



Investing in Los Altos
Protecting Clean Water

CLEAN WATER & SUSTAINABLE STORM DRAINAGE INITIATIVE

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 23, 2019

Outline

1. Conduct Public Hearing Clean Water & Sustainable Storm Drainage Initiative
2. Receive Written Protests
3. Consider Fee Ordinance & Ballot Direction




Essential community values

Clean water

Sustainable
infrastructure

Protection of
property

*We believe investing in these is
a top priority!*



Los Altos' Clean Water Program

1. Clean Water Protection
2. Operations & Maintenance
3. Capital Improvements



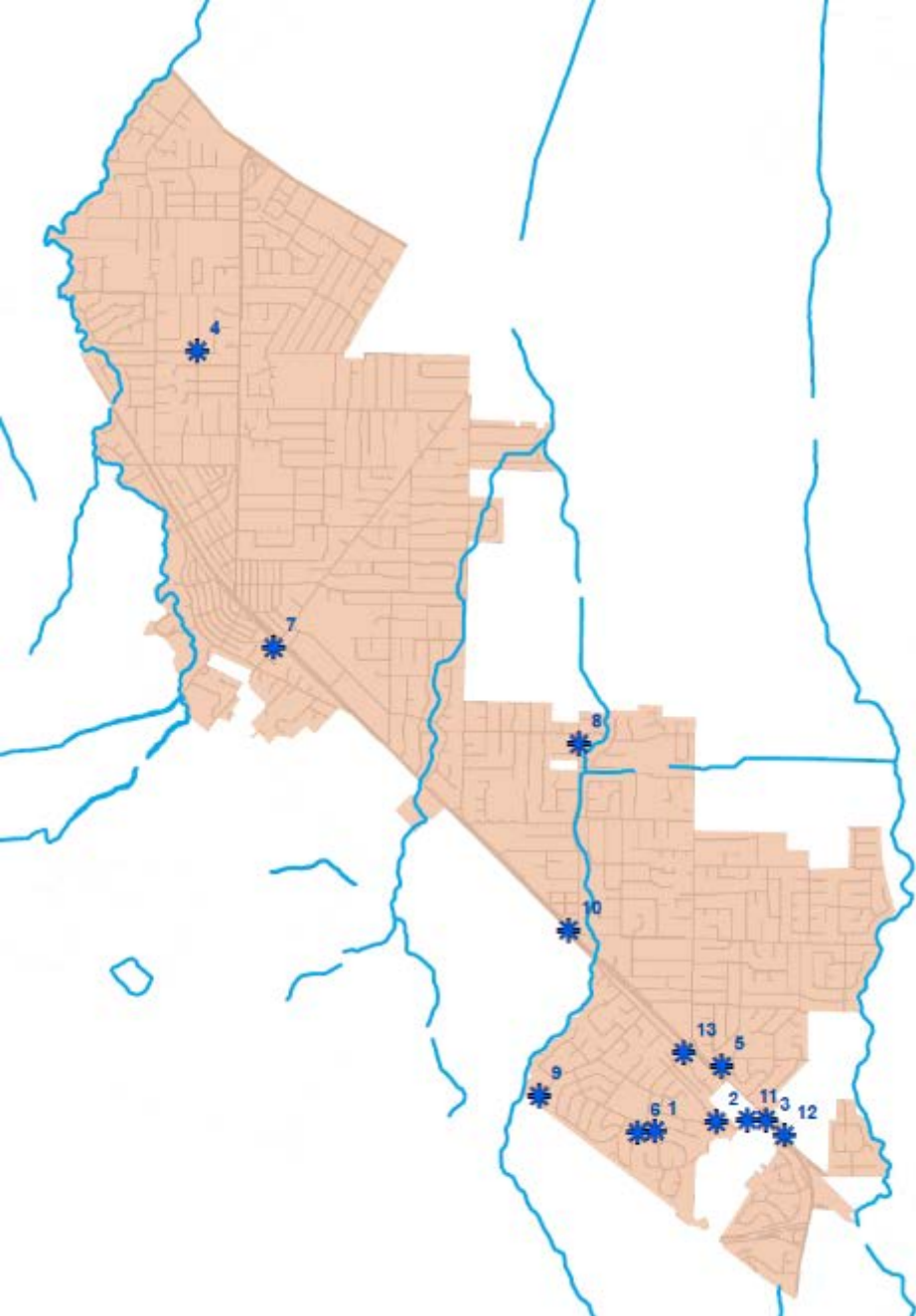
Clean Water Protection

- ❖ **Improve water quality to Creeks & Bay**
- ❖ Green infrastructure planning
- ❖ Trash capture program
- ❖ **Creek clean ups**
- ❖ Oversight of development
- ❖ Construction site program
- ❖ Collaborate with partners
 - Regional Clean Water Program

Protection of Property

- ❖ Proactive operations & maintenance
 - ❖ >1300 catch basins
 - ❖ 113 outfalls
 - ❖ 55 miles of pipe
 - ❖ 12 Hot spots
 - ❖ Wet weather response





Storm Drain Hot Spots

- Windimer Ditch
- Toyon Dam
- Cherry Ave. (Mt. Hamilton Ct.)
- Woodland Library
- Fremont Ave. (Grant Rd. to Highway 85)
- Sierra Ventura Dr. and Stonehaven Dr.
- Viola Pl.
- Loma Prieta Ct.
- Madelaine Ct.
- Foothill Expressway under Loyola Bridge
- Deodara Dr. and Arboretum Dr.
- Grant Frontage near Farndon Ave. (V-ditch)
- Granger Ave. and St. Joseph Ave.

Sustainable Infrastructure

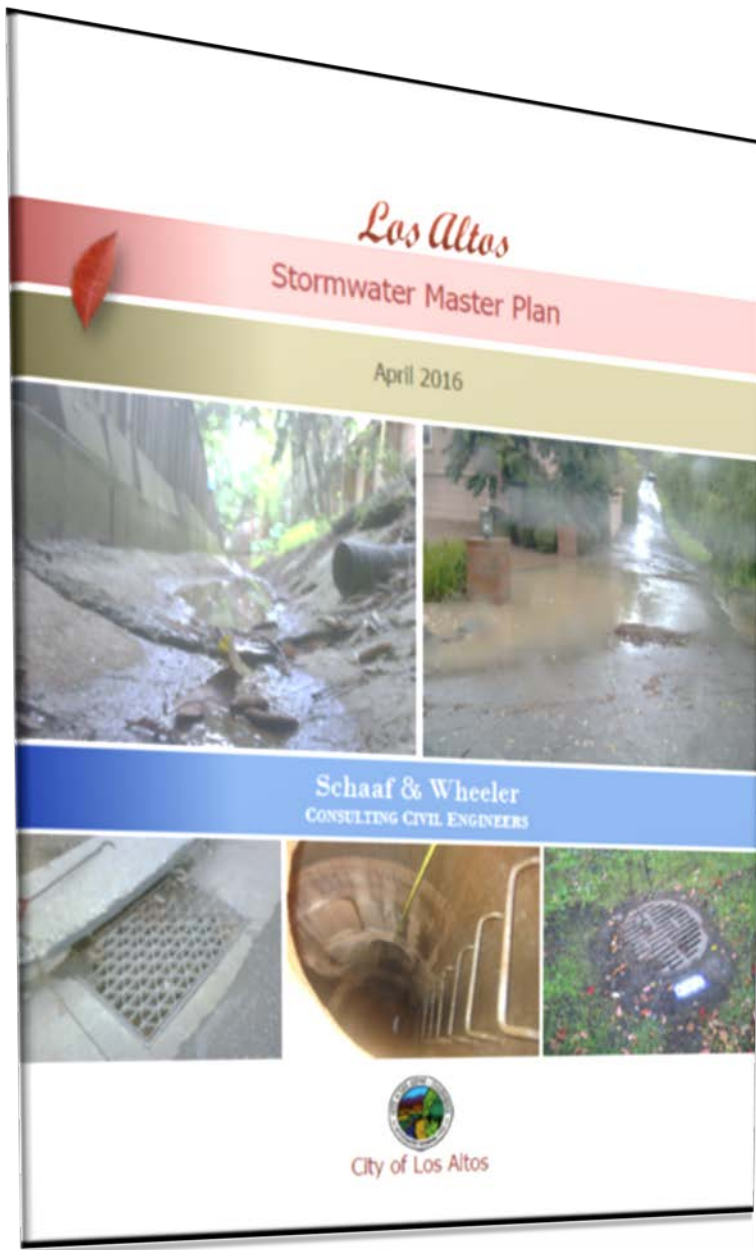
- ❖ Capital Projects
- ❖ Sustainable & Proactive
- ❖ Green Infrastructure
- ❖ Capacity Deficiencies
- ❖ Known Trouble Spots





The Challenge

- **No dedicated or sustainable** funding source
 - *Clean Water Program* Competes for GF \$ each year
 - Historical allocation has not met Program needs
- Limits
 - Effectiveness of Clean Water Program
 - Implementation of Priority CIP projects



Strategic Planning & Decisions

- 2014 Trash Compliance Plan
- 2015 Municipal Regional Permit
- **2016 Stormwater Master Plan**
- 2018 Clean Water & Storm Drainage Infrastructure Survey
- **2018 Engineering Rate Study & City Council Approval**
- Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan (in progress)



Master Plan Findings

- **Needs ~\$1.1M Annually**
 - ~\$611k CIP (\$16M total = \$611k/yr./30 yrs)
 - ~\$522k Clean Water/O&M

Meeting the Challenge

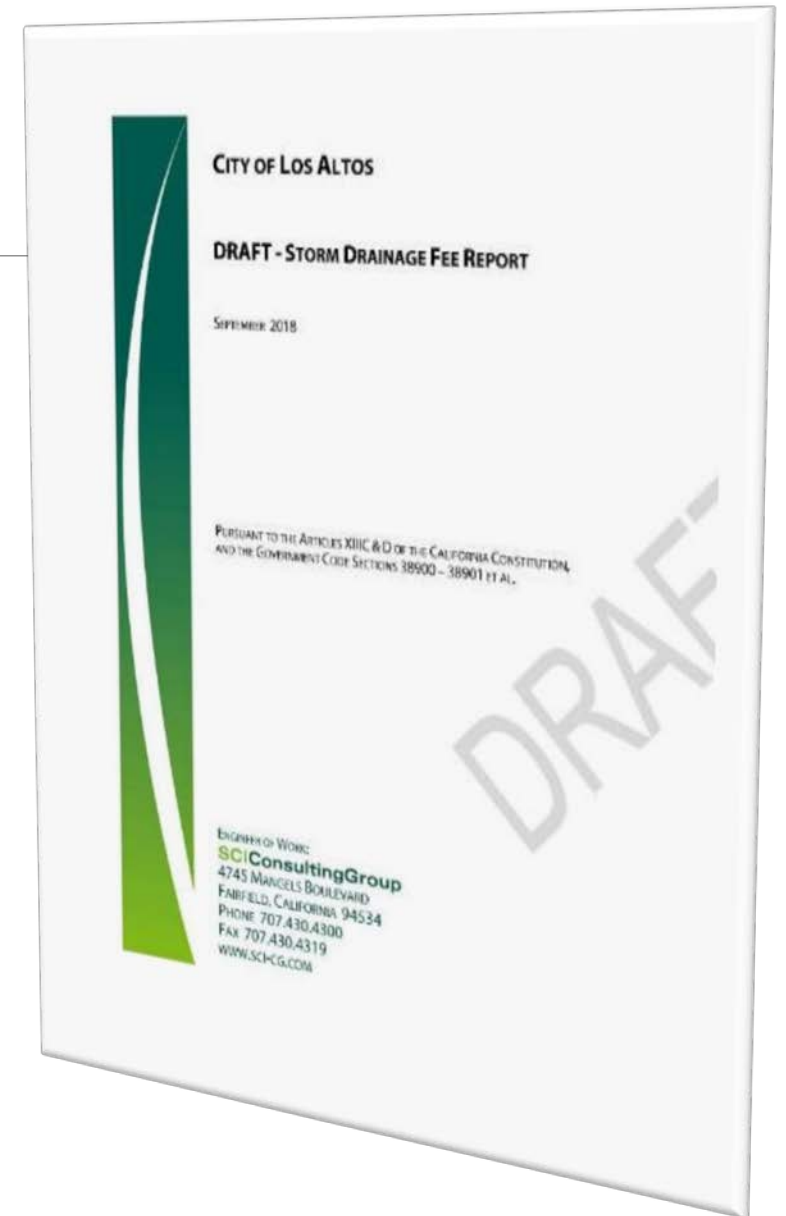
Dedicated & sustainable local revenue

Strong local fiscal oversight

Property related

Prop 218 compliant

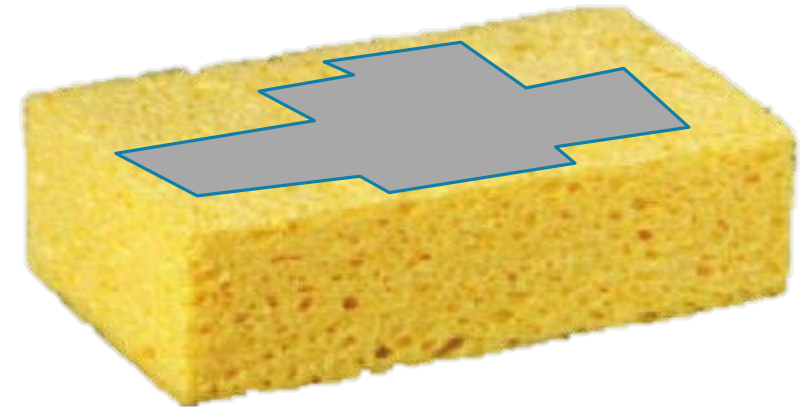
Fair share of runoff contributed



Rates & Rate Structure

Based on Fair share of Stormwater Runoff

- Impermeable Surfaces
- ❖ Property Classifications
 - ❖ Residential (“per parcel”)
 - ❖ 4 size groups
 - ❖ 80% of revenue (93% of parcels)
 - ❖ Non-Residential (“per tenth of acre”)
 - ❖ 7 categories based on impermeability characteristics
 - ❖ 20% of revenue (7% of parcels)



Rate Schedule

- Annual Rates
- Natural terrain exempt
 - Open Space
 - Agriculture
- Collected on property tax bills

Land Use Category	Proposed Fee FY 2019-20
Single-Family Residential Parcel *	
Small <i>(Under 9,000 sf)</i>	\$ 72.00 per parcel
Medium <i>(9,000 to 14,500 sf)</i>	\$ 88.00 per parcel
Large <i>(14,500 to 20,000 sf)</i>	\$ 100.32 per parcel
Extra Large <i>(over 20,000 sf)</i>	\$ 117.59 per parcel
Condominium	\$ 72.00 per parcel
Non-Single-Family Residential Parcel **	
Multi-Family Residential	\$ 57.237 per tenth of acre
Commercial / Retail / Industrial	\$ 65.691 per tenth of acre
Office	\$ 57.237 per tenth of acre
Church / Institutional	\$ 44.574 per tenth of acre
School	\$ 36.733 per tenth of acre
Park	\$ 3.707 per tenth of acre
Vacant (developed)	\$ 3.707 per tenth of acre
Open Space / Agricultural	exempt
* Single-Family Residential category also includes du- tri- and four-plex units which are charged per parcel based on square feet .	
** Non-SFR parcels are charged per the tenth of an acre or portion thereof.	



Example Rates of 2019/2020 Fee

Single Family

Residential = \$7.33 / mo.

Commercial / Industrial
Property = \$11.45 / mo.

Vacant = \$0.97 / mo.



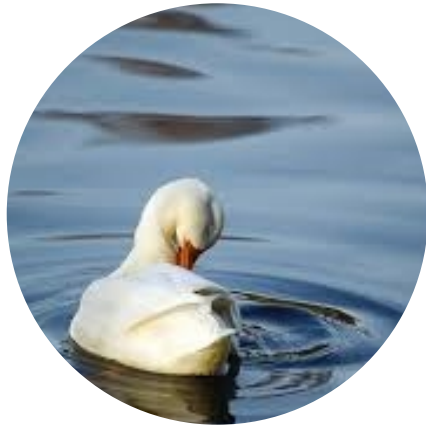
Allows City to Sustainably & Comprehensively

- **Protect** Clean Water
- Provide **Proactive** O&M
- **Invest** in Infrastructure
 - **Protect** Streets & Property
 - Implement Priority CIP Projects



Community Outcomes

Clean water



Trash Clean-Up
Reduced Pollution

Protection of property



Reduced Flooding

Sustainable
infrastructure



Smart Sustainable
CIP Investment

What Happens if We Don't Take Action?

- *Severely limits ability to implement priority CIPs*
- Force difficult decisions
 - Means *reactive* rather than proactive O&M
- Continue to compete & draw from GF
 - Limits effectiveness of Clean Water Program
 - *Pulls money from other priorities*

Timeline

- ❖ **March 7 – Mailed Public Notices**
- ❖ **March 20 – Community Meetings #1 & #2**
- ❖ **April 3 – Community Meetings #3 & #4**
- ❖ **April 23 – Public Hearing**
- ❖ **May 3 – Ballots Mailed**
- ❖ **June 18 – End Balloting**
- ❖ **June 25 – Council Certification**

