

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How exactly would this money be used?

Funds for stormwater drainage and associated street repairs would be used for program management, large infrastructure projects necessary to minimize the risk of flooding and associated street repairs, regular maintenance that is required to make the stormwater system function properly, and State and Federal compliance.

Why can't we pay for this from the City's General Fund?

Currently, funds for basic stormwater maintenance and related State and Federal compliance are paid from the General Fund. However, it cannot fund program management, which is necessary to oversee a stormwater drainage management program, or pay for large-scale stormwater drainage infrastructure projects.

What revenue source would be used to support this plan?

The proposal would reallocate one-fourth of the revenue from the Economic Development Sales Tax to stormwater drainage and associated street repairs.

How much money would be needed to pay for the stormwater drainage and related street repairs program?

In today's dollars, program management requires \$225,000 annually; high priority, large-scale improvements projects are estimated to cost \$38 million; increased maintenance requires \$550,000 annually; TCEQ and EPA compliance requires \$125,000 annually.

How is this plan different from those we have previously discussed?

No fees or additional taxes would be requested for this stormwater drainage and associated street improvement program. Instead, it would be funded by reallocating one-fourth of the revenue from the Economic Development Sales Tax. The City will still have a generous level of funding for business recruitment and retention efforts.

Why should I have to pay for stormwater drainage and related street maintenance in areas that don't affect me?

The stormwater drainage systems and roads in all of our neighborhoods will age. This plan ensures the financial resources would be available to make necessary improvement today and in the future.

How much money do we currently spend on stormwater drainage and related street repairs?

Currently, the only drainage programs being funded are basic maintenance and State and Federal compliance.

What happens next?

We are collecting public input this fall, and this feedback will be integrated into a proposal going before the City Council. In early 2018, the City Council will vote to determine if the proposal will be included on the ballot for the May 2018 election.

Your Opinion Matters to Us

Tell us what you think about the proposed stormwater drainage plan:

- Attend a Town Hall meeting (more details at www.cedarparkdrainage.com)
- Visit www.cedarparkdrainage.com
- Email us at drainage@cedarparktexas.gov



STORMWATER DRAINAGE

We welcome rainfall in Cedar Park, but it can often bring unwelcome flooding, pollution, stagnation and mosquitoes. Recent flooding and weather events have reinforced previous discussions among our city leaders about the importance of having a long-term solution for maintaining a reliable stormwater drainage system and making associated street repairs.



Stormwater drainage impacts the entire city. From Cedar Park's most established neighborhoods to our newest developments, every community benefits from a citywide stormwater drainage program. All of our neighborhoods will age and will require future improvements. Creating a robust and reliable stormwater drainage system today is a long-term solution for addressing both our immediate and future needs.



A STORMWATER DRAINAGE AND ASSOCIATED STREET REPAIRS PROGRAM WILL:



Reduce flooding now and in the future



Maintain our water quality in creeks and streams, as required by State and Federal regulations



Reduce water stagnation and mosquito breeding environments



Why do we need a stormwater drainage infrastructure maintenance program?

Over the years, the City has identified a number of priority drainage and related street repair projects that cannot be pursued due to lack of available resources. Additionally, Citywide growth has increased the need for regular maintenance, and stringent State and Federal requirements make it challenging to maintain compliance within the constraints of our current resources.

We've found a way

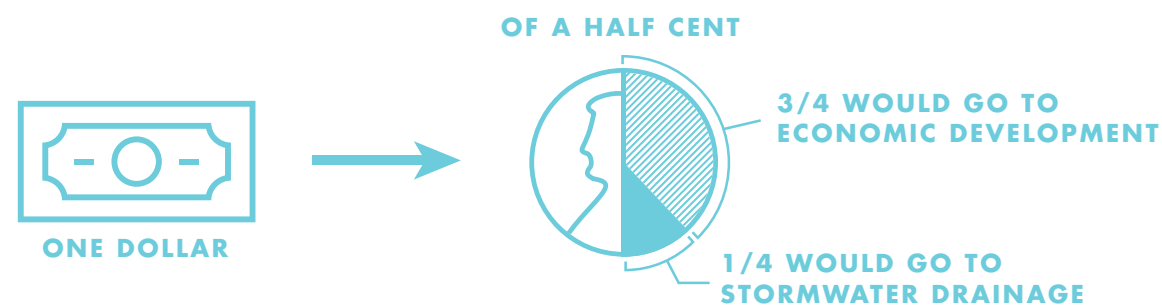
The City of Cedar Park is now considering a program to address stormwater drainage maintenance, priority improvement projects and related street repairs across the city by using an existing revenue source. **This means no fee or additional tax would be requested to fund this program.**

Funding without additional fees

We've identified a way to provide necessary resources for this program without a fee or additional taxes. Instead, we will reallocate funds from the existing Economic Development Sales Tax.

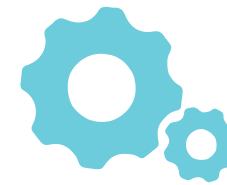
Whenever you buy certain products and services in Cedar Park, you pay sales tax. One half cent of every sales tax dollar goes into the Economic Development Sales Tax Fund to help us recruit new businesses and retain existing companies.

The proposed plan would reallocate a small portion of funds from the Economic Development Sales Tax to the stormwater drainage program. The City will still have a generous level of funding for economic development activities such as business retention and recruitment efforts.



You don't pay any more, but the money gets divided differently.

STORMWATER FUNDING IN ACTION



PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

\$225,000 Annually*

These funds would be used to pay for staff and other expenses related to having a dedicated stormwater drainage management program.



LARGE PROJECTS

\$38 Million*

These funds would be dedicated to major stormwater drainage improvement projects that are necessary to minimize the risk of flooding, along with major street repairs to damage caused by floods. Some of these projects would include:

- Major creek widening
- Repair/reconstruction of roadway flood prone areas
- Property acquisition
- Erosion protection
- Major creek sediment removal
- Bridge and culvert construction



INCREASED MAINTENANCE

\$550,000 Annually*

Regular maintenance is necessary to make sure the stormwater system functions properly. It would cover stormwater system maintenance such as:

- Removal of debris from storm pipelines and drains
- Removal of soil
- Removal of trees and vegetation from creeks and drainage ditches
- Street sweeping and cleaning
- Maintaining water quality of detention ponds



TCEQ AND EPA COMPLIANCE

\$125,000 Annually*

Stormwater management is governed by State and Federal regulation, and must be in compliance with a stormwater discharge permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in accordance with rules mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to the Clean Water Act. These funds are used to ensure that Cedar Park complies with the stringent requirements required to maintain this permit.

All of these programs would be funded by a combination of the sales tax reallocation and by revenue from the City's General Fund.

**Dollar amounts are based on today's dollars.*