

Background Information

The intent of the Stormwater Management Program is to ensure that stormwater systems are properly planned, built and maintained in Highlands Ranch. The Metro District partners with Urban Drainage & Flood Control District and Douglas County to provide overall stormwater management to prevent flooding, protect water quality and to preserve the natural streams and gulches.

Why Be Concerned About Stormwater?

Stormwater runoff can have a number of impacts. Stormwater runoff can produce negative impacts by causing erosion of land areas and stream banks, by causing or increasing flooding and also by carrying pollutants to surface waters. Your quality of life, the value of your property and the health of the environment are related to how well storm drain systems are maintained.

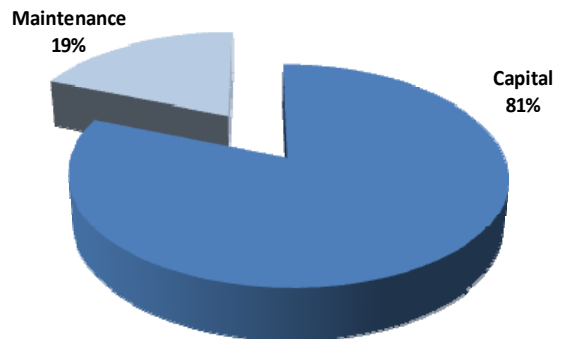
What is the cost of a Stormwater Management Program?

After a thorough study of our current and future needs, the program estimates that capital projects and ongoing maintenance will cost \$30 million over the next 30 years. The Metro District’s proposed fees will generate sufficient funds to properly manage stormwater facilities and meet federal regulatory requirements and unfunded mandates.

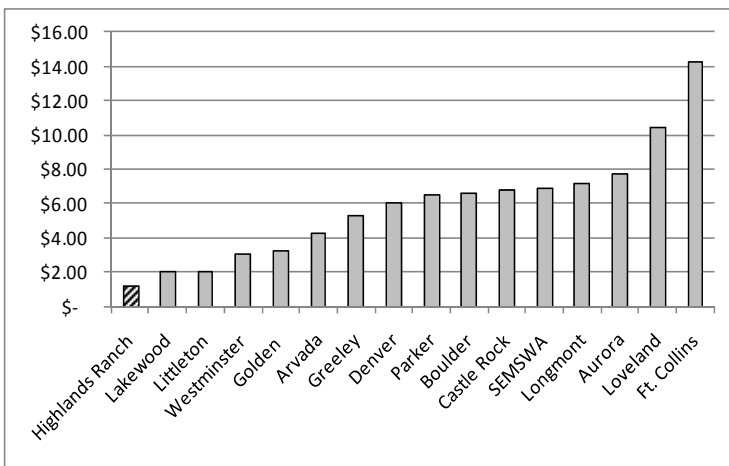
Stormwater fees will be used to:

- Cover the costs of design, construction and maintenance of stormwater facilities
- Insure compliance with federal environmental regulations
- Insure compliance with regulations regarding new development
- Educate the public about stormwater issues

Stormwater Management Program



Monthly Single Family Residence Fee



What is the proposed fee?

- \$1.26/month for a single family residence
- \$1.89/month for non-residential property for every 3,000 sq. ft. of impervious area

The fee will appear on the water bill.

What are other communities doing?

Eighty-five percent of the 2.8 million people in the Denver metro area currently pay a fee to fund their stormwater management programs. The chart to the left compares the Metro District’s proposed fee to other surrounding communities.