



Statewide Average [mean]

Monthly Residential Stormwater Utility Fee

One ERU
\$4.00

Billing Preferences
Flat Rate: 57%
ERU Rate: 43%

Flat Rate
High: \$7.50
Low: \$1.00

High: \$11.50
Low: \$ 2.00

Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)

Typically, one ERU is a billing unit equal to an average area of impervious surface for a residential household, measured in square feet (sf)



One ERU
3,976 sf

High: 12,750 sf
Low: 2,000 sf

ERU Fee : ERU Billing Unit Correlation

A low ERU fee does not always equate to lowest cost for non-residential utility accounts.

| Fee per ERU | ERU billing unit | ERU per acre | Fee per acre |
|-------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| \$2.00 | 2,000 sf | 22 | \$43.56 |
| \$3.00 | 4,356 sf | 10 | \$30.00 |

Non-Residential Stormwater Utility Fee Caps

Eighty-three percent of respondents do not cap non-residential properties.

Five percent of respondents do cap tax-exempt organizations with a maximum fee.

Annual Budget
\$ 772,319

\$35.15 Per Capita

High: \$14,100,951
Low: \$ 4,000

Funding Mechanism

97% Stormwater Utility Fee
3% Other



Credits & Incentives

Ten percent of respondents provide a stormwater utility fee credit, ranging from ten to sixty-five percent, when approved criteria is met.

Twenty-five percent of respondents fund best management practices encouraging runoff reduction and infiltration of stormwater runoff through cost-share programs.

Average, by region

Western Iowa (12)
149,694 pop.
Budget - \$228,681
Per Capita - \$18.33
Fee - \$3.05 per ERU
1 ERU = 6,000 sf

Central Iowa (29)
685,283 pop.
Budget - \$1,013,659
Per Capita - \$43
Fee - \$4.88 per ERU
1 ERU = 3,865 sf

Eastern Iowa (22)
549,441 pop.
Budget - \$750,720
Per Capita - \$30.05
Fee \$3.38 per ERU
1 ERU = 3,381 sf

(# of Communities per region)

Average, by population

| Population | Monthly Fee per ERU | ERU Billing Unit |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------|
| <10K | \$3.67 | 5,588 sf |
| up to 24,999 | \$3.99 | 3,228 sf |
| up to 99,999 | \$4.58 | 3,442 sf |
| >100K | \$6.42 | 3,102 sf |

Community responses

Communities & Population Profile

39 Communities - <10,000
10 Communities - 10,000 - 24,999
11 Communities - 25,000 - 99,999
03 Communities - >100,000

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