



Stormwater Utility Fee Credit Program

The City of Shelby Stormwater Fee Credit program offers commercial property owners the opportunity to reduce their stormwater utility fee charges by applying for available fee credits. The fee credits described below are cumulative and a stormwater fees may be reduced as much as thirty (30) percent based on the following three credit categories:

- **Water Quality (10% credit)** – Properties qualifying for this fee credit shall provide an onsite Best Management Practice (BMP) that reduces the impact of pollution on water quality and conforms with the design and maintenance standards in the City of Shelby’s Phase II Stormwater Ordinance and the NCDENR BMP Manual (minimum 85% TSS removal). The required water quality analysis is to be prepared and sealed by an engineer registered in the State of North Carolina.

- **Water Quantity (10% credit)** – Properties qualifying for this fee credit shall provide a post developed rate of runoff that is less than or equal to the runoff rates at pre-development. Properties that reduce their peak discharge rate to pre-developed conditions are eligible to receive a stormwater runoff control credit. If site conditions do not allow for a complete reduction to the pre-developed peak discharge rate, the credit will be determined proportionally based on the amount of reduction attained (i.e., if the developed peak discharge is reduced by 70 percent of the differential runoff, then the corresponding credit would be $0.70 \times 10\% = 7\%$). Runoff rate analysis is to be based on a 10-year storm event with supporting calculations prepared and sealed by an engineer registered in the State of North Carolina.

- **Industrial Stormwater Permit (10% credit)** – An industrial property that is covered by an individual or general National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater discharge permit is eligible for this credit if all requirements of the aforementioned permit are satisfied. An annual inspection report must be provided to the City to verify compliance and receive this fee credit.