

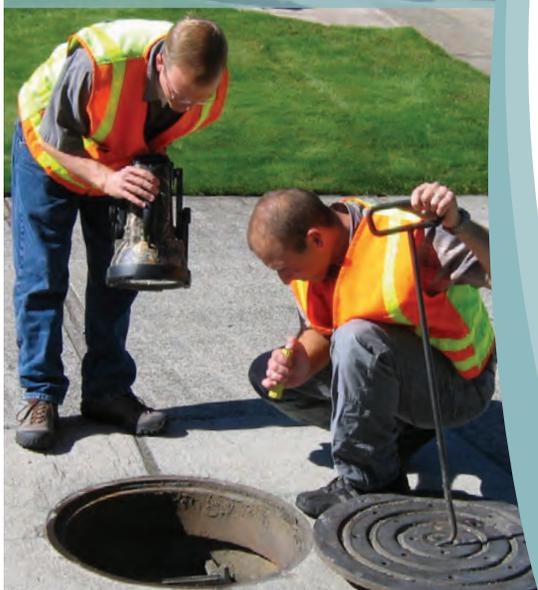
# Clark County's CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

## PAYING FOR THE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM



Encore Stormwater Facility

Over the past 11 years the number of publicly maintained stormwater facilities have more than doubled.



### Being good financial stewards

The Clean Water fee is paid by property owners in unincorporated Clark County. Approximately 66,000 property owners pay the fee, generating about \$4.9 million a year. A portion of this amount is paid by the Clark County Road Fund (\$1.9 million) as a significant amount of polluted storm runoff flows off of roads. The program has also generated up to \$2 million annually in grants, transfers, interest and other revenue. Grants are typically from the state for water quality projects and are competitive in nature. These grants are not a guaranteed source of annual funding for the program and are expected to decrease.

### Financial reserves are running low

When the county started collecting Clean Water fees in 2000, a construction program for stormwater facilities was not yet in place. In addition, there were fewer than 400 publicly-maintained stormwater facilities in the county's inventory. This allowed reserves to accumulate (from 2000 through 2006) as projects were planned, designed, and later built.

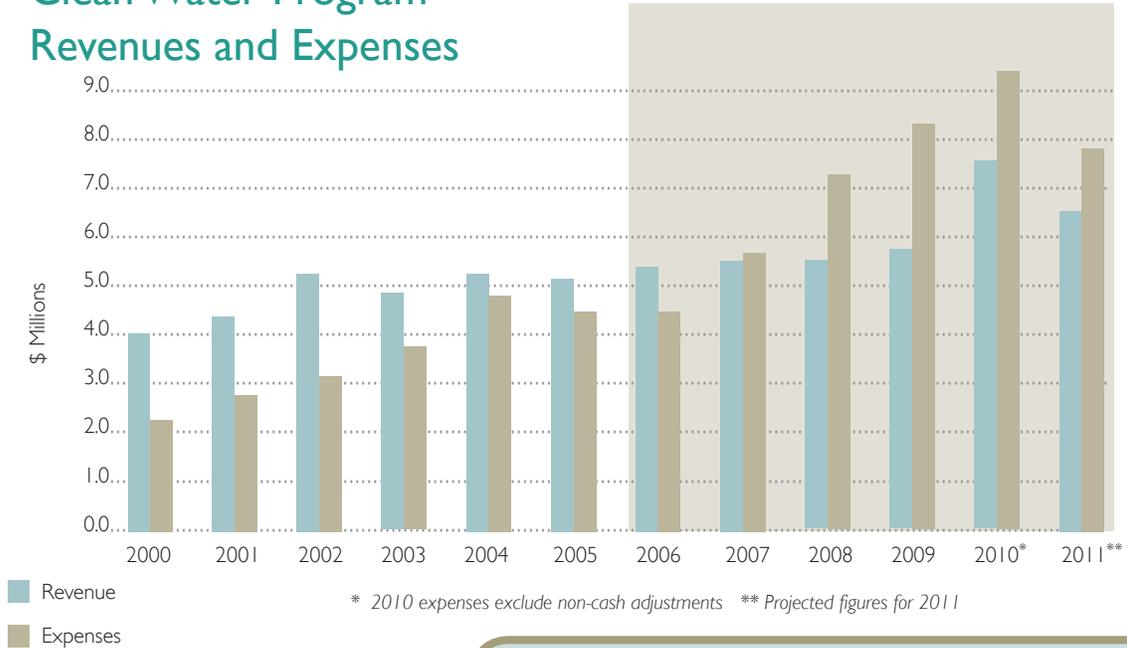
For the past four years, total expenses for the program have far exceeded revenues. Although the county has never increased the Clean Water fee, state and federal mandates have increased and required the county to build or retrofit additional stormwater facilities. With rapid development, the program inventory has grown from 400 facilities to more than 800. This means a significant amount of financial reserves were used to build new stormwater projects and maintain existing facilities.

The graphs on the back show the program's revenue and expenses for the past 11 years and increases in the number of stormwater facilities and associated maintenance costs.

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**A healthy community needs clean water.**

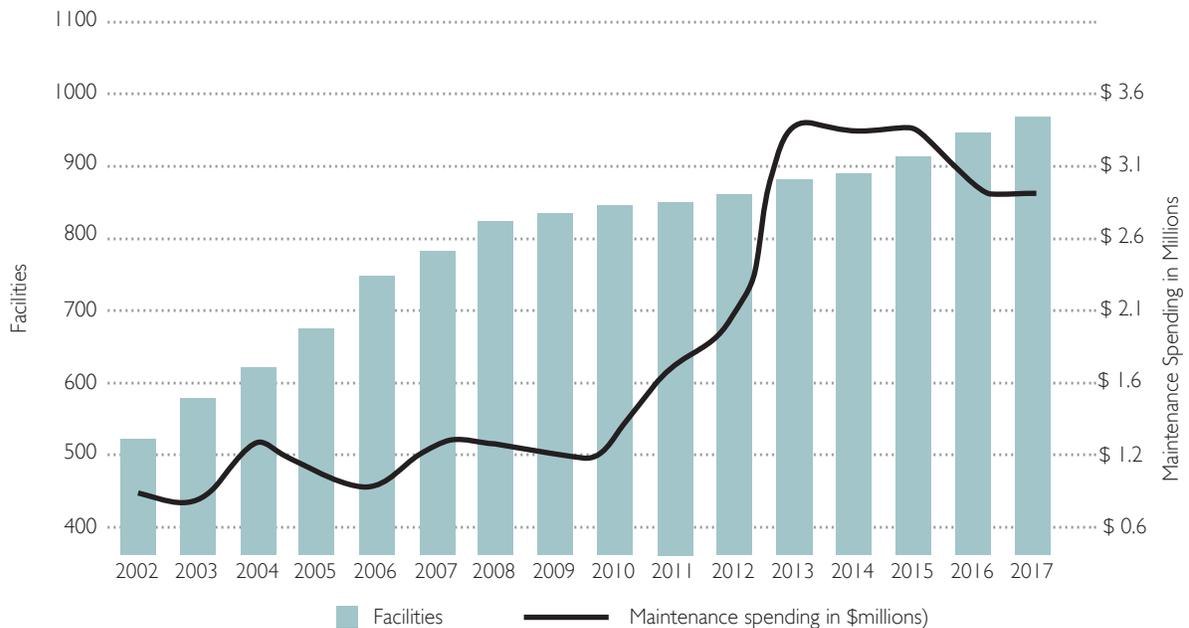
## Clean Water Program Revenues and Expenses



▲ The above graph shows the Clean Water Program's revenues and expenses for the last 11 years. Notice how in recent years, revenue is far exceeded by expenses due to increased construction and maintenance required by federal mandates.

▼ The graph below depicts the number of stormwater facilities and associated maintenance costs from 2002 projected through 2017.

## Stormwater Facility Maintenance



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