

# STORMWATER

A \$5.3 Billion Problem for Maryland!

# NO USERS

- Unlike Water and Wastewater Utilities, there are no “Users” for Stormwater Utilities
- Fees based on surrogate use
- Fees based on “intensity of development”

# Watershed-Wide Problem

Urban: Control and Treatment

Rural: Agricultural Best Management Practices

# Impermeable Surface Fees

- Impermeable Surface Fees are Based on Total Stormwater Management Budget Divided by the Total Amount of Impermeable Surface in the County
- Typically Denominated in “Equivalent Residential Units” (ERUs) – the Average Impermeable Surface in a Single-Family Housing Unit

# Intensity of Development

- Based on “Types” of Real Property:  
Agricultural, Residential, Commercial,  
Industrial
- Different Rates for Different Types of Property

# Governmental Responsibility

- County: Primary Responsibility for Stormwater Management, Primary Financial Responsibility
- State: Creation of “Hardship Funds” for disparities of Income and Cost Among Counties
- Federal: ???????

