

Dialogue on Financing Wastewater and Stormwater Infrastructure State of Delaware

June 30, 2006

Sponsored by:

Delaware Public Policy Institute (DPPI)

Office of the Governor

Office of the Lt. Governor

DNREC

Wastewater Facilities and Surface Water Management Advisory Council

Recommendations

- Recommendation 1
 - The State of Delaware should rename the Wastewater Facilities and Surface Water Management Advisory Council the Clean Water Advisory Council

Recommendations

- Recommendation 2
 - The State of Delaware should establish a dedicated source of state-wide wastewater and stormwater funding.

Recommendations

- Recommendation 2a
 - The State of Delaware should optimize leveraging of existing capital funds and Revolving Loan Fund repayment streams.
- Recommendation 2b
 - The State of Delaware should establish funding that is adequate and predictable from an Abandoned Properties collections dedicated to WW and SW infrastructure.

Recommendations

- Recommendation 2c
 - The State of Delaware should in consultation with the Division of Public Health, Office of Drinking Water, reallocate funds for drinking water infrastructure for financing wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.
- Recommendation 2d.
 - The State of Delaware should consider establishing a state-wide clean water fee.
- Recommendation 2e.
 - The State of Delaware should consider establishing a state-wide building permit fee.

Recommendations

- Recommendation 3
 - The Clean Water Council should review and refine projected stormwater infrastructure capital and operations and maintenance funding gaps.
- Recommendation 4.
 - The Clean Water Advisory Council should detail the public benefit provided by it's funding assistance to counties and municipalities.
- Recommendation 5.
 - The Clean Water Advisory Council should continue to fund projects related to on-site wastewater systems, when appropriate.

Recommendations

- Recommendation 6
 - The Clean Water Advisory Council should continue to fund projects related to on-site wastewater systems, when appropriate.
- Recommendation 7
 - Counties and Municipalities should review their current impact and other fees related to development of growth related wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.
- Recommendation 8.
 - The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) should increase education related to stormwater management.

Recommendations

- Recommendation 9
 - The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) should develop detailed watershed plans for all of Delaware's waters.
- Recommendation 10
 - Stormwater Utilities should be created and implemented, when possible, to provide for a consistent, coordinated, clear, comprehensive and funded approach to stormwater management.