

2024 OPERATING BUDGET



Our Mission

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

- COMPLETING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECTS
- CONTROLLING SEDIMENT, CONTAMINANTS, AND POLLUTANTS
- IMPLEMENTING STATE AND FEDERAL CLEAN WATER REGULATIONS
- FACILITATING PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
- IMPROVING THE WATER QUALITY OF THE SAW MILL RUN WATERSHED AND THE OHIO RIVER.





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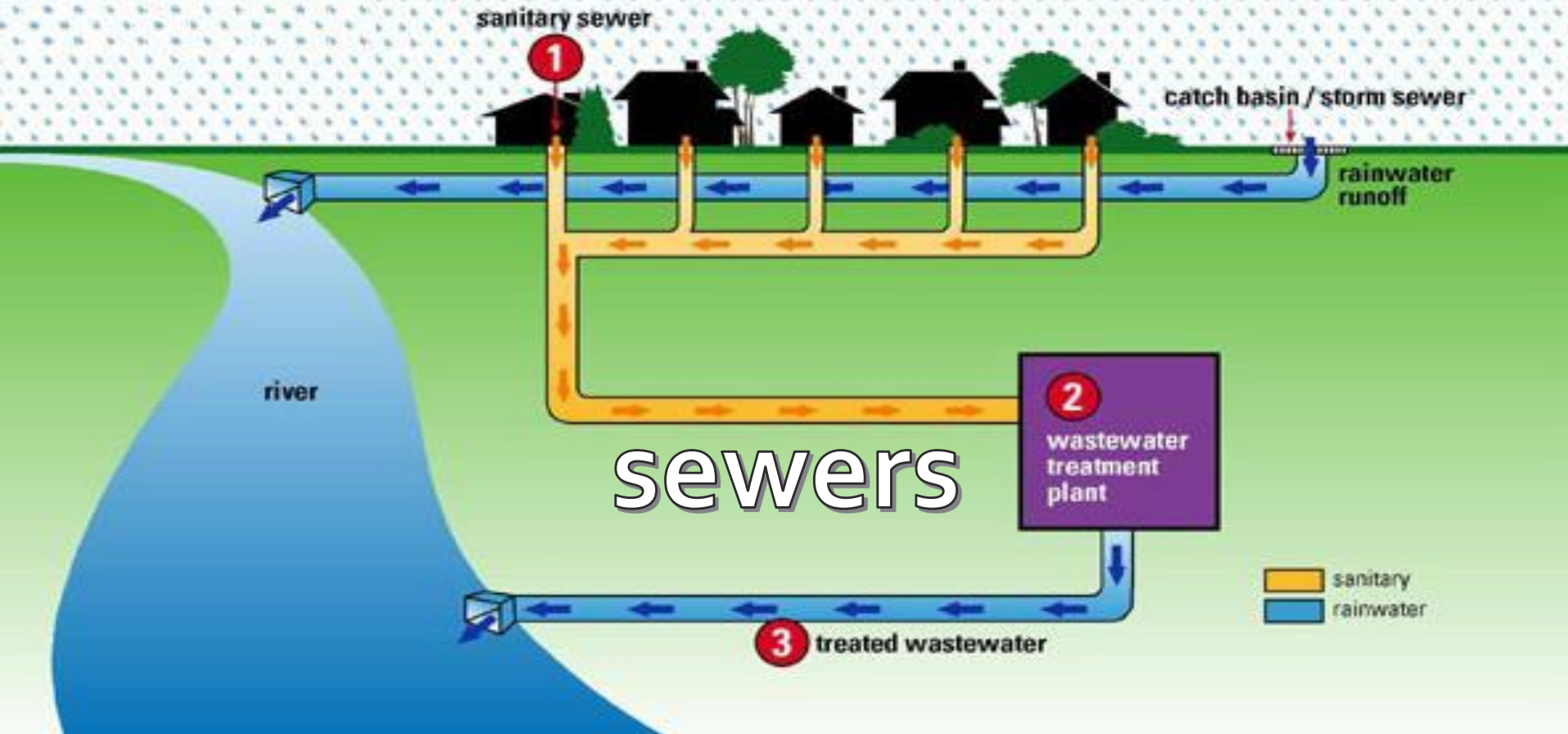
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How does a Separate Sewer System Work?



Dormont Borough has a separate sewer system. In this system two sets of sewers are provided—one for carrying sanitary sewage, and the other for carrying storm water (or rainwater). The sewage from the first set of sewers is carried to the ALCOSAN treatment plant, and the storm water (or rainwater) from the second set of sewers is directly discharged into a natural stream or river without any treatment. When rain events occur, the storm water can seep into the sanitary sewer system and can cause wastewater to flow into rivers or streams. It's important to the environment and to maintain Clean Water that both sewer systems work properly.

ABOUT THE DORMONT STORMWATER AUTHORITY

The Borough of Dormont Stormwater Authority was formed on August 3, 2015, by Borough of Dormont Ordinance No. 1609. The Authority submitted its Articles of Incorporation to the Pennsylvania Secretary of State on October 5, 2015 and the Authority received official approval on February 4, 2016.

On March 23, 2016, the Authority held its first public meeting and organized its Board. On April 27, 2016, the Authority passed a resolution authorizing the collection of a Stormwater fee. The first bills were sent to Dormont residents and property owners at the beginning of June 2016 for a partial year. Bills are mailed by December 31, each year with a due date of February 1. Residents have the option to pay a one-time yearly fee or break it into quarterly payments throughout the year.

ABOUT OUR FEE

ESU — Equivalent Stormwater Unit is the median amount of impervious surface calculated for a single-family residence. For residential properties, the fee is \$8 per unit per month – **this fee has not been increased since 2015.**

Impervious Surface — Impervious surfaces are hard surfaces that do not allow rain or snowmelt to infiltrate at the same rate as natural surfaces such as grass. Larger properties (apartment buildings, commercial, non-profit) pay a fee based on the actual amount of impervious surfaces.

The Revenue provided by the stormwater fee supports:

- ❑ The maintenance and repair of the stormwater system
- ❑ Stormwater projects like Athens Alley, Kelton Avenue, Louisiana Avenue, LaSalle Avenue, 11th Alley, and Piedmont Avenue.
- ❑ The implementation of best management practices to improve water quality.
- ❑ Compliance with Municipal Separate Sewer System (MS4) DEP regulations.
- ❑ Ongoing public education and involvement.



Our Revenue

	Actuals 2021	Actuals 2022	JAN-SEP 2023	Projected 2023	Budget 2024
Beginning Balance - Unrestricted Reserves	438,356	296,873	831,262	815,000	815,000
Income					
4000 - Stormwater Fees					
4010 - Stormwater Fees-Current	353,005	351,868	336,184	352,184	350,000
4020 - Stormwater Fees- Delinquent	62,524	41,083	49,556	51,556	30,000
4030 - Credit Refunds	-64	-64	-40	-100	-200
Total 4000 - Stormwater Fees	415,465	392,887	385,701	403,641	379,800
Grant Fund Income					
4041 - GEDF Grant Athens Alley	0	185,000	0	0	0
4043 - GEDF Grant Piedmont Avenue	0	0	0	0	125,000
4045 - LSA Grant Piedmont Avenue	0	0	0	0	500,000
4070 - GEDF Grant LaSalle/Louis	0	0	187,291	187,291	0
4075 - TMDL Park Retention Tank Ph. 1	0	0	0	0	570,000
Total 4040 Grant Fund Income	0	185,000	187,291	187,291	1,195,000
Miscellaneous Income					
4110 - Interest	40	1,089	28,042	28,042	20,000
4130 - Refund of Prior year Expense	660	536	618	618	535
Total 4100 Miscellaneous Income	699	1,625	28,660	28,660	20,535
Total Income	416,165	579,511	601,652	619,592	1,595,335

Our Expenditures

	Actuals 2021	Actuals 2022	JAN-SEP 2023	Projected 2023	Budget 2024
5000 - Projects					
5001 · Louisiana Phase 2 GEDF 073A	101,920	79,265	30,379	30,379	0
5002 · Athens Alley	0	0	0	0	0
5002.2 · Athens Alley Phase 2 GEDF 073B	218,002	51,335	2,500	2,500	0
5003 · Catch Basin Inspections/Repairs	37,896	8,720	4,214	20,714	28,000
5005 · Latonia	0	0	0	0	
5006 · LaSalle/Miles	0	0	0	0	
5009 · Arkansas	5,665	0	0	0	0
5010 · Piedmont - GEDF Grant	1,903	5,460	9,450	9,450	160,000
5010.2 Piedmont - LSA Grant	0	0	0	0	530,540
5011 · 11th Alley	0	0	0	0	
5012 · Green Infrastructure Project	12,140	70,771	0	0	85,000
5095 · Emergency Repairs	0	0	28,540	28,540	5,000
Total 5000 · Projects	377,526	215,551	75,083	91,583	808,540
6100 - Professional Services					
6110 · Accounting	417	0	0	0	0
6115 · Management Fees	45,335	44,196	35,919	47,892	48,000
6120 · Audit	6,124	7,103	10,612	10,612	13,500
6130 · Website	3,438	5,674	2,065	2,365	5,000
6140 · Engineer	13,900	14,407	14,584	19,445	18,000
6150 · Solicitor	10,688	9,037	6,570	8,761	10,000
6160 · Legal Advertising	1,219	1,328	1,118	1,688	1,700
6170 · Collection Services	13,443	11,918	12,904	14,004	15,000
6175 · Lien Filing costs	0	5,967	1,224	1,224	1,000
6180 · GIS	0	0	0	0	0
Total 6100 · Professional Services	94,564	99,629	84,996	105,990	112,200

Our Expenditures

	Actuals 2021	Actuals 2022	JAN-SEP 2023	Projected 2023	Budget 2024
6200 - Office and Administration					
6220 - Email/Domain	255	220	81	121	250
6230 - Office Supplies	171	144	258	258	250
6240 - Training & Seminars	80	100	0	0	500
6245 - Memberships	1,000	1,000	516	516	1,000
6250 - Software	345	1,066	710	710	1,000
6260 - Hardware	0	521	0	0	0
6270 - Travel & Mileage	26	378	390	528	600
6275 - Minor Equipment	0	0	0	0	1,000
6290 - MISC Expense	0	0	0	0	0
Total 6200 - Office and Administration	1,877	3,429	1,955	2,133	4,600
6300 - MS4 Requirements					
6310 - MCM #1 Public Education	1,883	992	742	742	2,000
6320 - MCM #2 Public Involvement	3,704	1,796	1,224	7,919	2,000
6330 - MCM #3 Illicit Discharge	0	103	0	0	1,000
6340 - MCM #4 Construction	0	0	2,646	2,646	500
6350 - MCM #5 Post Construction	0	0	0	0	500
6360 - MCM #6 Municipal Operations	983	1,444	2,232	2,976	3,500
6370 - MS4 Permit Fee	500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total 6300 - MS4 Requirements	7,070	6,834	9,344	16,783	12,000
6400 - TMDL Requirements					
6410 - TMDL Requirements Phase 1	0	3,061	11,503	15,337	570,000
Total 6400 - TMDL Requirements	0	3,061	11,503	15,337	570,000

Our Expenditures

	Actuals 2021	Actuals 2022	JAN-SEP 2023	Projected 2023	Budget 2024
6500 - Risk Management					
6510 · Loan Interest	19,701	17,467	11,964	15,952	15,000
6511 · Loan Principal	53,024	55,258	42,580	56,773	58,000
6520 · General Liability	1,425	1,425	2,069	2,069	2,500
6530 · Professional Liability	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650
Total 6500 · Risk Management	75,801	75,801	58,263	76,445	77,150
7000 - Bank Fees					
7020 · Grant Filing Fees	0	0	0	0	500
7000 · Bank Fees - Other	811	934	392	392	0
Total 7000 · Bank Fees	811	934	392	392	500
Total Expense	557,648	405,238	241,535	308,662	1,584,990
Difference - Income vs Expenses	(141,484)	174,273	360,117	310,930	10,345
Reserved for Future Projects	296,872	471,146			825,345

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The existing storm sewers cannot contain all the stormwater during rain events. The Authority provides funds for construction projects but also explores other options such as rain barrels, tree planting, and rain gardens as part of the solution. To supplement the funds that are available from resident fees, the Authority applies for and receives grant funds through the DCED – Allegheny County Gaming Economic Development Fund and the Local Share Account through the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

The Authority has secured over \$1,029,000 in grant funds over the past three (3) years to offset the cost of stormwater projects in the Borough!

Project	Description	2024	2025	2026
Arkansas Avenue Watershed (Phase 1)	Install underground detention tank - Mississippi Avenue		\$689,625	
Kelton Avenue Watershed (Athens Alley Phase 3)	Storm sewers along Texas Avenue and detention system on Hillsdale Ave. Connection to Athens Alley detention system already installed			\$768,250
Lasalle Avenue Storm Sewer Phase 1 (Louisiana Phase 3)	500 LF 15" corrugated pipe, 880 LF of 54" corrugated pipe, 6 manholes, 11 inlets and restoration			\$802,170
Piedmont Avenue Storm Sewer (Phase 1)	Installation of 8 inlets, 4 detention facilities, 870 LF of corrugated pipe, 1 basin outfall structure and restoration	\$530,540		
	LSA Grant Awarded - CFA-DCED	\$(500,000)		
Piedmont Avenue Storm Sewer (Phase 2)	3 Detention box facilities, 8 inlets, 700 LF corrugated pipe, stormceptor	\$160,000		
	GEDTF Grant Awarded - Allegheny County and DCED-CFA	\$(125,000)		
Piedmont Avenue Storm Sewer (Phase 3)	2 Detention box facilities, 7 inlets, 650 LF corrugated pipe, 2 storm manholes, 1 basin outfall structure, and restoration			\$625,781
Catch Basin Inspections/ Repairs	Routine upkeep and maintenance of catch basins and inlets	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
TMDL - Dormont Park Tank (Phase 1)	Install underground retention tank in Dormont Park to meet our TMDL requirements under our MS4 permit	\$570,050	\$25,000	\$25,000
	GEDTF Grant Pending - Allegheny County and DCED-CFA	\$(250,000)		
	LSA Grant Pending - CFA-DCED	\$(500,000)		
TMDL - Dormont Park Tank (Phase 2)	Install second retention tank in Dormont Park to meet our TMDL requirements under our MS4 permit		\$500,000	
Green Infrastructure Projects	Rain gardens (parking lots, Dormont Park)	\$85,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

Our Stormwater Management Program (SWMP)

Our SWMP consists of six Minimum Control Measures:

• **Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts**

Our 2023 Summer Workshop taught us the benefit of planting trees and highlighted our Fall residential tree program. One lucky resident won a rain barrel. We planted a dozen trees at residential site locations.

• **Public Involvement/Participation**

Our 2023 involvement included attendance and booth at the Dormont Goes Green event and the Dormont Annual Street Festival. We used our prize wheel to give away sustainable items and raffled off “plantable” Fall arrangements.

• **Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDD&E)**

We monitor illicit discharges into sewer grates. Don't shovel snow into the storm sewers – or any other material!

• **Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control**

We continued to maintain a sustainable rain garden in the Krugh Parking Lot! We ensure control sediment and contaminants during construction projects.

• **Post-Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM)**

We require and plan for proper disposal of construction material and cleaning of tools.

• **Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping**

Our newsletter advised residents not to sweep leaves into the street – bag them or mulch them. We purchased silt socks for the Borough crew at the salt pile.

PLANT A TREE – INSTALL A RAIN GARDEN!



DSWA
monitors
illicit
construction
discharges



2023 DSWA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

LOUISIANA AVE PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
PIEDMONT AVENUE PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
DORMONT GOES GREEN EVENT
SUMMER PLANT A TREE WORKSHOP
RESIDENTIAL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM
DORMONT STREET FAIR SPONSOR
RAIN BARREL GIVE-AWAY
ISSUED 3 CREDITS FOR RAIN BARRELS
ISSUED 1 CREDIT FOR RAIN GARDEN

Join Us:

Dormont Stormwater Authority Board Meetings
The 3rd Wednesday of the Month 6pm
Dormont Borough Building – Council Chambers
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83709154068>



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Did You Know?
You can get a \$40 credit on your stormwater fee when you install a rain barrel on your property. Download the application from the Dormont Stormwater Authority website:
www.dormontstormwater.org