



# **City of Cañon City**

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## **Second Quarter 2011 Stormwater Management Program News**

### **Announcements**

- All past editions of the Stormwater Management Program News have been archived on the City of Cañon City's website. You may read them by visiting our website at <http://www.canoncity.org/Utilities/Stormwater.htm> Watch for the 2010 Annual Stormwater Program review which will be posted soon.
- Plans are underway for a Stormwater Information table at the Blossom Festival's craft fair at Veteran's Park. Be sure to stop by for demonstrations and information!

It seems that spring is starting to make an appearance. I would like to send a gentle reminder to everyone: While enjoying the warming weather by being outdoors doing yard work, automotive repairs or just playing – please remember the impacts you may have on stormwater runoff – even when the sun is shining. Make sure to bag yard waste and place in your garbage can for collection. Clean up spills from automotive repairs immediately. Pick up after your pets. And as you fertilize your yard remember to apply only the amount recommended by the manufacturer. Remember: anything that ends up on the sidewalk or in the street and along the gutter has the potential to be washed down a storm drain and into the river *without* being treated first. I'm sure we all want to do what we can to keep pollution out of the Arkansas River and Four Mile Creek.

### **2010 Stormwater Fiscal Overview**

One of the most common questions we hear is "What is being done with the Stormwater Utility Fee?" This issue of the newsletter will provide a very brief fiscal overview of stormwater revenues and expenditures for 2009 and 2010 and the proposed budget for 2011. The information presented below was taken from the 2011 Budget for the City of Cañon City, which can be viewed at [www.canoncity.org](http://www.canoncity.org).

**Revenues - Stormwater Utility Fees** – This fee generates over 90% of the funds used for the operation and management of our Federal and State mandated stormwater management program. The program includes the six areas discussed in previous newsletters as well as repair and maintenance of our stormwater infrastructure and stormwater-related capital improvements. The Utility Fee is based upon the area of impervious surface (such as buildings, driveways, patios, sidewalks and other hard surfaces) which is present on each property. The current fee is \$0.001821 per square foot.

**Other Fees** – This revenue is derived from enforcement penalties, impact fees, runoff management fees and supplemental funding from grants.

**Expenditures - Repair/Maintenance** – The stormwater program is responsible for the City's stormwater management facilities and infrastructure such as detention basins, drainageways, inlets, pipes and outfalls. Funding is provided for both Public Works and contracted services to maintain these facilities.

**Capital Outlay** – Funds in this category are used for major new stormwater projects and rehabilitation or replacement of existing stormwater infrastructure.

**Floodplain Management** – Funds are provided for professional consulting services, studies and oversight for compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program.

**GIS** – The stormwater program relies on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to meet several program objectives; therefore the program helps to support the GIS Authority.

**Personnel** – This category covers the costs normally associated with staff. Currently the program has two full-time Technicians.

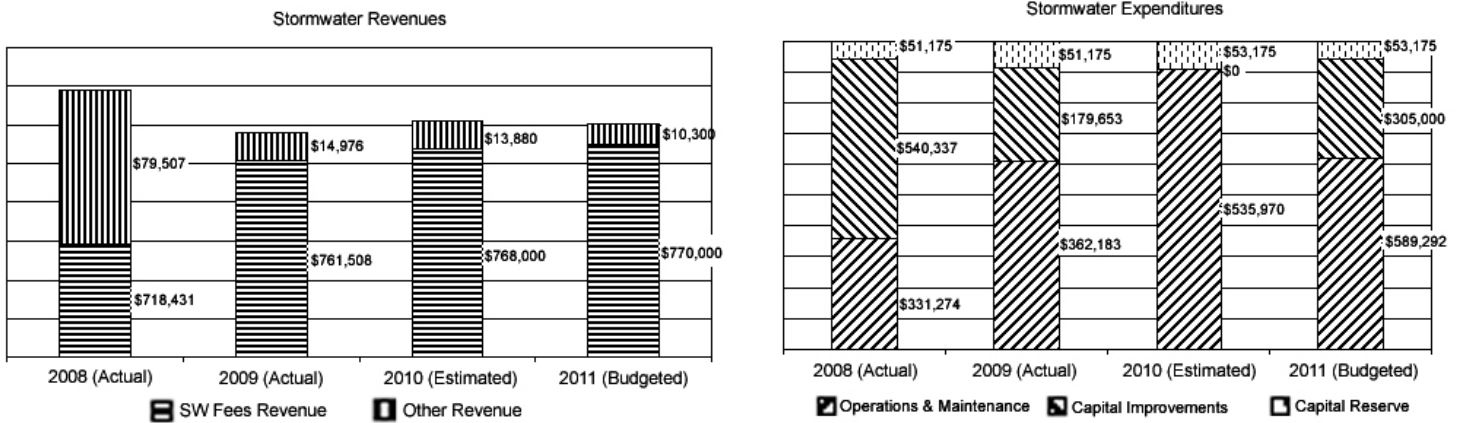
Program Support – This category includes supplies, materials, services and training used in meeting our stormwater management program goals. It also includes reimbursement for technical and administrative support provided by other City departments.

**Capital Reserve** - Any and all funds remaining at the end of the year are transferred to a capital improvement fund for future improvements to the storm sewer system.

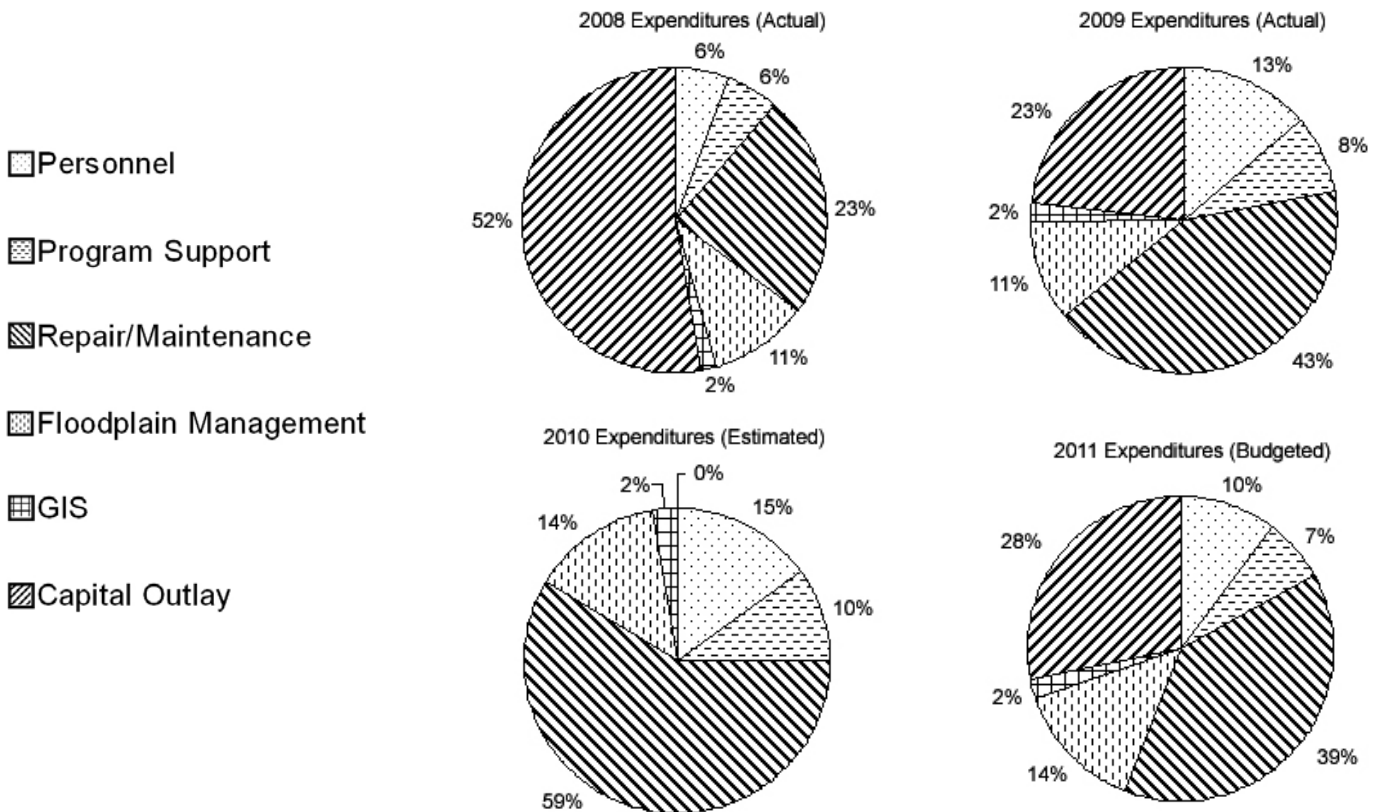
The charts below give an overview of revenues and expenditures for 2008 – 2010 and the amounts budgeted for 2011.

Revenues increase only slightly each year. This is mostly due to a decrease in new construction which means less collected in utility fees.

Cost of operations increases each year mainly due to an increase in infrastructure maintenance and repair.



These charts compare the expenditure detail for 2008 - 2011.



Please feel free to direct any concerns or questions to Glenda DeBekker, City of Cañon City Stormwater Program at either [grdebekker@canoncity.org](mailto:grdebekker@canoncity.org) or 276-5265. You may also write to The City of Cañon City’s Stormwater Program, P.O. Box 1460, Cañon City, CO 81215-1460.