

# **STORM WATER APPEALS**

## **Storm Water Appeals Process**

### **ESWU Appeals**

Property owners have a means of appealing their ESWU determination. The general procedure and requirements for appeals are as follows:

- Complete the Storm Water Utility Appeal Form.
- Provide copies of the Appeal Form and all documentation, plans, pictures and calculations supporting the appeal to the Engineering Department at least 2 weeks by November 1 of each year to be heard during the second week of November.
- Any changes to a property's storm water utility fee resulting from a successful appeal will go into effect in the following billing cycle.
- The findings of the Appeal Board are conclusive.
- Appeals to the Board's decision may be filed with the Oakland County District 52B Circuit Court within 30 days of the Appeal Board's decision.

### **Credit Appeals**

Property owners have a means of appealing their Credit determination. The general procedure and requirements for appeals are similar to that shown in the above section, except that such appeals shall be submitted by March 15 of any year, to be heard by the Board the last week of March. Any changes to the credits as found by the Board will apply to the next annual billing cycle effective July 1.

### **Storm Water Utility Appeals Board**

The Storm Water Utility Appeals Board consists of 3 members, 2 of which are licensed professional engineers not employed by the City or the City's currently engaged consultants. The Appeals Board will meet the third week of April, the second week of November, and any other date if needed for special circumstances.

The complete description of the appeals process and requirements is found in the Storm Water Utility Ordinance. The Engineering Department manages the Storm Water Utility program, and can be contacted at 248.530.1850