

**WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER
Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU)
FY23 Annual Report – Executive Summary
October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024**

Ordinance 2015-045 adopts a countywide Uniform Standard for Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) And Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Advisory Boards.

Sec. 4-1-18. Duties/Responsibilities

The advisory board shall make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners and staff, limited to the scope and purpose of the Unit which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. To make recommendations to the County for expenditure of the funds within the budget in accordance with the law and Board of County Commissioners approved purchasing guidelines;
2. To make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the annual proposed budget for the Unit.

Purpose

Code of Laws and Ordinances, ARTICLE XIII. - WEST CHARLOTTE STORMWATER UTILITY UNIT, Sec. 4-5-285. - Purpose.

The purpose of the unit is to provide for the financing, design, construction, maintenance and operation of a stormwater management system, plan for future infrastructure needs for drainage, accrue or borrow funds for future work, and carry out such work for all primary drainage infrastructure as determined by the county engineer. The purpose shall include the financing of the county's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System's (NPDES) permit and its requirements, as well as any costs associated with the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) program. The purpose shall also include water quality monitoring and native and invasive aquatic plant control with the use of chemical, biological and mechanical methods.

Summary

Current Rate: \$45.46 Per Acre Vacant / \$50 Per Acre Occupied Max Rate: \$125

The FY24 completed work program included all internal maintenance and administrative costs, including 776,514 square yards of major outfall maintenance. Services were contracted for landscaping, pipe lining and the National Pollution Discharge Elimination (NPDES) permit.

The current fiscal year work program includes all internal maintenance and administrative costs, including aquatic weed control. Services are contracted for pipe lining, concrete flatwork, the NPDES permit, Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) programs, water quality monitoring, South Gulf Cove lock maintenance, and engineering for the canal sediment removal program.

For FY26, the Advisory Board recommends budgeting for all internal maintenance and administrative costs, and contracted services for pipe lining, concrete flatwork, the NPDES permit, water quality monitoring, South Gulf Cove lock maintenance, and the canal sediment removal program.