



The Clean Water Kitsap program protects people, property and natural resources by reducing flooding and stormwater runoff, and preventing stormwater pollution. The program is funded through a utility fee assessed to each developed property and road located within unincorporated Kitsap County. On your annual property tax, this fee is listed as "Stormwater Management." In 2024, the stormwater utility fee is \$133 per year for a single-family residence.

Stormwater fee is used for...



Building new and improving existing stormwater facilities to reduce flooding, improve water quality, increase fish passage, and provide habitat.



Operating and maintaining over 225 miles of stormwater pipes, over 11,000 storm drains/catch basins, 500+ stormwater ponds, and numerous other facilities that manage the flow of stormwater runoff.



Education and outreach activities that help inform residents about what they can do to reduce stormwater runoff and keep water clean.

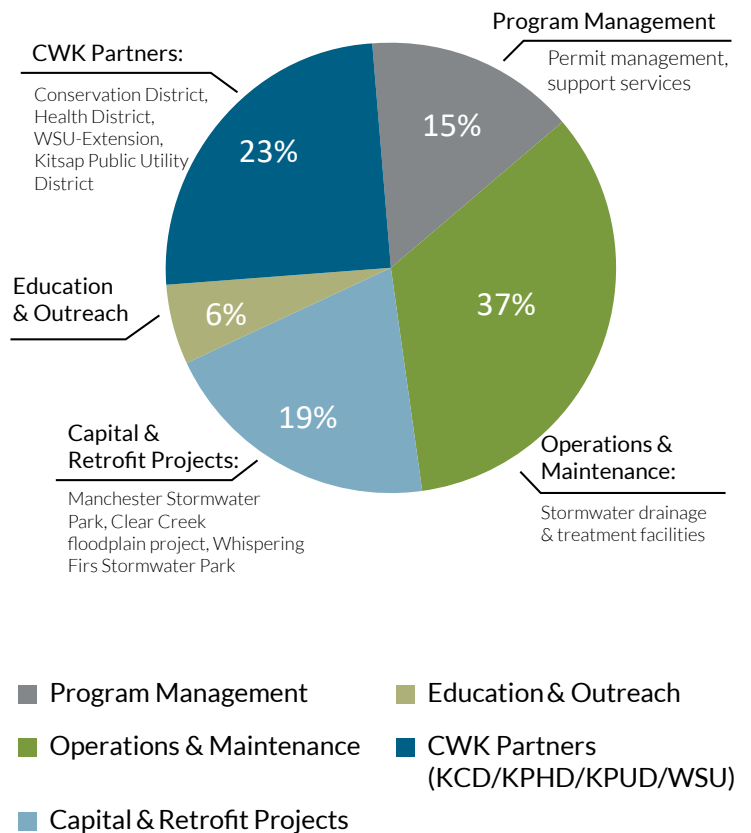


Preventing pollution from reaching Puget Sound through inspections and monitoring, as well as spill prevention and response.



In addition, the fee also funds Clean Water Kitsap partner agencies. Each partner has an area of expertise and implements programs to address water pollution. Partners include Kitsap Public Health District, Kitsap Conservation District, Washington State University - Kitsap County Extension, and Kitsap Public Utility District.

2023 Kitsap County Public Works Stormwater Division Operations Budget



Project Types

- Regional ponds
- Stormwater parks
- Floodplain restoration
- Infrastructure upgrades
- Green stormwater solutions
- To view current and future projects, visit kcowa.us/project

Compared to other places...

Kitsap County's stormwater fee is one of the lowest in the region. Annual surface water management rates for a single family residence in 2023:

Jurisdictions in Kitsap County

Kitsap County	\$130.00
City of Bremerton	\$258.00
City of Port Orchard.....	\$168.00
City of Bainbridge Island	\$226.00
City of Poulsbo.....	\$250.56

Other Jurisdictions in the Region

Pierce County	\$129.61
City of Gig Harbor	\$187.98
King County	\$323.00
City of Seattle.....	\$669.75
City of Tacoma	\$351.12



Building stormwater infrastructure



Monitoring water quality

My property doesn't flood – why do I have to pay the stormwater fee?

The stormwater utility fee pays for a variety of services and projects that reduce the impacts of flooding and water pollution, such as stormwater parks, floodplain restoration projects and regional stormwater treatment facilities. Daily activities such as washing cars, driving, fertilizing lawns/ gardens, and leaving pet waste on the ground contribute to water pollution. Kitsap County's stormwater systems and flood control measures reduce these impacts. All residents benefit from flood protection and clean water.



Restoring habitat

Stormwater Fee

2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
\$130	\$133	\$136	\$139	\$142	\$146

