

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village Council Meeting**  
**11/22/2016**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Stormwater Fund Revenue decision	David Fieldman Village Manager

**SYNOPSIS**

Information has been prepared to provide the Village Council and community with an update on the Stormwater Fund Revenue decision.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

*Consider Changes to the Stormwater Utility* is a Top Priority Action Item.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

**BACKGROUND**

On November 8, 2016, residents answered three advisory Stormwater Referenda questions to determine how the costs of owning and operating the stormwater management system will be paid. The results of those referenda questions are summarized below:

Question #1: Shall the Village of Downers Grove continue to fund all stormwater costs using a stormwater utility fee instead of property taxes?

**Yes 16,010 64.98%**

**No 8,628 35.02%**

Question #2: Shall the Village of Downers Grove fund all stormwater costs using property tax?

**Yes 7,440 30.42%**

**No 17,020 69.58%**

Question #3: Shall the Village of Downers Grove fund stormwater costs using a combination of stormwater utility fees and property taxes?

**Yes 7,237 29.65%**

**No 17,171 70.35%**

At the November 15 Village Council meeting, the Council directed staff to estimate the property tax levy and prepare the Truth in Taxation Notice without the \$3.9 million levy for stormwater related expenses. This action established the maximum amount of the property tax levy. This direction was provided based on the results of the advisory referenda questions.

The property tax levy direction earlier this week also provided policy direction on the stormwater revenue source. The Council directed that the Village will continue funding stormwater expenses with fees.

An ordinance increasing the stormwater fees from \$9.72 per ERU to \$10.53 per ERU (approximately 8.5% increase) will be placed on a First Reading agenda in December. This fee increase is consistent with Council direction provided during the long range planning process and would generate \$3.9 million in revenue in 2017.