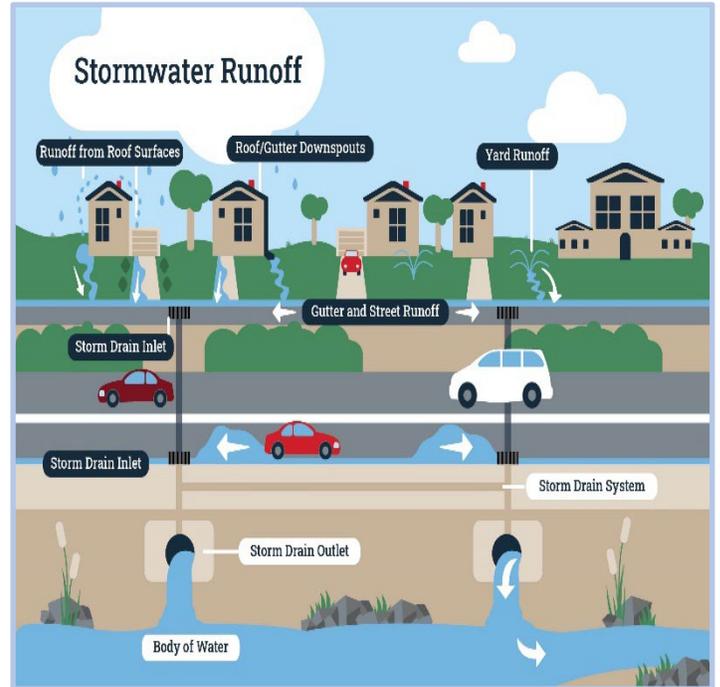


## Drainage Program Update

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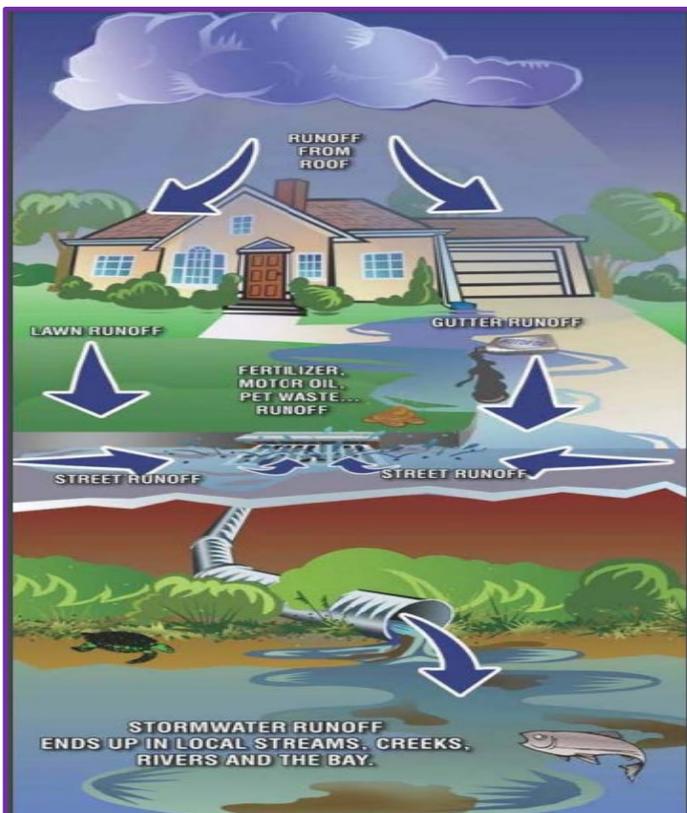
Earlier this year, Lake Dallas City Council passed an ordinance establishing a municipal drainage utility system and adopting a schedule of related rates and charges to be applied to properties located within city limits. The municipal drainage fees (fees) are based on property type (residential or commercial) and existing impervious surfaces, which contribute to flooding, litter, and pollution.

- Commercial properties will be assessed \$9.50 per Equivalent Residential Unit per month. (1 ERU = Sq Ft/3,220)
- Residential properties will be assessed a flat rate of \$9.50 per month.



(photo: EPA)

Monies collected through the municipal drainage utility fee will be used for drainage related projects only. There are several phases to address the community's drainage needs. First step is the actual assessment (see above).



(photo: Pinellas County, FL)

Second, a third-party contract for billing is required. City staff is currently working to obtain a contract to conduct billing services for collecting the fees. City Council is scheduled to consider approval of a contract during the October 13, 2022 City Council meeting. If approved, the 3<sup>rd</sup> party contract or Interlocal Agreement will be with LCMUA and could be implemented as early as the October billing cycle. LCMUA will include the City's municipal drainage fee on their regular monthly bills.

**Please note: LCMUA is not responsible for questions or billing issues regarding the municipal drainage fee. For information, please contact Public Works Superintendent at 940-497-2226, ext. 501.**

Third, property owner notification. City Staff will provide information to property owners through various methods of communication: U.S. Postal Service, and City website and Facebook posts. Announcement letters are scheduled to be mailed by October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Fourth, completion of a Master Drainage Study, which is essential to address the current and future drainage needs of the community. The results of the study should drive policy changes for developing plans to tackle existing issues and corrective measures. Staff is currently working with the City's engineering firm to develop a request for qualifications (RFQ) for the Master Drainage Study. Estimated completion of the study is summer 2023. The study will also determine how to proceed with the final phases - design, construction, and maintenance. Like the Master Drainage Study, design and construction require an RFQ process. (The timeframe for the completion of design and construction is contingent upon RFQ results.)

Staff will post more information as to their progress when there is an update to share. In the meanwhile, if you have any questions regarding drainage, please contact the Public Works Superintendent at 940-497-2226, ext. 501.

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