



Clean Creeks and Flood Protection Initiative

Fact Sheet

WHY Should This Matter to You?

- The City of San Mateo is committed to providing the community with reliable stormwater infrastructure to help mitigate flood risk; protect our Bay and waterways; create safer communities; and reduce the impacts of pollution, climate change, and heavy storms. Clean waterways, beaches, and properly working infrastructure help protect residents and the environment.
- Marina Lagoon is part of the City's stormwater system. This aquatic gem provides flood control and recreation to the entire community, as well as wildlife and ecological benefits. The Lagoon's ability to maximize these benefits is compromised, and significant improvements are needed.
- The City's stormwater drainage system is a service that benefits the entire community. Unlike the sanitary sewer system, stormwater does not have a dedicated funding source. With so many infrastructure needs, there is not enough funding to maintain and upgrade the City's storm drainage system.

WHAT are the Goals?

- Protect the community from flooding by investing in our aging stormwater infrastructure for capital improvements, operations and maintenance, and environmental stewardship.
- Consider a stormwater fee that will provide funding to:
 - Proactively maintain, repair, and upgrade over 100 miles of pipes & channels and nine major pump stations for generations to come.
 - Restore the Lagoon as a year-round recreational amenity, habitat, and stormwater conveyance.
 - Protect your neighborhood and properties from local flooding.
 - Reduce pollutants and trash in our local creeks and the San Francisco Bay.

How Much Will this Cost?

- The City estimates that for only \$10 to \$16 per month for the average homeowner, we could fund the stormwater system's annual costs of \$8.4 million. The annual cost includes \$3.6 million for operations and maintenance, \$1.9 million for Lagoon management, and \$2.9 million for infrastructure improvements.

WHEN Can You Get Involved?

- Community opinion surveys conducted in Fall 2021, and April 2023
- Public comment was heard at:
 - City Council Meeting - March 21, 2022
 - City Council Meeting – March 20, 2023
- Find meeting videos and documents at www.cityofsanmateo.org/stormwater
- City Council Meeting June 5, 2023 – Community Survey Results and Fee Report Recommendations
- Potential Public Hearing TBD - Fall 2023
- Potential Ballot proceeding TBD - Fall 2023
- If approved, a potential fee would go on property taxes for the Fiscal Year 2024-25

WHERE Can You Find Online Resources?

www.cityofsanmateo.org/stormwater