



# 2025 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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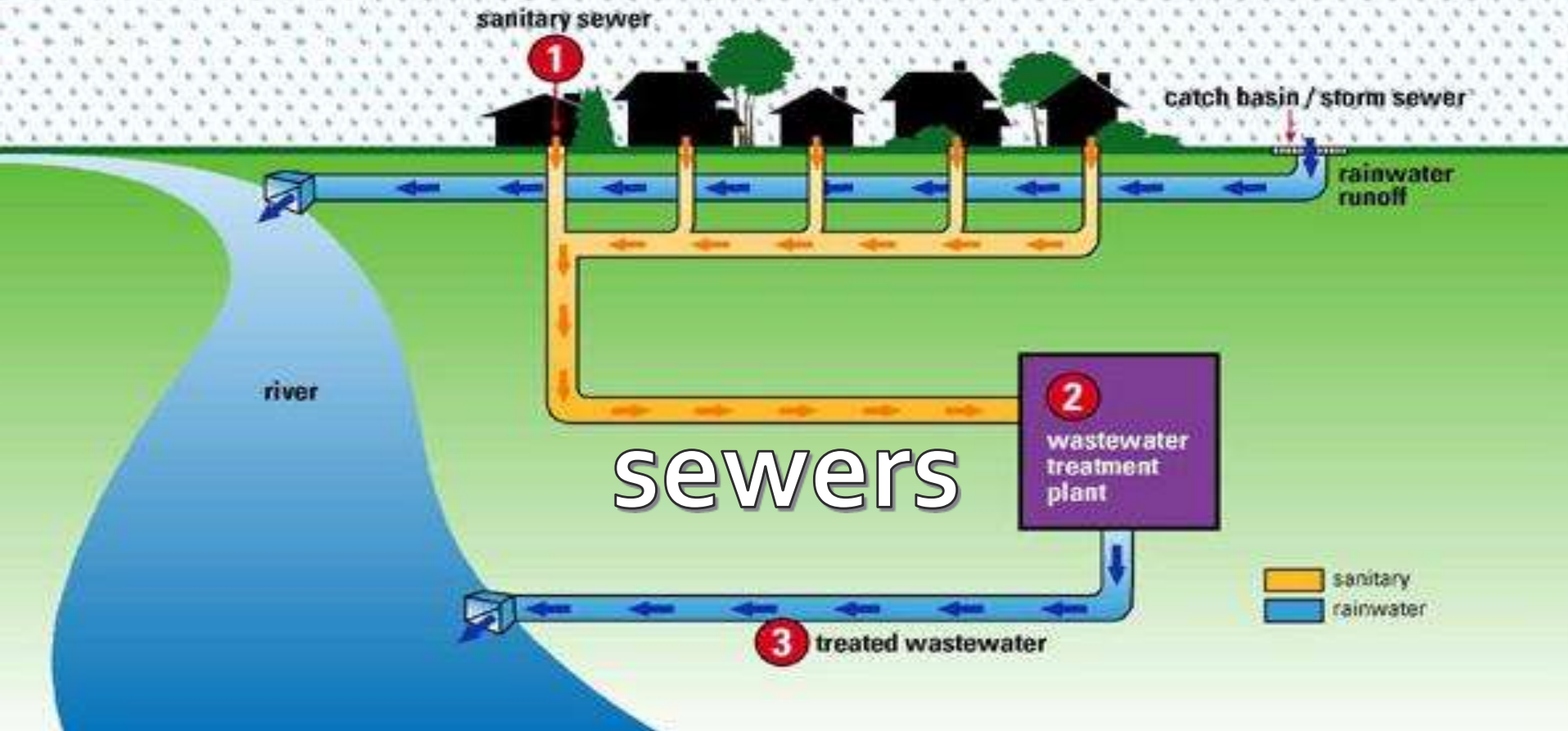
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# How does a Separate Sewer System Work?



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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



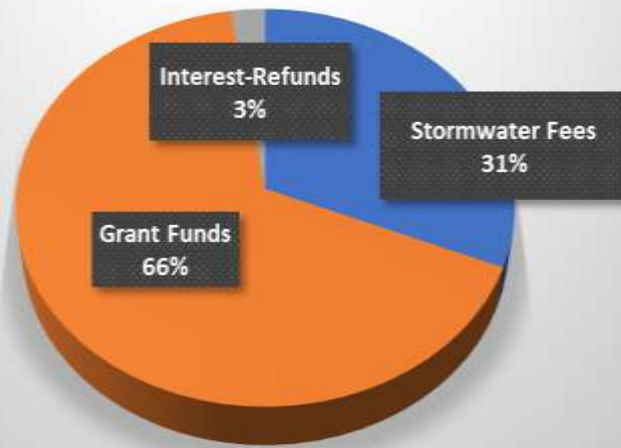
# DORMONT STORMWATER AUTHORITY WINS STATEWIDE AWARDS

The PA Municipal Authorities Association awarded the Dormont Stormwater Authority two awards at their statewide conference in Hershey, PA in September of 2024. The awards were for Community Engagement and Electronic Communication in recognition of the work done on a regular basis to connect and communicate with our customers through our website, workshops, outreach, and community projects.



Chairperson Jennifer Nolan-Kremm and Authority Manager Deborah Grass attended the Awards Ceremony to accept the awards on behalf of the Authority.

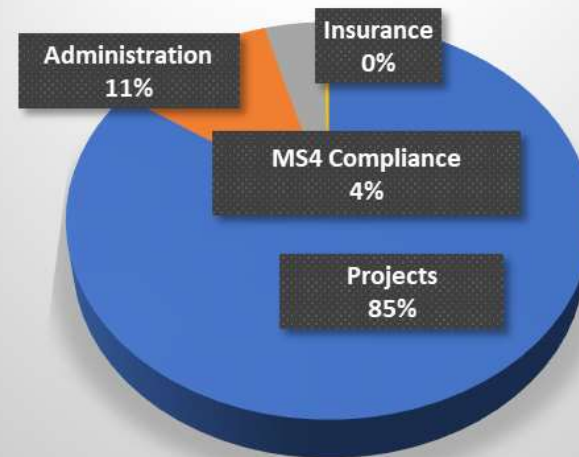
### 2025 REVENUE SOURCES



Over 66% of our revenue comes from state and county grant sources.

85% of our funds are used for projects that reduce flooding, retain stormwater, and improve water quality.

### 2025 EXPENDITURE USES



# Our Revenue

	Actuals 2022	Actuals 2023	Budget 2024	Jan - Sept 2024	Projected 2024	Proposed 2025
<b>Beginning Balance - Unrestricted Reserves</b>	296,873	471,146	802,632	802,632	802,632	735,000
<b>Income</b>						
<b>4000 - Stormwater Fees</b>						
4010 - Stormwater Fees-Current	351,868	375,505	350,000	321,979	360,979	350,000
4020 - Stormwater Fees- Delinquent	41,083	59,499	30,000	55,462	65,362	40,000
4030 - Credit Refunds	-64	-88	-200	-272	-272	-300
<b>Total 4000 - Stormwater Fees</b>	<b>392,887</b>	<b>434,916</b>	<b>379,800</b>	<b>377,169</b>	<b>426,069</b>	<b>389,700</b>
<b>Grant Fund Income</b>						
4041 - GEDTF Grant Athens Alley	185,000	0	0	0	0	0
4043 - GEDTF Grant Piedmont Avenue	0	0	125,000	0	125,000	0
4045 - LSA Grant Piedmont Avenue	0	0	500,000	376,769	500,000	0
4070 - GEDTF Grant LaSalle/Louis	0	187,291	0	0	0	0
4075 - Small Water & Sewer Grant TMDL Phase 1	0	0	0	0	0	200,000
4076 - GEDTF Grant TMDL Phase 1	0	0	0	0	0	125,000
4077 - LSA Grant TMDL Phase 1	0	0	570,000	0	0	500,000
4078 - LSA Grant TMDL Phase 2	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total 4040 Grant Fund Income</b>	<b>185,000</b>	<b>187,291</b>	<b>1,195,000</b>	<b>376,769</b>	<b>625,000</b>	<b>825,000</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>						
4110 - Interest	1,089	38,633	20,000	32,608	43,477	30,000
4130 - Refund of Prior year Expense	536	618	535	628	628	535
<b>Total 4100 Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>39,252</b>	<b>20,535</b>	<b>33,236</b>	<b>44,105</b>	<b>30,535</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>579,511</b>	<b>661,459</b>	<b>1,595,335</b>	<b>787,174</b>	<b>1,095,174</b>	<b>1,245,235</b>



# Our Expenditures

	Actuals 2022	Actuals 2023	Budget 2024	Jan - Sept 2024	Projected 2024	Proposed 2025
<b>Expenses</b>						
<b>5000 - Projects</b>						
5001 · Louisiana Phase 2 GEDF 073A	79,265	30,379	0	0	0	0
5002.2 · Athens Alley Phase 2 GEDF 073B	51,335	2,500	0	0	0	0
5003 · Catch Basin Inspections/Repairs	8,720	21,215	28,000	21,997	119,697	20,000
5009 · Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0
5010 · Piedmont - Phase I - GEDF Grant	5,460	24,132	530,540	398,209	534,639	0
5010.2 Piedmont - Phase II - LSA Grant	0	0	160,000	222,004	271,674	0
5012 · Green Infrastructure Project	70,771	3,344	85,000	69,605	84,083	5,000
5095 · Emergency Repairs	0	28,540	5,000	0	0	15,000
<b>Total 5000 - Projects</b>	<b>215,551</b>	<b>110,109</b>	<b>808,540</b>	<b>711,816</b>	<b>1,010,092</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>6100 - Professional Services</b>						
6115 · Management Fees	44,196	47,834	48,000	34,514	46,018	48,000
6120 · Audit	7,103	10,612	13,500	8,535	8,535	17,500
6130 · Website	5,674	2,065	5,000	2,065	2,753	5,000
6140 · Engineer	14,407	19,523	18,000	12,478	16,638	18,000
6150 · Solicitor	9,037	8,153	10,000	3,462	4,616	10,000
6160 · Legal Advertising	1,328	1,595	1,700	2,034	2,712	3,000
6170 · Collection Services	11,918	14,266	15,000	12,586	15,000	15,000
6175 · Lien Filing costs	5,967	8,262	1,000	0	0	2,500
<b>Total 6100 - Professional Services</b>	<b>99,629</b>	<b>112,310</b>	<b>112,200</b>	<b>75,674</b>	<b>96,272</b>	<b>119,000</b>

# Our Expenditures

	Actuals 2022	Actuals 2023	Budget 2024	Jan - Sept 2024	Projected 2024	Proposed 2025
<b>6200 - Office and Administration</b>						
6220 - Email/Domain	220	153	250	0	0	250
6230 - Office Supplies	144	370	250	0	200	250
6240 - Training & Seminars	100	0	500	0	500	500
6245 - Memberships	1,000	516	1,000	516	516	1,000
6250 - Software	1,066	710	1,000	868	868	1,000
6260 - Hardware	521	0	0	0	0	0
6270 - Travel & Mileage	378	541	600	303	1,000	1,000
6275 - Minor Equipment	0	0	1,000	360	360	500
6290 - MISC Expense	0	100	0	0	0	0
<b>Total 6200 - Office and Administration</b>	<b>3,429</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>2,046</b>	<b>3,444</b>	<b>4,500</b>
<b>6300 - MS4 Requirements</b>						
6310 - MCM #1 Public Education	992	742	2,000	917	917	2,000
6320 - MCM #2 Public Involvement	1,796	7,868	2,000	0	14,500	30,000
6330 - MCM #3 Illicit Discharge	103	0	1,000	263	263	1,000
6340 - MCM #4 Construction	0	2,646	500	0	0	500
6350 - MCM #5 Post Construction	0	0	500	0	0	500
6360 - MCM #6 Municipal Operations	1,444	3,069	3,500	3,341	3,341	7,500
6370 - MS4 Permit Fee	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
<b>Total 6300 - MS4 Requirements</b>	<b>6,834</b>	<b>16,825</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>7,021</b>	<b>21,521</b>	<b>44,000</b>

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	Actuals 2022	Actuals 2023	Budget 2024	Jan - Sept 2024	Projected 2024	Proposed 2025
<b>6400 - TMDL Requirements</b>						
6410 - TMDL Requirements Phase 1	3,061	11,503	570,000	13,279	13,279	825,000
<b>Total 6400 - TMDL Requirements</b>	<b>3,061</b>	<b>11,503</b>	<b>570,000</b>	<b>13,279</b>	<b>13,279</b>	<b>825,000</b>
<b>6500 - Risk Management</b>						
6510 - Loan Interest	17,467	15,602	15,000	10,044	13,392	12,000
6511 - Loan Principal	55,258	57,123	58,000	44,500	59,333	61,000
6520 - General Liability	1,425	2,069	2,500	2,127	2,127	2,500
6530 - Professional Liability	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650	1,650
<b>Total 6500 - Risk Management</b>	<b>75,801</b>	<b>76,445</b>	<b>77,150</b>	<b>58,321</b>	<b>76,503</b>	<b>77,150</b>
<b>7000 - Bank Fees</b>						
7020 - Grant Filing Fees	0	0	500	0	0	500
7000 - Bank Fees - Other	934	392	0	0	0	0
<b>Total 7000 - Bank Fees</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>405,238</b>	<b>329,973</b>	<b>1,584,990</b>	<b>868,157</b>	<b>1,221,111</b>	<b>1,110,150</b>
<b>Difference - Income vs Expenses</b>	<b>174,273</b>	<b>331,486</b>	<b>10,345</b>	<b>(80,983)</b>	<b>(125,936)</b>	<b>135,085</b>
<b>Reserved for Future Projects</b>	<b>471,146</b>	<b>802,632</b>	<b>812,977</b>	<b>721,649</b>	<b>676,696</b>	<b>870,085</b>

# 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, the Small Sewer and Water Fund, and the Local Share Account through the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

The Authority has secured over \$1,720,000 in grant funds over the past four (4) years to offset the cost of stormwater projects in the Borough!

Dormont Stormwater Authority Capital Improvement Plan				
Project	Description	2025	2026	2027
Arkansas Avenue Watershed (Phase 1)	Install detention tank - Mississippi Avenue	\$ 689,625		
Arkansas Avenue Watershed (Phase 2-3)	Install detention tanks in Northern Lasca Alley and Southern Tennessee Alley			\$ 765,469
Arkansas Avenue Watershed (Phase 4-5)	Install detention tanks in Southern Lasca Alley and Southern Illinois Avenue			
Kelton Avenue Watershed (Athens Alley Phase 3)	Storm sewers along Texas Avenue and detention system on Hillsdale Ave. Connection to Athens Alley detention system		\$ 768,250	
Kelton Avenue Watershed (Athens Alley Phase 4)	Storm system along Texas Avenue with new detention system in Wisconsin Avenue			
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 GEDTF Grant Awarded - Allegheny County		\$ 802,170	
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		\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
TMDL - Dormont Park Tank (Phase 1)		\$ 700,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
<b>Pending</b>	GEDTF 2023 Grant - Allegheny County	\$ (250,000)		
<b>Committed</b>	LSA 2023 Grant - CFA-DCED	\$ (500,000)		
<b>Committed</b>	Small Water & Sewer Grant	\$ (200,000)	\$ -	
TMDL - Dormont Park Tank (Phase 2)		\$ -		\$ 550,000
<b>Pending</b>	LSA 2024 Grant - CFA-DCED		\$ (500,000)	
Green Infrastructure Projects	Rain gardens (parking lots, Dormont Park)	\$ 5,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 50,000
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 464,625</b>	<b>\$ 1,255,420</b>	<b>\$ 2,026,250</b>
	<b>Expected Revenue from Fees</b>			
<b>Operating Fund</b>	<b>Targeted for Capital Improvements</b>	<b>\$ (464,625)</b>	<b>\$ (500,000)</b>	<b>\$ (500,000)</b>
	<b>Financing Gap - Funds Needed to Complete Projects</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 755,420</b>	<b>\$ 1,526,250</b>

# Our Stormwater Management Program (SWMP)

**Our SWMP consists of six Minimum Control Measures:**

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

Our 2024 “Rain Garden Guide for Dormont Residents” gave us step by step instructions for installing residential rain gardens. We planted 22 trees at residential sites.

• **Public Involvement/Participation**

Our 2024 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 (W. Liberty) Parking Lot! We ensure control of 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



## 2024 DSWA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PIEDMONT AVENUE PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT  
PIEDMONT AVENUE PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT  
DORMONT GOES GREEN EVENT  
ESPY AVENUE RAIN GARDEN INSTALLATION  
RESIDENTIAL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM  
DORMONT STREET AND MUSIC FAIR SPONSOR  
CATCH BASINS REPAIR PROJECT

ISSUED 5 CREDITS FOR RAIN BARRELS  
ISSUED 3 CREDITS FOR RAIN GARDENS

### Join Us:

**Dormont Stormwater Authority Board Meetings**  
**The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 and a 25% discount annually for a fully operating rain garden. Download the application from the Dormont Stormwater Authority website:**

**[www.dormontstormwater.org](http://www.dormontstormwater.org)**