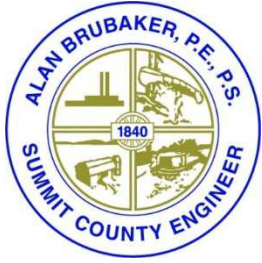


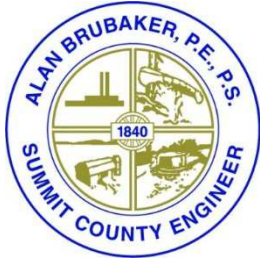
Surface Water Management District

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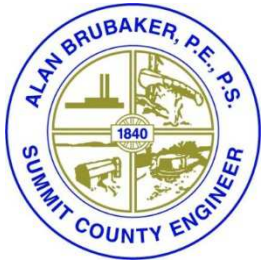
Stormwater

- We have spent the last nine years devising various solutions to stormwater issues in Summit County
- With no current revenue stream, we are left to use **the ditch petition process**, where citizens or the township petitions the county to do a surface water project and pay assessments, as the only way to address most stormwater problems
- SCE is now proposing voluntary, opt-in surface water program. **The Surface Water Management District** would function as a utility & would charge residents a small monthly fee.



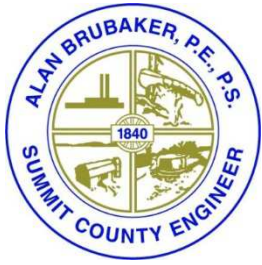
Surface Water Management Program

- The proposed Surface Water Management District will function as a utility.
- Participation is entirely voluntary and is open to Summit County townships, cities, and villages.
- Initial rate for 1, 2, and 3 family residential properties within an opt-in community established at \$4/month to be billed semi-annually; rate for commercial and industrial properties established at \$4/month per 3,000sf of impervious area.



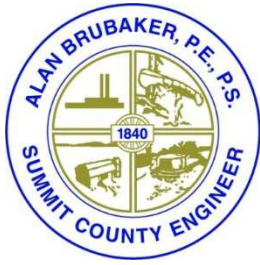
Program will provide:

- Ability to implement projects and perform maintenance within political subdivisions who opt-in to the program;
- Ability to enforce uniform rules, regulations and mission within political subdivisions;
- Ability to set rates with approval of County Executive & Council within individual political subdivisions to satisfy community needs;
- Authority to collect fees limited to within the boundaries of political subdivisions that opt to participate in the program.



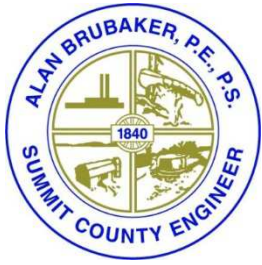
ERUs

- The amount of impervious surface area on a property determines the monthly fee amount for most commercial property.
- Residential property 3,000 square feet and under will be charged 1 Equivalent Rate Unit or “ERU”.
- The proposed ordinance sets up an appeals process to contest ERU calculations.



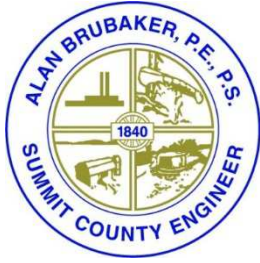
Fees

- Initially the monthly fee is proposed to be \$4 per month per ERU.
- **All money collected from a political subdivision will be used to benefit that political subdivision.**
- Properties with a Homestead Exemption will be granted a 25% fee reduction to \$3 per month.
- Property owners can receive credits for performing unrequired stormwater control measures, however no property will pay less than 1 ERU.



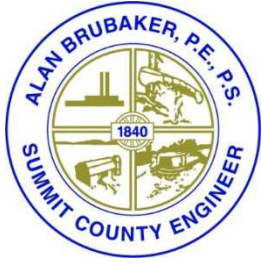
Advantages

- Provides an earmarked source of funding for local and regional stormwater improvements
- Projects can be implemented fairly quickly
- Low administrative costs, using existing County staff for implementation of the program and for overseeing the program
- Accountable through direct elected official oversight (County Executive, County Council, County Engineer)



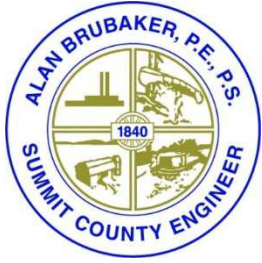
Advantages

- Ability to adopt and enforce regulations
- May provide funding to begin addressing the maintenance and reconstruction needs of ditches established within easements to the County prior to 1953
- May help fund new petitioned ditch projects performed under ORC 6133 & 6137
- Has ability to perform projects beyond its boundary through the provisions of ORC 6133 & 6137, however funding assistance may be limited to the boundary of political subdivisions who opt to participate in the program



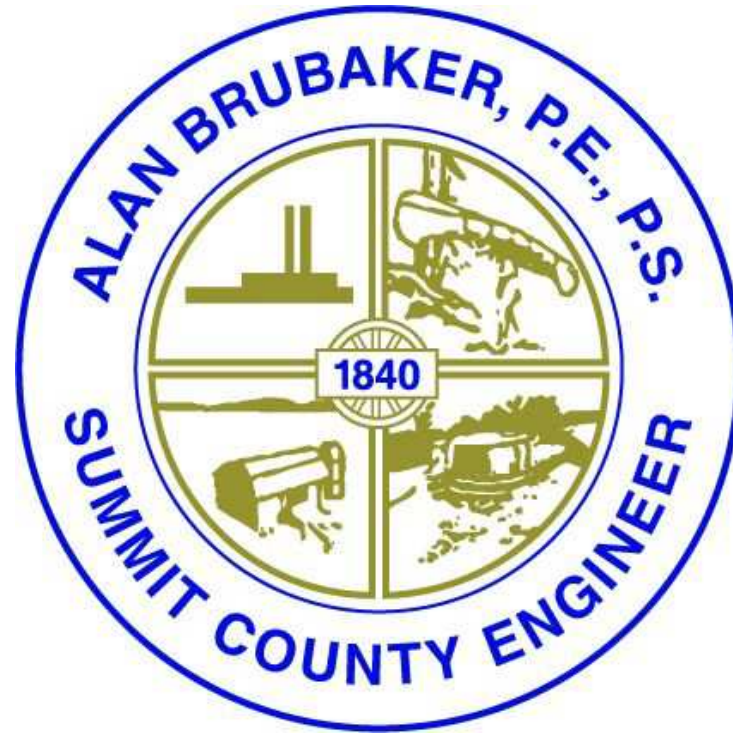
Potential Disadvantage

- Unless ORC 6133 & 6137 ditch petition process is utilized in conjunction with this program, must pay for R/W and easements needed for improvements which has the potential to delay projects
- Where watersheds go beyond the lines of “opt in” political subdivisions, will require cooperation of neighbor jurisdictions or the use of the ORC 6133 & 6137 Ditch Petition process



We want your comments

- A draft of the proposed ordinance will be sent out for your review.
- Please submit any comments, questions, or concerns by March 31, 2017.
- Comments can be sent to Heidi Swindell at hswindell@summitengineer.net or 330-643-8170.



Thank you!

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