

FINANCING WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT - STORMWATER UTILITY MANAGEMENT IN GEORGIA

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This presentation will provide an overview of the 2016 Georgia Stormwater Survey. Funded by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) is conducting this research to assist local governments in developing and managing stormwater utilities across the state. Participants will learn how to use the free, interactive, computer-based Stormwater Dashboard that allows users to compare fees among utilities according to multiple factors including geographic region, MS4 Permit type, river basin, 50-mile radius, and median household income. Initial results show that there are several more stormwater utilities now in Georgia compared to the last time the survey was conducted in 2012. During this presentation, participants will learn how Georgia's stormwater utilities are structured. There will be a focus on how utility fees are designed, the method used for billing, as well as other financial management aspects of running a stormwater utility.

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