



Pennsylvania Municipal League
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Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners
President – Dennis R. Arthur, Commissioner, Tincum Township

To: The Honorable Matthew Bradford, Majority Leader

From: Amy Sturges, Deputy Executive Director for Advocacy, The League and PSATC

Re: Support for House Bills 990 and 991- stormwater management fees

Date: May 22, 2025

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Municipal League and Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners, I am writing in support of House Bills 990 and 991, which await further action on the House Floor.

Municipalities are facing extensive unfunded mandates to meet both federal and state requirements to manage stormwater runoff. Currently, both municipal authorities and second class townships are authorized to charge reasonable and uniform fees to fund stormwater management activities. House Bills 990 and 991 would extend this authorization to other classes of municipalities, including cities, boroughs, and first class townships.

House Bills 990 and 991 would create an optional tool, enacted by ordinance, to allow a municipality to charge a stormwater management fee. Fees would be based on the characteristics of the property receiving the benefit, including impervious surface, and municipalities would have the ability to provide exemptions and credits for installed and maintained stormwater facilities that meet best practice standards.

This optional tool ensures local governments have access to a dedicated and sustainable funding source to meet MS4 requirements, update infrastructure, and maintain their overall stormwater management system. Without this option, local governments have no choice but to turn to real property taxes to raise revenue to fund these mandates, which is simply not a feasible solution in many communities. A reasonable and uniform fee, however, across all properties is a viable solution. Additionally, this tool is needed in more suburban and urban communities where there is both a greater amount of impervious surface and a greater amount of older infrastructure that must be updated to comply with mandates.

Both bills await further action after receiving first consideration in the House in early April. We respectfully ask that House Bill 990 and 991 are brought up for further votes on the House Floor so these important and much needed measures can continue to move through the legislative process.

We appreciate your attention to this issue and look forward to this tool becoming available to all municipalities to help fulfill unfunded stormwater mandates.