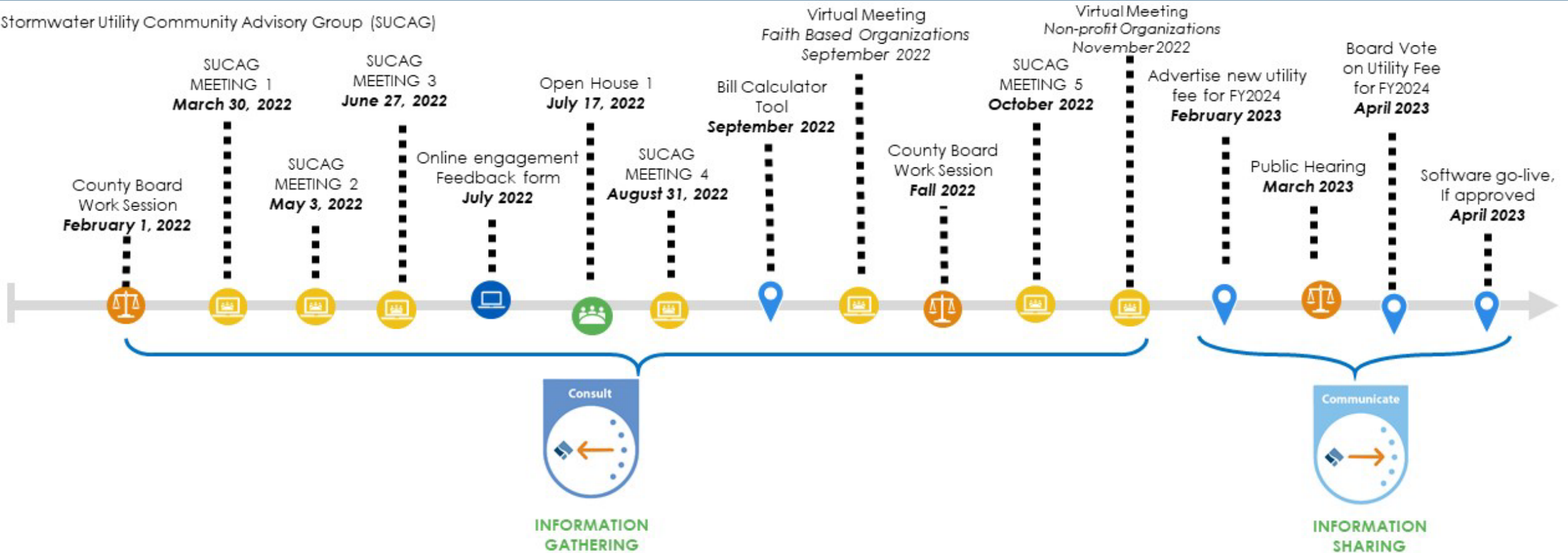
- Work session with County Board December 2022
- Continued outreach to community – Winter 2022-23
- Advertise Utility & Fee – February 2023
- Budget Hearing – early April 2023
- Utility & Fee Adoption – mid/ late April 2023
- 1st Bill (if approved) – May 2023 (due date June 15, 2023)


Stormwater Utility Fee – Public Engagement Timeline

Project Contact:
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Project Funding:
N/A

Stormwater Utility Community Advisory Group (SUCAG)



 **Online Feedback**
(e.g. questionnaire, feedback form, etc.)

 **In-Person Engagement and Pop-Ups**
(e.g. community meeting, roundtable, tabling, walking/bus tour, deliberative dialogue, etc.)

 **Virtual Meeting**
(e.g., TEAMS, TEAMS live, Zoom, etc.)

 **County Board Engagement**
(e.g. public hearing, Board work session, open door Monday, commission meeting etc.)

 **Key Milestone**

Public Comment

Thank you!

