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## City Hosts Workshop for Credit Program

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg is hosting two workshops for the stormwater utility fee credit program this month.

The Harrisonburg Public Works Department is offering assistance to property owners who are interested in applying for the [stormwater utility fee credit program](#), or those who are interested in learning more.

This credit program allows property owners, who are managing and treating stormwater on their properties to receive up to 50 percent off their stormwater utility fee. Many property owners already have some basic practices installed and just need to complete the application to receive the credit.

Example Residential Practices	Credit Percentage
Homeowners who don't use fertilizer or agree to reduce fertilizer use	10% credit
Disconnect downspouts to allow the water to go into their yard and not the street	20% credit
Install or have an existing rain barrel	20% credit
Properties with a lot of trees or homeowners who plant new trees	10% credit

Those property owners who already receive the basic stormwater utility fee reductions, are also still able to make other implementations to achieve further reductions.

“With warmer weather just around the corner and more folks getting outside, we want to encourage property owners to attend one of the workshops for additional information on the credit program and best practices,” explained Rebecca Stimson, stormwater compliance specialist with the Public Works Department.

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Approximately 300 properties are already participating in this program. This equates to about 100 acres of lawn under a nutrient management and lawn care agreement, eight acres of roof area with disconnected downspouts, and one acre of roof area draining to rain barrels. This results in 161 pounds of nitrogen and 14 pounds of phosphorous being removed from our watershed by homeowners.

**The free workshops will be held on March 12 at the Public Works Department and March 13 at City Hall. Both will be from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**

Additional information can also be available by following [Harrisonburg Stormwater](#) on Facebook!



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