



Stormwater Utility Fee Review Phase II Underway

Athens-Clarke County Stormwater is currently working with Stantec Consulting to conduct a comprehensive review of the Stormwater Utility Fee. The first phase, which wrapped up in December, looked at level and extent of stormwater services, as well as a funding strategy for fixing failing stormwater pipes. Over the past two years, the Stormwater Utility Fee has been used to for emergency stormwater pipe repairs. Annual fee revenue is insufficient to continue to address failing pipes, and therefore, a fee increase is being considered. The second phase will examine the rate structure and credit system. Credits allow stormwater customers to reduce their fees through practices that reduce stormwater runoff and/or reduce the cost burden to ACCGOV for implementation of the Stormwater Management Program.

As a part of the review, we are hosting regional open house meetings to gather feedback from customers about the fee structure and credits. All open house meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. We hope to meet you at one of the following locations:

- **Barnett Shoals Elementary School** - Wednesday, February 6
- **Timothy Road Elementary School** - Monday, February 11
- **Winterville Depot** - Thursday, February 21

We are also be hosting an online comment form for those who cannot make it to the meetings. Access the form [here](https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/51528420d9444cd0a63e3a640034fcb5). If you would like a member of the Stormwater Team to come speak with your neighborhood, business, or civic group about stormwater issues or the Utility Fee, please email stormwater@accgov.com [<mailto:stormwater@accgov.com>].



Help Reduce Litter In Athens

The Athens-Clarke County Litter Abatement Steering Committee is conducting a survey to help decide their litter abatement initiatives. The survey takes 20 minutes or less to complete, and participants will be entered to win one of four \$25 Walmart gift cards. Your participation will help the

Litter Abatement Steering Committee work towards the sustained reduction of roadside litter, illegal dumping, and the costs incurred by the presence of litter in Athens. Take the survey [here](https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8eNfAPbZTOW7T25) [https://ugeorgia.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8eNfAPbZTOW7T25].

The steering committee is made up of representatives from Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful, ACC Solid Waste, ACC Attorney's Office, ACC Landscape Management, ACC Stormwater Management, ACC Code Enforcement, ACC Leisure Services, ACC Police, ACC Transit, Athens Housing Authority, UGA Office of Sustainability, UGA Police, and the Athens Downtown Development Authority. For more information, contact Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful at 706-613-3501 x309.

Upcoming Events

Sustainable Industries Roundtable Meeting
Thursday, February 21, 8:00 – 9:30 AM
Creature Comforts Southern Mill (355 Oneta Street)

Community members and business & industry professionals are invited to share sustainable practices in a discussion organized by ACC Recycling and hosted by the ever-growing local business, Creature Comforts. This will include a tour of the Creature Comforts Production Facility, an overview of their business, the building's redevelopment, their sustainability practices, and conclude with an open group discussion. Please RSVP to denise.lemmons@accgov.com if you plan on attending.

Green Life Expo & Awards
Saturday, February 23
ACC Library (2025 Baxter Street)

The Green Life Expo & Awards will feature environmentally-focused organizations for a day of family fun followed by a ceremony to honor Athens' sustainability superstars. Join us on February 23, 2019 at the ACC Library to celebrate sustainability in Athens, specifically recognizing these dedicated award recipients. The Expo will take place from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with the awards ceremony from 3:00 to 4:30 PM followed by a reception from 4:30 to 5:00 PM. Visit www.accgov.com/greenlifeexpo [<http://www.accgov.com/greenlifeexpo>] for a full schedule.

Clarke County School District Young Scientist Fair
Saturday, March 2, 8:30 – 11:30 AM
Alps Road Elementary School (205 Alps Road)

The CCSD Young Scientist Fair is a day of science competitions, hands-on science activities, demonstrations, and presentations. We will be there with stormwater/pollution prevention information and an activity for children. The Young Scientist Fair is open to all K-5 Clarke County students and their families.

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Notice Dumping?

Call the Stormwater Hotline at 706-614-1282 if you see someone dumping into a storm drain or notice flooding due to clogged drains or pipes.

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