

## Tallmadge utility to fund EPA storm water mandates

1. City council has enacted legislation that establishes a storm water management utility to enable Tallmadge to comply with U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) storm water regulations.
2. The legislation allows collection and earmarking of funds to address community flooding problems and EPA stream quality mandates. It is similar to measures passed in Cuyahoga Falls, Stow, Kent, Munroe Falls and in other localities across the country.
3. Each Tallmadge homeowner will pay a flat rate of \$3 a month for the utility. The charge will be shown on water/sewer bills.



*Storm water utility will enable workers to solve more drainage problems in our city.*

4. Non-residential property owners also benefit from well managed storm water. They, too, will be charged for the program. Their rates will be based upon the number of equivalent residential units (ERU), as determined by a local engineering firm.
5. The EPA-mandated program will allow addressing of storm water problems associated with infrastructure in older portions of the city and the properly managed construction of collection systems in developing areas.
6. For more information about the new utility and to discuss storm water issues, please contact the office of the Director of Public Service at 330-633-0854.