

# Stormwater Utility Fee

4/23/2026



# Stormwater System Overview

## Storm System

- Network of pipes, inlets, and channels
- Conveys stormwater away from streets and properties
- Includes culverts, outfalls, and drainageways



## What It Does

- Reduces flooding risk
- Prevents erosion
- Protects roads and property
- Improves water quality



## How It's Funded

- Stormwater Utility Fee
- Dedicated funding for stormwater system



# What is a Stormwater Utility Fee?

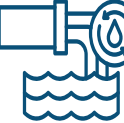


Authorized by State Law

Local Government Code 552, Subchapter C  
(Municipal Drainage Utility Systems Act)



Provides funding dedicated to  
support stormwater system



Service based fee which  
includes regulatory compliance,  
O&M and capital improvements



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and non-discriminatory



# What Would Conroe's Stormwater Fee Pay For?



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## Capital Improvements

- Alligator Creek Drainage Rehab
- Live Oak Cree Dredging
- Canterbury and Oxford Culvert Upgrade
- Hunnington Drive Drainage Improvements
- Other Drainage Improvements

## Operations and Maintenance

- **Staff**
  - Senior Assistant Engineer (75%)
  - Senior Engineering Inspector (50%)
  - Administrative Assistant (50%)
- Ongoing Maintenance Activities

# Conroe Stormwater Utility Fee Structure

Fee determined based on the amount of impervious area for each parcel; charged based on **Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)\***

## Stormwater Fee Impervious area



**Impervious area** includes surfaces that do not provide stormwater significant opportunity for infiltration into the soil and result in increased stormwater runoff to the municipal storm sewer system.

*\*1 ERU = 3,200 sq ft of impervious area*



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## Fee Structure (Monthly Fee)

- Flat residential rate  
(50% of Cities in Texas)
- Per ERU basis for commercial properties

# Conroe Stormwater Utility Fee

## Structure



**Residential**

Flat fee of \$4.00/month

## Example Property



## Example Fee

3,200 sq ft impervious area  
**\$4.00/month**



**Non-Residential**

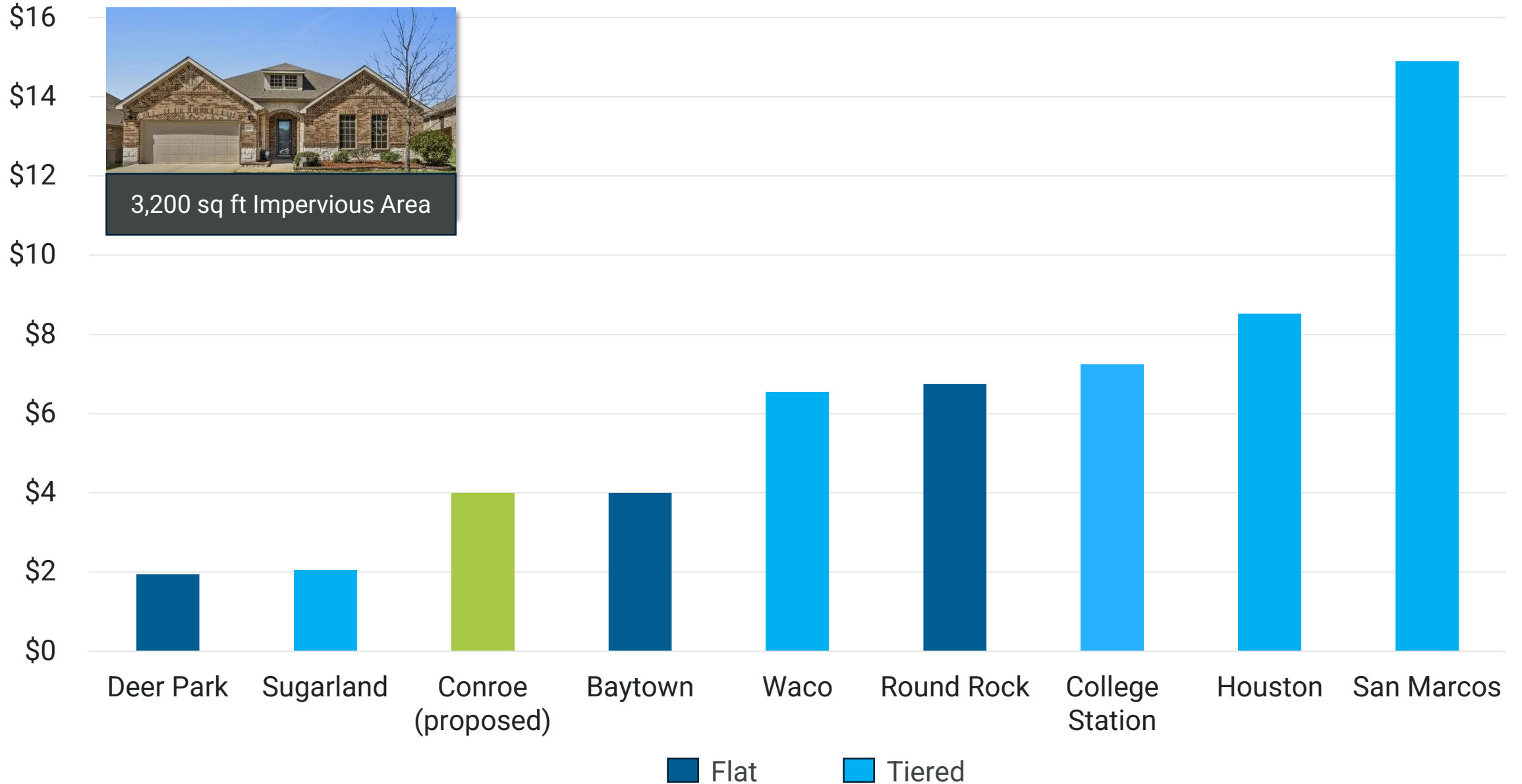
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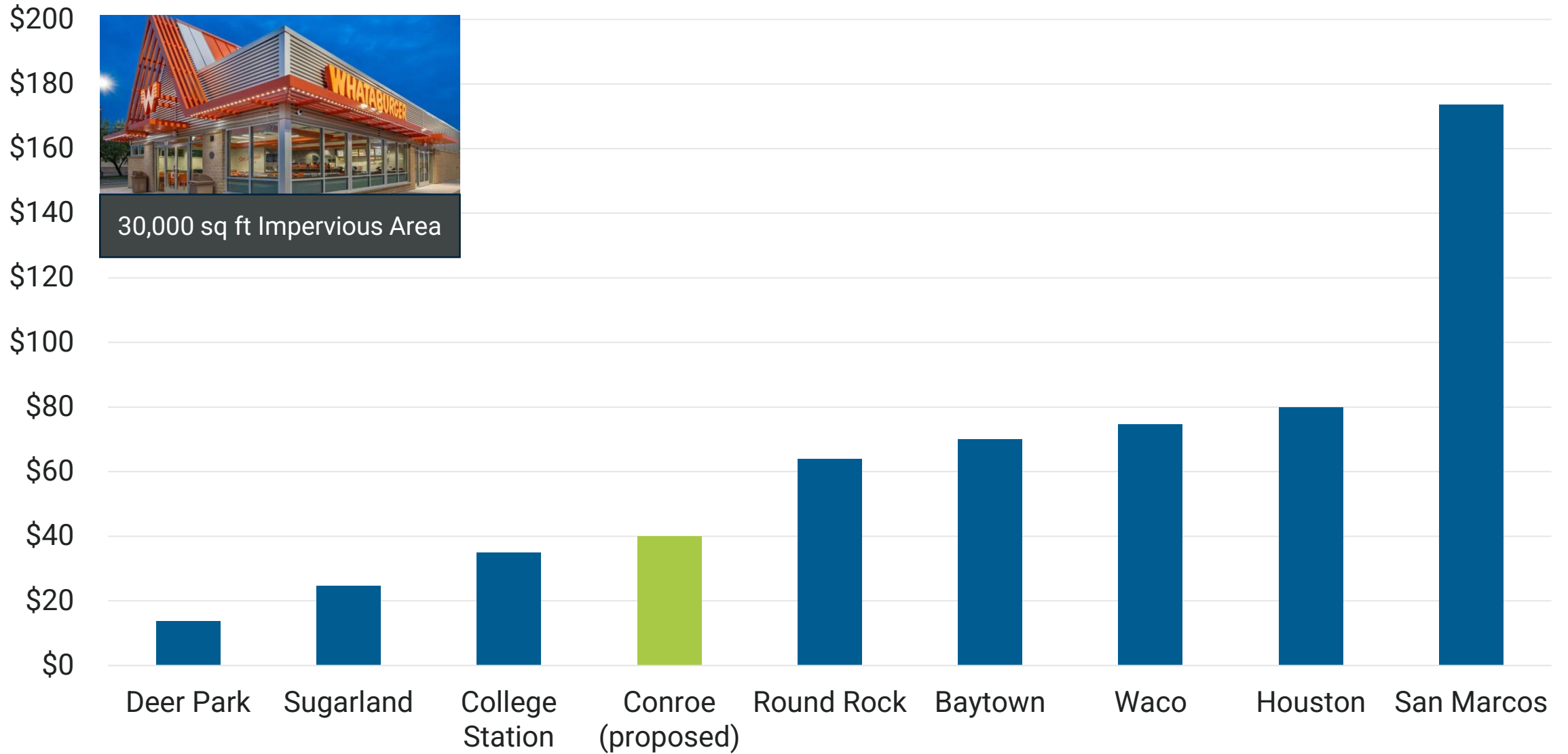


144,707 sq ft impervious area  
46 ERUs  
\$4.00/ERU/month  
**\$184.00/month**

# Residential Benchmarks



# Non-Residential Benchmarks



# Next Steps

**May – September 2026**

**April 23, 2026**  
**Council vote on adoption of stormwater utility ordinance and fee schedule**

**Utility Bill Preparation**

**October 1, 2026**  
**Stormwater Bills Go-Live**

**Staff Responsibility Preparation**

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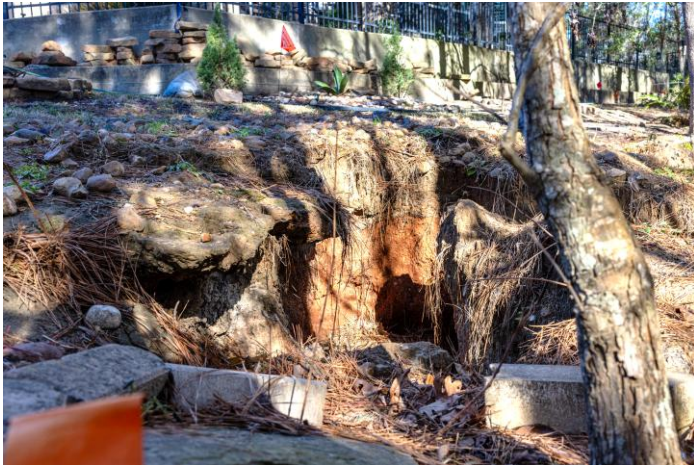
# Challenges Facing Stormwater Systems



Flooding



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Creek Erosion



Debris Accumulation



Water Pollution