

Stormwater Assessment Fee FAQ's

What Does the Stormwater Fee Pay For?

The stormwater utility fee establishes a stable and dedicated source of funding to ensure that the City continues to meet state and federal regulatory requirements. The stormwater utility fee also enables the City to continue to operate and maintain all its stormwater infrastructure, while continuing to pursue capital improvement projects that improve water quality, reduce flooding, and repair and replace aging infrastructure.

How Do I Pay This Fee?

The stormwater utility fee has been added to the Pinellas County property tax bill as an additional line item, as a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment. Once your property taxes are paid, your stormwater utility fee will also be paid. Please note that the early payment reduction option also applies to the stormwater utility fee.

How Does Our Rate Compare to Other Cities?

The City's stormwater utility fee is \$140.00 per ERU, which is nearly \$23.00 below the average rate charged by neighboring Cities.

Who Else Has a Stormwater Fee in Pinellas County?

The majority of the Cities within Pinellas County have a stormwater fee, only a few do not. Pinellas County also has a stormwater fee.

Why Can't We Just Ask for Additional State and/or Federal Funds?

The City has actively sought, and will continue to seek, grants to support stormwater projects. Given the highly competitive nature of funding opportunities at both the state and federal levels, an environment that has become increasingly competitive in recent years, the stormwater utility fee serves as a reliable and dedicated source of funding. This fee complements and enhances the financial resources obtained through grants awarded by state and federal agencies.

Are There any Exemptions?

Properties that are undeveloped or commercial properties with less than 400 square feet of impervious area are exempt from the stormwater utility fee.

What is Impervious Area (IA)?

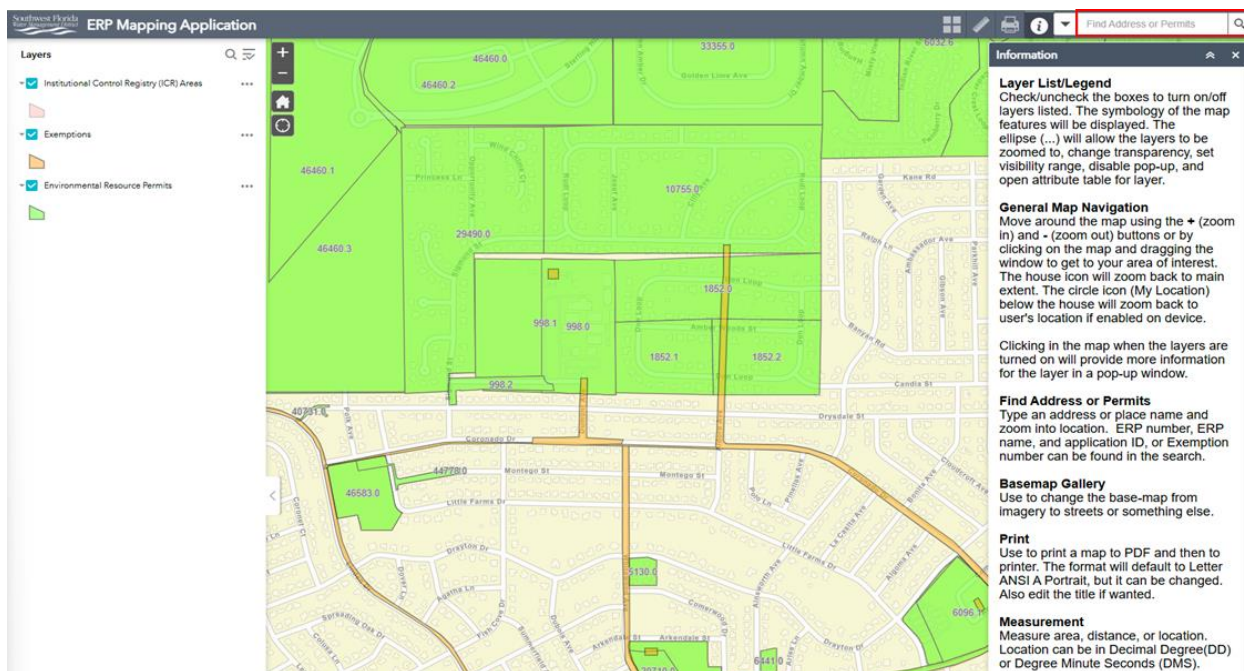
Common impervious surfaces include, but are not limited to, rooftops, sidewalks, walkways, patio areas, driveways, parking lots, storage areas, and other artificial or non-natural surfaces which affect the entry of water's natural infiltration or runoff patterns which existed prior to development.

Is There a Credit Program, and How Does the Credit System Work?

Currently, only 50% of the incorporated municipalities within Pinellas County that implement a stormwater utility fee offer a credit program. The City aims to provide an opportunity for a reduction of up to 50% in the stormwater utility fee for property owners who alleviate the burden on the City's stormwater infrastructure by owning and maintaining their own stormwater management systems. The whole credit program and the application can be found here: [Stormwater Utility Assessment Mitigation Credit Policy](#).

Does My Pond Have a Permit?


If you go to the Southwest Florida Water Management District's (SWFWMD) [ERP Mapping Application](#), you can search for your address by entering it into the white box on the top left and selecting the search icon, or you can find your address on the map by manually moving around the map.



If a green polygon appears over the searched address, a permit is associated with it.



Once you select the green polygon that appears over your property, a white box will appear.



The screenshot shows a map with a green polygon highlighting a property. A white pop-up window titled '(1 of 2)' displays the following information:

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Application ID	3393
Base Number	1247
Revision Number	1
Permittee Name	United States Postal Service
Project Name	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE-SEMINOLE BRANCH ADD.
Status	Approved
App Received Date	June 19 1997
Permit Issue Date	September 2 1997
Expiration Date	September 2 2002
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General Map Navigation
Move around the map using the + (zoom in) and - (zoom out) buttons or by clicking on the map and dragging the window to get to your area of interest. The house icon will zoom back to main extent. The circle icon (My Location) below the house will zoom back to user's location if enabled on device.

Clicking in the map when the layers are turned on will provide more information for the layer in a pop-up window.

Find Address or Permits
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Basemap Gallery
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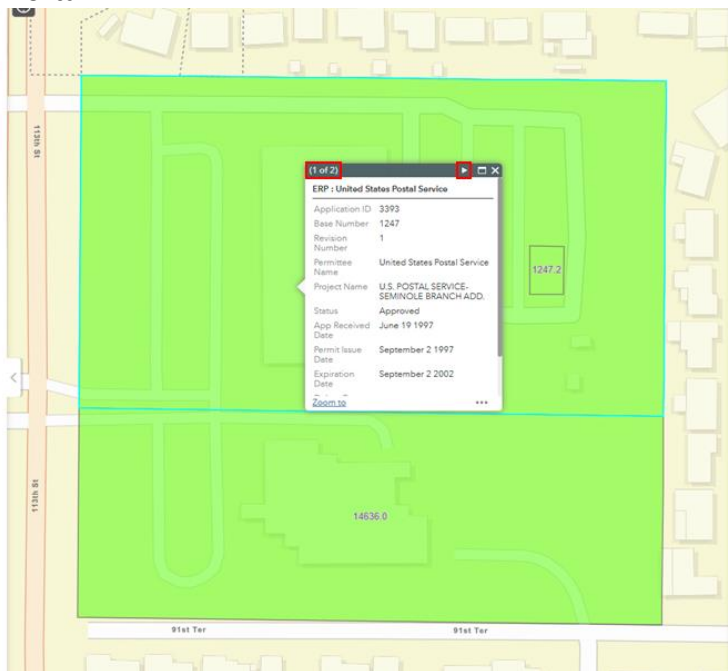
Print
Use to print a map to PDF and then to printer. The format will default to Letter ANSI A Portrait, but it can be changed. Also edit the title if wanted.

Measurement
Measure area, distance, or location. Location can be in Decimal Degree(DD) or Degree Minute Seconds (DMS).

Attribute table

- Click on the tab in the bottom center of the map.
- A tab will be available, one for each site type.
- Scroll through the list and highlight the desired site/sites.

Multiple records may be associated with your property that you may need to navigate through. Use the arrow icon(s) to navigate through the records, if necessary. Use the grey bar on the right of the white box to scroll. If there are multiple records, they might not all represent an approved permit. Make sure that you are reviewing a record that has an "Approved" status. Then select the "More Info" WMIS Hyperlink. This will open the Water Management Information System Portal.



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This portal may provide access to the following items required for your application: Permit Number, Inspection / Maintenance Reports, and Designs / As-Builts. The permit number will be at the top of the page.

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Permit Information

Dept: TAMPA

Permit: 40 1247 1

Status: Approved

Project Name: U.S. POSTAL SERVICE-SEMINOLE BRAN

App Received: 6/20/1997

Issue Date: 9/3/1997

Expiration Dt: 9/3/2002

Deleted:

Delete Reason: << Unselected >>

Type: MSSF GENERAL PERMIT

Activity Code: GOVERNMENT

Project Code: BUILDING

Rule Number:

Minor Mod: ☐ WMIS Create Permit: ☐

Acres Owned: 6.38

Project Size: 0.90

Permittee

Name: United States Postal Service

Address1: 113TH ST

Address2:

City/ST/Zip: SEMINOLE FL 33772

Phone: 727 392-5100 Ext:

Fax:

Email:

Permit Mail Method: Unknown

Applicant

Name:

Address1:

Address2:

City/ST/Zip:

Phone: Ext:

Fax:

Email:

Other Permittee

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Email: WMISHelpDesk@watermatters.org

Phone: 352-754-3456 or 1-800-423-1476 (FL only) ext. 5678.

Navigating to the "Documents" tab will enable you to continue your search for the Inspection / Maintenance Reports and Designs / As-Builts. This particular example contains both "Submitted Asbuilt Plans" and "Plans." Download all PDFs relating to Inspection / Maintenance Reports and Designs / As-Builts and include them with your application.

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