

Maplewood Leaders Signal Support For New Storm Water Utility

"We don't want to impose more fees on our residents, but the world is changing. Climate change is happening, infrastructure is aging, and we need to be able to keep our residents safe." — TC member Deborah Engel

Maplewood Township Committee members indicated that they support the creation of a Maplewood Storm Water Utility and a fee to support such a utility, in light of the increased occurrence of devastating storms and the finding that the town's infrastructure is lacking.



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Existing Stormwater Infrastructure

1,812 Storm Inlets



839 Storm Maintenance Holes



39.3 Miles Storm Pipes



80 Storm Outfalls & Discharge Locations



Stormwater Project Examples



Stream Erosion and Undermining at Oakland Road



Sinkhole at Dunnell Road near Memorial Park and Maplewood Train Station

Upcoming Stormwater Projects

Major Capital Projects	Estimated Cost		
1. Maple Terrace General Drainage Improvements	\$ 900,000		
2. Kendall Ave Drainage Improvements	\$4,000,000		
(Township is receiving a \$960,000 federal grant)			
3. Nelson Place Bank Stabilization	\$ 400,000		

Capital Projects

1. Burnett Terr. & Ivy Place Drainage Improvements	\$ 250,000
2. St. Lawrence Ave Drainage Repairs	\$ 100,000
3. Porter Ave Drainage Improvements	\$ 75,000
4. Boyden Ave Drainage Improvements	\$ 75,000
5. Meadowbrook Ave Drainage Improvements	\$ 300,000
6. Tiffany Place Drainage Improvements	\$ 150,000
7. GIS Update for NJDEP	\$ 250,000
8. Maplecrest Park Drainage Improvements	\$ 100,000
9. Drainage Improvements for Sump Pumps	\$ 300,000/yr

Long Term, Multiple Year Capital Projects

1. Outfall Reconstruction Program \$1,000,000 over 5-year program

Residential Impervious Areas





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