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Managing Northern Kentucky's
Wastewater and Storm Water



Frequently Asked Questions

Storm Water Private Cost-Share Program

What is SD1's private cost-share program?

Long before SD1 assumed control of the region's storm water management, cities and counties owned and maintained storm water infrastructure; regulations were less stringent; drainage plans were not always a priority; and storm pipes were often inadequate or never formally dedicated to public ownership. The result is a storm system that has a mix of privately and publicly owned infrastructure that can become overwhelmed by wet weather events in some areas. Depending on a neighborhood's topography, that could lead to excessive storm water that ends up in yards or inside buildings. To address these concerns, SD1 offers local cities and counties (called Co-Permittees because they share responsibility for state and federal storm water regulation compliance) a Private Cost-Share Program to help fund solutions to remedy private storm water issues that may have a public impact. SD1 allocates funding through the program to help Co-Permittees address such storm water issues.

Who may apply to participate?

Only Co-Permittees can apply to participate in the program, and each Co-Permittee determines its own level of service. Property owners who experience private storm water issues must contact their city or, if they live in an unincorporated part of the county, their county, to request that the Co-Permittee apply. A Co-Permittee contact list is available at http://www.sd1.org/Resources/Co-Permittee_Contact_List.pdf. The intent of the program is to form a partnership between SD1, Co-Permittees and property owners to address private storm water issues. SD1 will enter into an agreement only with the Co-Permittee.

How can a Co-Permittee apply?

Applications are available to Co-Permittees at www.sd1.org under the Programs and Outreach tab, under "Storm Water Assistance Programs." Co-Permittees may also request an application by contacting SD1 at (859) 578-7450 or info@sd1.org.

How are private cost-share projects prioritized?

In general, projects are funded on a first-come, first-served basis while funds are available.

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When is funding released for approved projects?

The amount of funding available for this program is determined each fiscal year as part of SD1's budgeting process, and the cap for a project is currently one-third of the project cost, with SD1's share not to exceed \$10,000. SD1 currently provides funding as a reimbursement. To receive approved funding, a participating Co-Permittee must enter into an agreement with SD1 and the project must begin within 12 months of the application's approval. Once a project has been approved for the Private Cost-Share Program, any changes to the project scope that will impact the cost of the project must be approved by SD1 in advance, or only the original agreement amount will be reimbursed.

Throughout construction, SD1 may inspect project improvements to ensure they meet design and specifications. Upon completion of the project, the Co-Permittee must submit a request for reimbursement that includes copies of invoices and payment receipts.

Upon completion, who is responsible for the new improvement?

SD1 will not own or be responsible for the maintenance of the new improvement, once completed. SD1 is simply providing funding for the project. All improved assets will remain private property and the system will remain a private system.

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Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work together to protect public health, property and the environment by providing reliable wastewater and storm water services.