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**MEETING TYPE:** Board of Alderman

**DATE:** April 14, 2025

**SUBMITTED BY:** Michael D. Ambrose

**ITEM TYPE:** Consideration

**AGENDA SECTION:** Consent Agenda

**SUBJECT:** **Consider Approval of an Equivalent Residential Unit Study for Commercial Properties Through Gradient PLLC (Project# 25-105)**

### **DETAILS:**

Currently, the Town operates on a fixed stormwater fee for all customers, based on the type of structure. The current stormwater fee is currently five dollars for residential customers, and ten dollars for commercial and industrial customers. This funding only allows for approximately \$122,000 dollars in revenue per year, based on current customer count. This funding doesn't allow Town Staff to adequately address the concerns of sinkholes, and failing pipes in our community.

The other way to fund stormwater projects is to allow for an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) Study which will identify what the town's ERU is, and allow the Board to set an ERU rate for each types of customers. An ERU is defined as a standardized unit of measure used to equate non-residential or multi-family properties to a specific number of single-family residences.

For example, if the Town's ERU rate is five dollars, and an ERU for the town is identified as 3000 square feet, and a commercial customer's property is estimated at 6000 square feet the customer will be charged ten dollars a month.

After knowing the official ERU, then the town can begin to charge commercial and industrial customers based on the total impervious areas of their property, which largely contribute to the town's stormwater system's increase in flows today.

Town Staff have solicited informal bids, from several vendors, however the only vendor willing to quote our size stormwater utility is Gradient PLLC in the amount of \$28,750 dollars.