

Township Seeking To Reduce State Mandated Stormwater Costs On Taxpayers

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Hillsborough faces over \$170,000 in state mandated stormwater control costs in 2007. In an effort to reduce the burden of those costs on property taxpayers, the Township Committee will consider a requirement that builders of new developments which cause stormwater runoff pay a fee to cover those costs.

Committeeman Paul Drake initiated the research into the potential of a stormwater fee last year and stated during Tuesday's Township Committee meeting, "The regulations are designed to provide the necessary protections for clean drinking water. It is fair that those developments which impact heavily on stormwater runoff be asked to carry some of the burden of those costs."

Township Engineer Bill White pointed out, during a presentation to the Committee, that the new fee schedule will only be levied on prospective developments. "No current homeowners or developments will be charged this fee."

The Township Committee will consider introducing the stormwater fee ordinance at the February 13th meeting.