# Maryland **Stormwater** Fee

## Religious Organizations

In Baltimore, some buildings owned by **religious organizations** may be eligible for a substantial reduction in the stormwater fees applied to them. However, it is up to the property owner to submit the information necessary to get the reduced rate.

This information will help get you started…

### What is the fee for the property owned by our religious group?

The fee for some structures (buildings) located on property owned by religious organizations is **$1/ERU/month**. An ERU (equivalent residential unit) is based on the impervious surface area of a typical single family property in Baltimore. It is calculated to be 1,050 square feet.

### How does that compare to what others will pay?

Typically, the fee is **$5/ERU/month**.

### Is all of our property eligible for the reduced fee?

Structures on the property are eligible **ONLY** if the property is not subject to State property taxes under Md. Tax-Property Code Ann. § 7-204 or City property tax; AND the structures on the property are used exclusively for: a) places of worship; or b) kindergarten through twelfth grade education.

### What is not eligible for the reduced fee?

**Driveways, walkways, parking lots, residences**, or anything else with an impervious surface that does not meet the above requirements are subject to the full fee.

### Can we also apply for stormwater fee credits?

Structures that receive the reduced fee **cannot** also receive credits. Stormwater fee credits may be applied to those portions of a property that are not eligible for the reduced fee.

### How can we apply for the reduced fee?

To be considered for the reduced stormwater fee, religious organizations must submit an application provided by the Department that identifies the eligible structures. The application must be renewed every **3 years**.

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Applications for the reduced fee, along with other information, are available at **PublicWorks.BaltimoreCity.gov**, or by calling **(410) 396-5398**.