

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION

"Our Water. Our Future. Ours to Protect."

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Clean Water Act Fee

Required by a Federal government mandate, the ***Watershed Protection and Restoration Program*** instructs Maryland's nine largest counties and the City of Baltimore to establish a funding plan to pay for stormwater improvements.



Funding

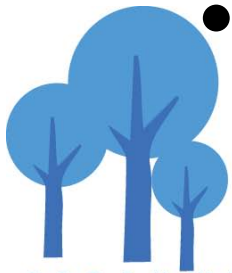
Funds will be used solely to treat impervious surfaces, addressing stormwater runoff pollution from impervious areas such as rooftops, sidewalks, driveways, roadways, and parking lots.





Funding

- Capital Improvement Projects
- Operation and Maintenance
- Public Education and Outreach
- Stormwater Management Planning
- Plan and Permit Review
- Grants
- Program Administration



Alternative Compliance

- Reduce all or a portion of the impact fees in exchange for implementing on-site and off-site systems, facilities, services, or activities that reduce the quantity or improve the quality of storm water discharged from their property



Alternative Compliance

- Is an CWA fee assessed to properties?
- Is the fee correct?
- Admin Fee 20.58 per Tax account + Impact Fee 20.90 per ESU ~ 1 ESU = 2,065 sf of impervious area
- Only Centers of Worship and 501(c) nonprofit organizations can reduce their fees through an **“Alternative Compliance Program”**
- Fee reduction applies only to Impervious Area portion of CWAFF (the administrative fees still apply = \$20.58 per tax account per year)
- Application to Prince George’s County DoE is required



Alternative Compliance

☐ **Option 1: Provide Easement – (50% fee reduction)**

Property owner agrees to provide to the County a Temporary Right-of-Entry Agreement and Temporary Construction Easement for the County to install stormwater best management practices (BMPs) on the property owned by the organization.

AND

To continue receiving the 50% impervious area fee reduction credit, property owner is required to sign a Maintenance Agreement and continuously maintain the installed BMPs which are subjected to a tri-annual inspection by the Department of the Environment.





Alternative Compliance

Option 2: Outreach and Education – (25% fee reduction)

Property owner agrees to take part in the County's education and outreach campaign to encourage other property owners as well as members of their organization to participate in the County's Rain Check Rebate Program to contribute toward the restoration and protection of the County watersheds.

AND/OR

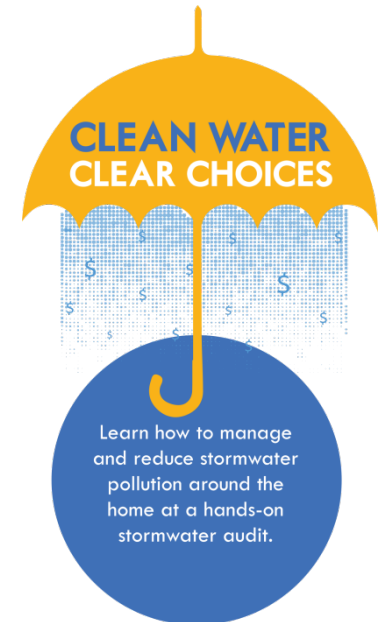
Property owner agrees to host County's representative to organize and/or conduct annually one (1) of the following activities.

- ☐ On-site trash Pick-up event
- ☐ On-site recycling and better waste management
- ☐ Host a Rain Check Rebate Program
- ☐ Plant at least five (5) trees on site (*trees provided through the county "Rain Check Program"*)





Our core environmental mission: to make Prince George's cleaner, greener, healthier and more beautiful.



Clean Water Stewardship Programs Outreach



LOOKING FOR AN INTERACTIVE DISPLAY FOR YOUR EVENT?

COPE brings watershed
stewardship to life with
the Enviroscape.



NEED A LIVELY SPEAKER?

COPE staff provides the
following presentations:

- Turn Communities Green
with Trees (*Tree ReLeaf*)
- Get Paid to Clean Up
Stormwater Runoff
(*Rain Check Rebate*)





Rain Check Rebate Program

Gives property owners
rebates for installing
stormwater
management
practices

**CLEAN UP
STORMWATER RUNOFF**



**SLOW IT DOWN.
SPREAD IT OUT.
SOAK IT IN.**

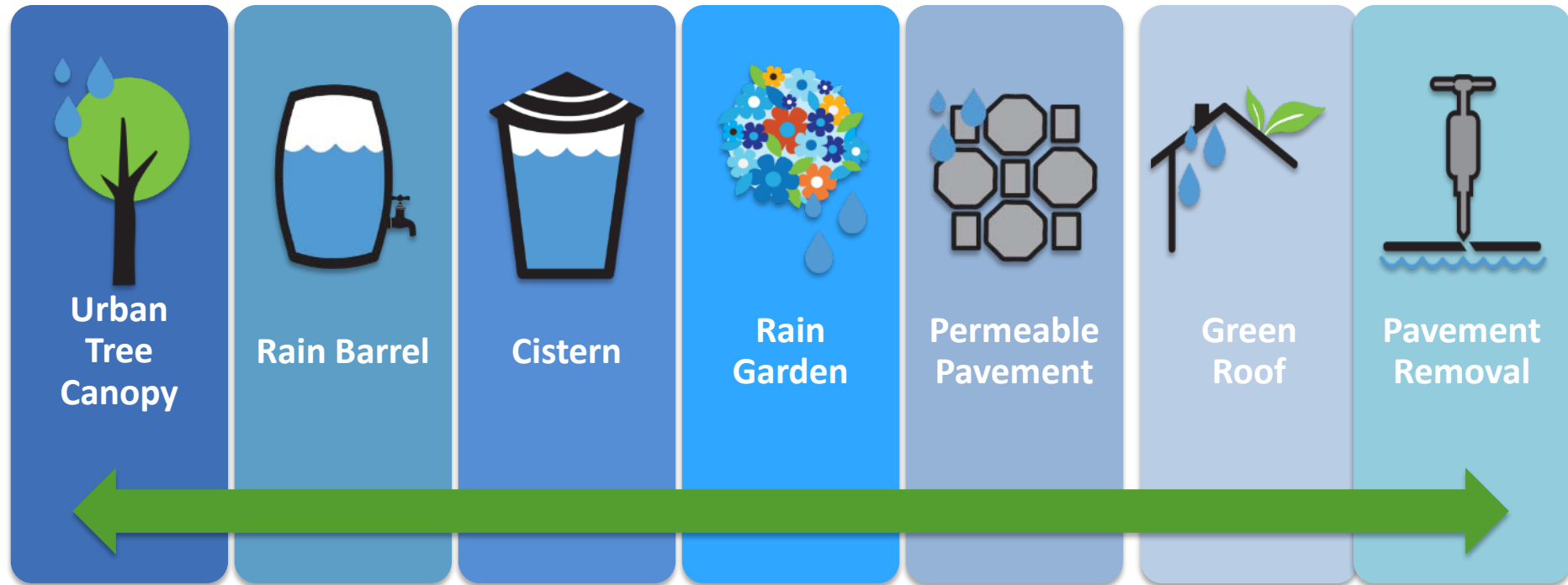
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Rain Check Rebate Program



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Applicant Eligibility

Eligible Applicants include:

- 💧 Homeowners
- 💧 Members of a housing cooperative
- 💧 Commercial businesses
- 💧 Multi-family dwellings
- 💧 Nonprofit organizations
- 💧 Not-for-profit organizations



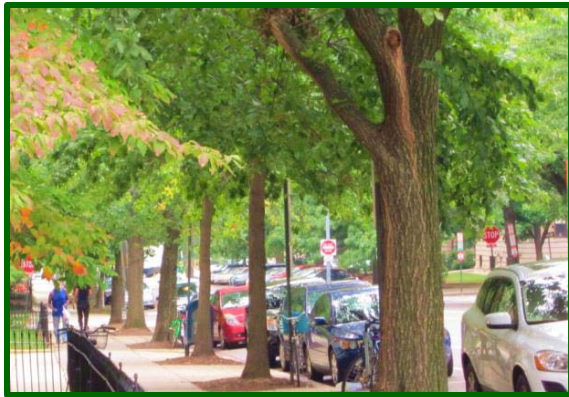
Project Eligibility

- 💧 Project must be located within Prince George's County
- 💧 Project must be completed within 12 months of application approval
- 💧 It can not be part of the permit approval requirements for new building construction or renovations.
- 💧 Pre-approval is required for all practices (except rain barrels) and installation must be consistent with DER guidelines
- 💧 The project follows the program guidelines and criteria



Tree Releaf Rebate Program

The ReLeaf program provides funding for communities to plant trees to restore our urban tree canopy.



S U S T A I N A B L E I N I T I A T I V E S D I V I S I O N



Alternative Compliance

☐ Option 3: Green Care and Good Housekeeping - (25% fee reduction)

Property owner agrees to use lawn management companies* that are certified in the proper use and application of fertilizers in connection with their landscaping and lawns.

** Companies must be listed in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's searchable pesticide database under the appropriate license category*
(<http://www.kellysolutions.com/md/pesticideindex.htm>)

AND/OR

Property owner agrees to good house-keeping practices for ensuring clean lots and pledges at least three (3) of the following activities

Reduce or eliminate fertilizer and pesticide use and application.

Conserve water and use water-saving landscape practices.

Establish and maintain healthy vegetative cover on the grounds of their property.

Keep their site clean by regularly sweeping up trash and debris.

Responsibly manage common chemicals used and stored on their property, and to properly dispose of hazardous products or materials.

Practice proper pollution prevention measures.

Other: (_____)



Alternative Compliance



Prince George's County, Maryland



- Submit a Service Request**
Request a service, Ask a question, Check the status of a request, What is the problem?
- Animals**
Pets, Shelters, Adoptions, Licensing, Wildlife Rescue, & Animal Control
- Arts & Cultural Affairs**
Arts Council, Museums, Performing Arts, Historical Societies, Public Arts, Events, Visitors
- Eyesore (Blight), Code Enforcement, & Property Standards**
Abandoned Properties or Vehicles, Grass or Weeds, Unsafe Structures
- Building, Housing, & Construction**
Affordable Housing, Building Permits, Inspections, Property Records, Planning, Zoning, Fire Safety
- Business & Community Development**
Economic Development, Community Development Agency, Affordable Housing
- Community Services**
Voting, Volunteers, Seniors, Youth, Women, Minorities, Veterans, Persons with Disabilities, Discrimination
- County Records**
Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates, Licenses, Permits
- Courts**
The Judicial Branch Of Government
- Education**
Prince George's County Public Schools, Prince George's Community College
- Environment** ←
Energy Assistance, Clean Water Act

Select Language ▼

Need Information?

Para ser atendido en español, por favor marque 311 durante las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m.

Search the [Self-Help Knowledgebase](#)

Question, Request, or Comment?

Submit a [service request](#)

Check the [status](#) of a request.

Customer Satisfaction Survey

311 [Customer Satisfaction Survey](#)

Important Links

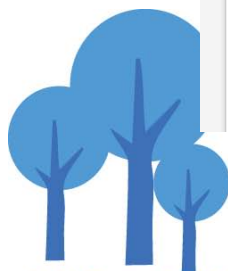
[Trash/Recycling Schedules](#)

[Tax Payment Instructions](#)

[Parks & Recreation Website](#)


[Property Information Lookup](#)






Click on the
Environment
Service Option





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Alternative Compliance




**Environment**
Energy Assistance, Clean Water Act

Key:  [Service Request](#)  [Information](#)  [Online Payment](#)  [Form](#)  [FAQ](#)




 For additional service requests, please click [HERE](#).

 Report a broken link or non-working phone number [HERE](#).


Assistance

-  [Energy Assistance Program](#)
-  [Energy Assistance Application](#)
-  [Utility Assistance](#)

Clean Water Act

-  [Watershed Protection and Restoration Program](#)
-  [Clean Water Act Credit](#)
-  [Clean Water Act Fee](#)

How Can I Help The Environment

-  [How Motorist Can Help The Environment](#)

Click on the
Clean Water
Act Fee Service
Option



Alternative Compliance



Prince George's County, Maryland



Please be specific about the location and the nature of the complaint to ensure that our responders can address the issue in a timely manner.

Submit a new Service Request

1. Personal Info

2. Where and What

3. Details

4. Confirm

☒ I have an account

☐ I need a new account

Email

Password

[I forgot it!](#)

SIGN IN

SKIP THIS STEP

Select Language ▼

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Create an account and fill in your service request

Alternative Compliance

Step 1: Download application form from DER website

Step 2: Fill out form, selecting one or more compliance options (options may be combined to get up to 100% reduction in impervious area fee)

Step 3: Submit completed application through CountyClick 311 website (attach to service request)

CLEAN WATER ACT PROGRAM

ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE APPLICATION FORM

2013-AC DATE: _____

Please fill in the following information if you are a qualified tax-exempt religious organizations or other 501(c) nonprofit organizations that wishes to apply for alternative compliance status. Applications must be received by March 31 to be eligible for a fee reduction credit in the current taxable year (July 1- June 30).

Name of qualified tax-exempt religious organization or other 501(c) nonprofit organization: _____ Property Address: _____

Property tax account no.: _____ 501(c) account no.: _____ Contact Name: _____

Phone number w/area code: _____ Contact Email: _____

Select one or more of the following alternative compliance options:

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Property owner to participate with the County and provide a temporary right of entry agreement for the County to install BMPs on property owned by the organization. To continue receiving the impervious area fee credit, installed BMPs must be maintained by the property owner of record and are subject to inspection by the Department of Environmental Resources.

☐ **Option 2: Outreach and Education - 25%**
Property owner agrees to take part in the County's outreach/education campaign to encourage other property owners to participate in the County's Rain Check Rebate Program for restoration, and/or create an environmental green team or ministry. Some examples of activities that an environmental green team/ministry could perform include: tree planting, trash pick-up, good housekeeping to ensure clean lots, on-site recycling and better waste management, planting rain gardens.

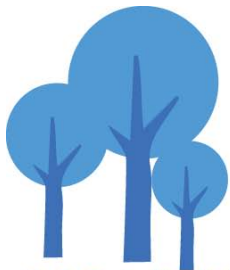
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Subject to County approval, fee reduction credits for alternative compliance will be awarded as shown in the table below.

OPTION	% REDUCTION IN IMPERVIOUS AREA IMPACT FEE
1	50%
2	25%
3	25%

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Alternative Compliance

Step 4

DoE review and processing of applications may take up to 60 days

DoE and Applicant agree on the Level of Compliance to be provided

DoE Credits and adjusts the Clean Water Act Fees

DoE completes the project in the agreed upon established time frame. Not implementing the projects will result in the re-instatement of the fees

Implementation of practices are subject to DoE inspections to ensure they are built to standards

Application deadline is March 31 to be eligible for fee reduction for the coming taxable year (July – June)



Resources

County Website

<http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/stormwaterManagement/Pages/default.aspx>

- Fact Sheets
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Appeals
- Applications
- Credits
- Rebates

County Click 311 Referral

Alternative Compliance Online Application

<http://timstest.tetrattech-ffx.com/pgCountyCompliance/AlternativeCompliance/AltCompApplication/Create>



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