

# Survey Report

08 August 2018 - 04 June 2019

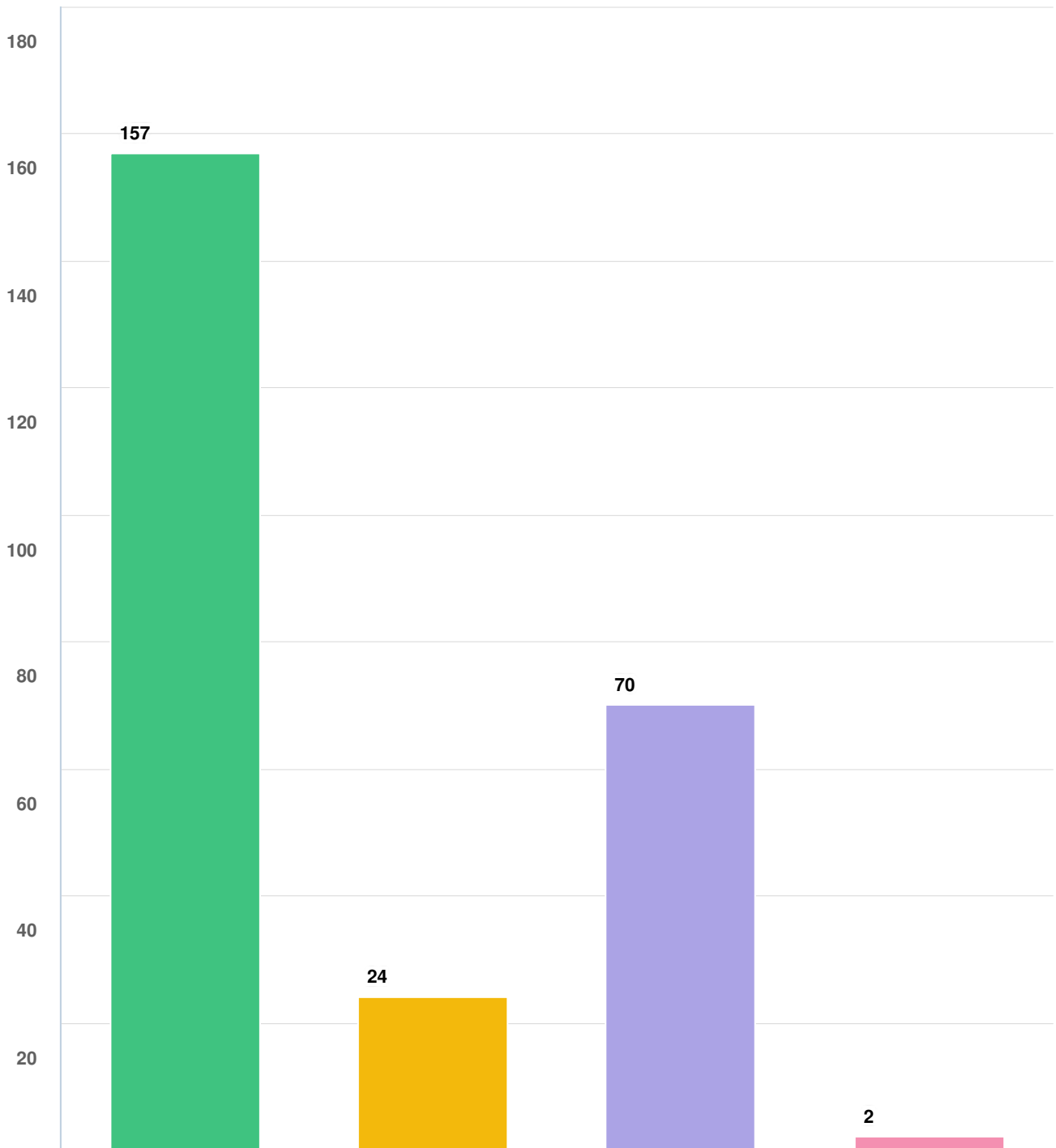
# Stormwater Survey 1

PROJECT: Study for Flood Management and Water Quality  
Funding

**Speak Up Fayetteville**



**Q1** Do you live or work in Fayetteville or own a business or other property (such as rental homes) in Fayetteville? Please check all that apply.

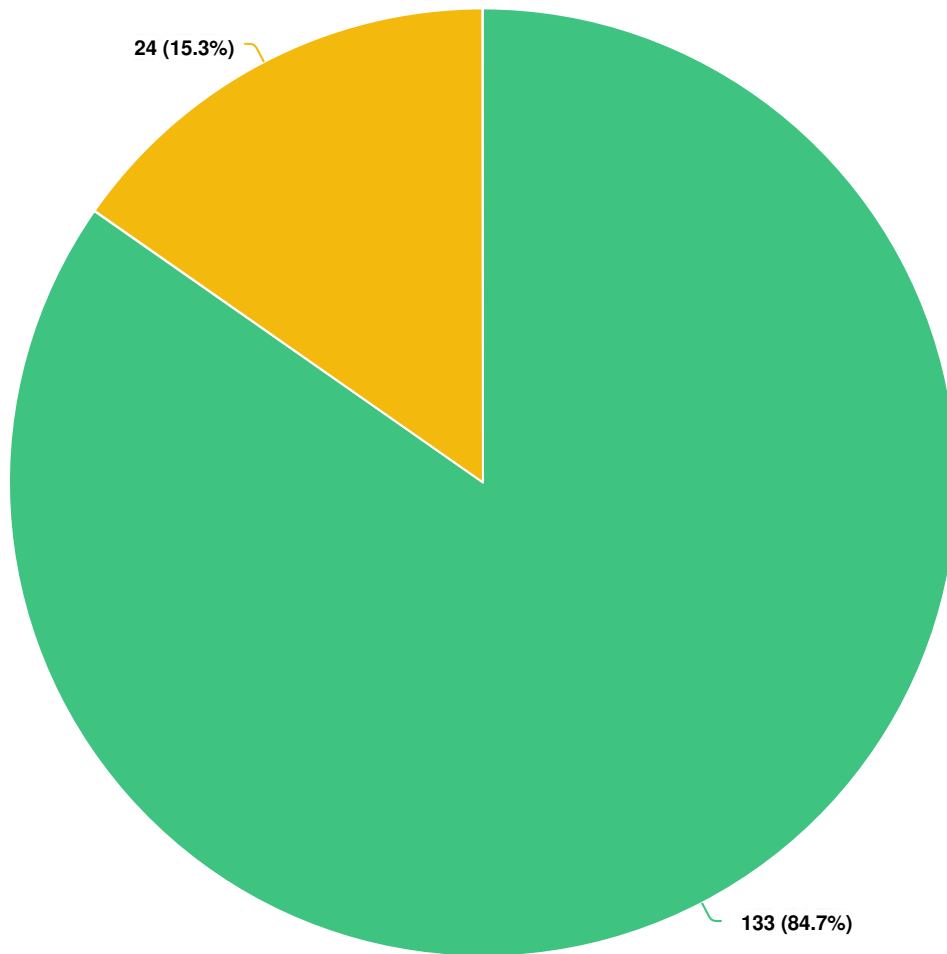


**Question options**

- I live in Fayetteville
- I own a business or other property in Fayetteville (not including my residence).
- I work in Fayetteville
- I do not live or work in Fayetteville

(166 responses, 0 skipped)

**Q2** | Do you own or rent your home?

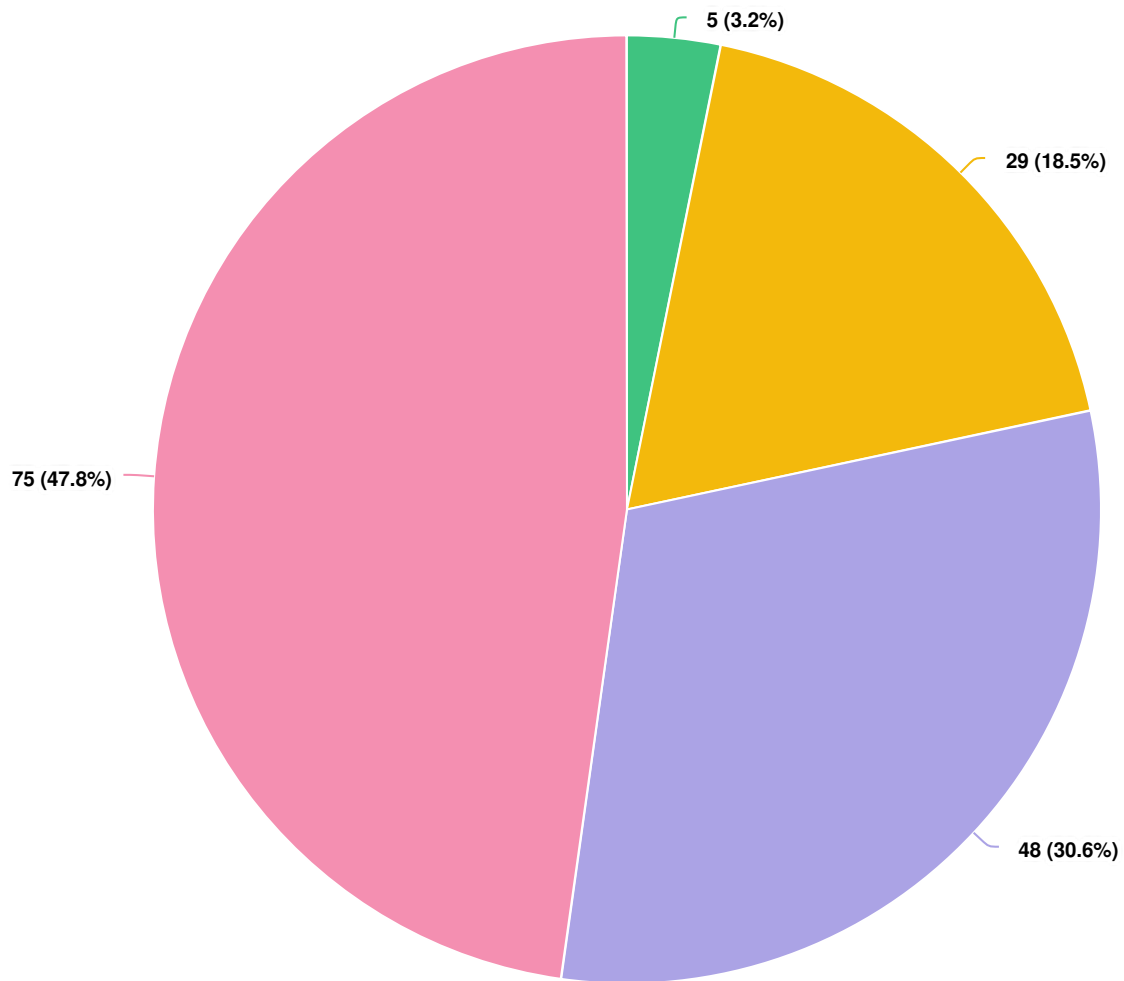


**Question options**

- Own
- Rent

(157 responses, 9 skipped)

**Q3** How long have you lived in Fayetteville?

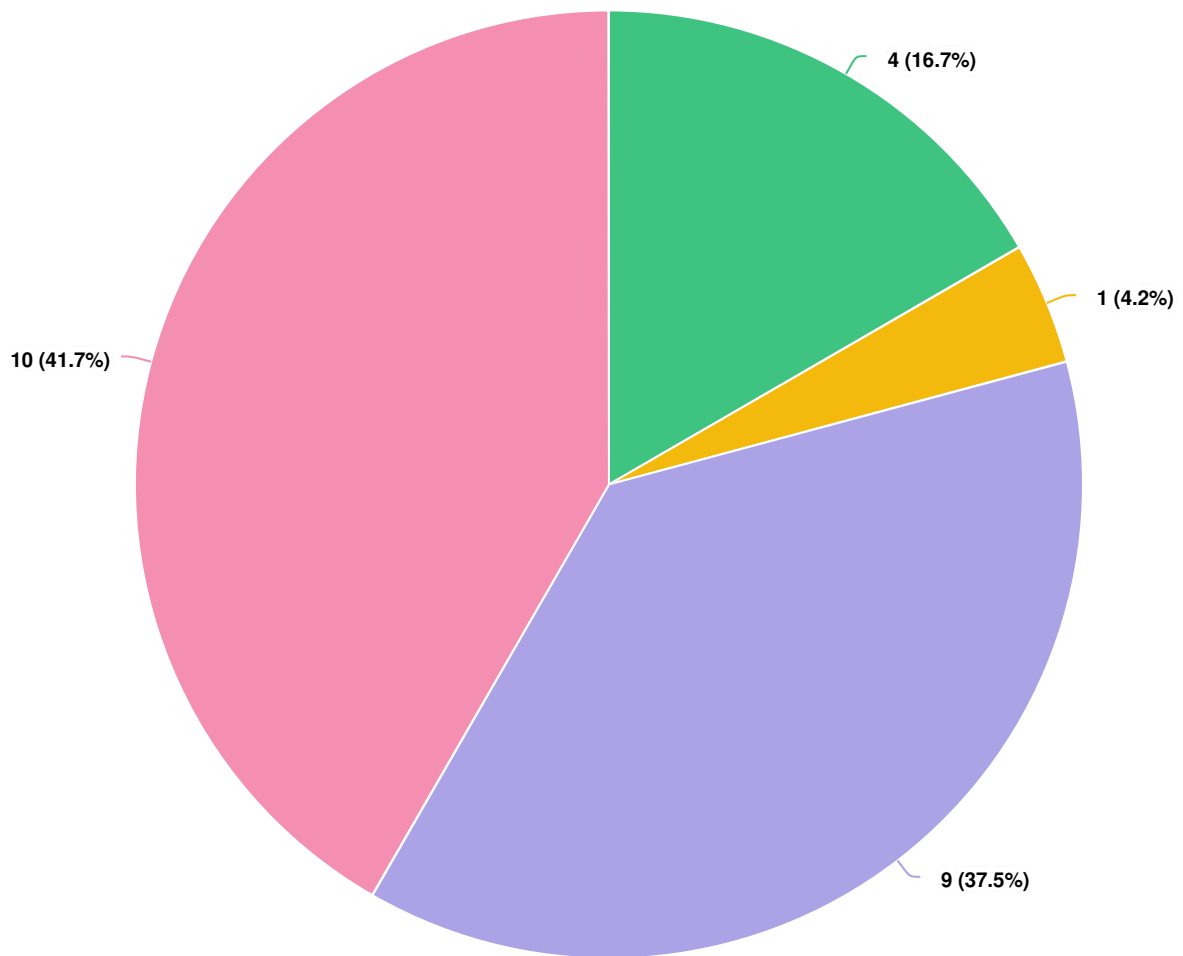


**Question options**

- Under 1 year
- 1 to 5 years
- 5 to 15 years
- Over 15 years

(157 responses, 9 skipped)

**Q4** How long have you owned a business or other property in Fayetteville?

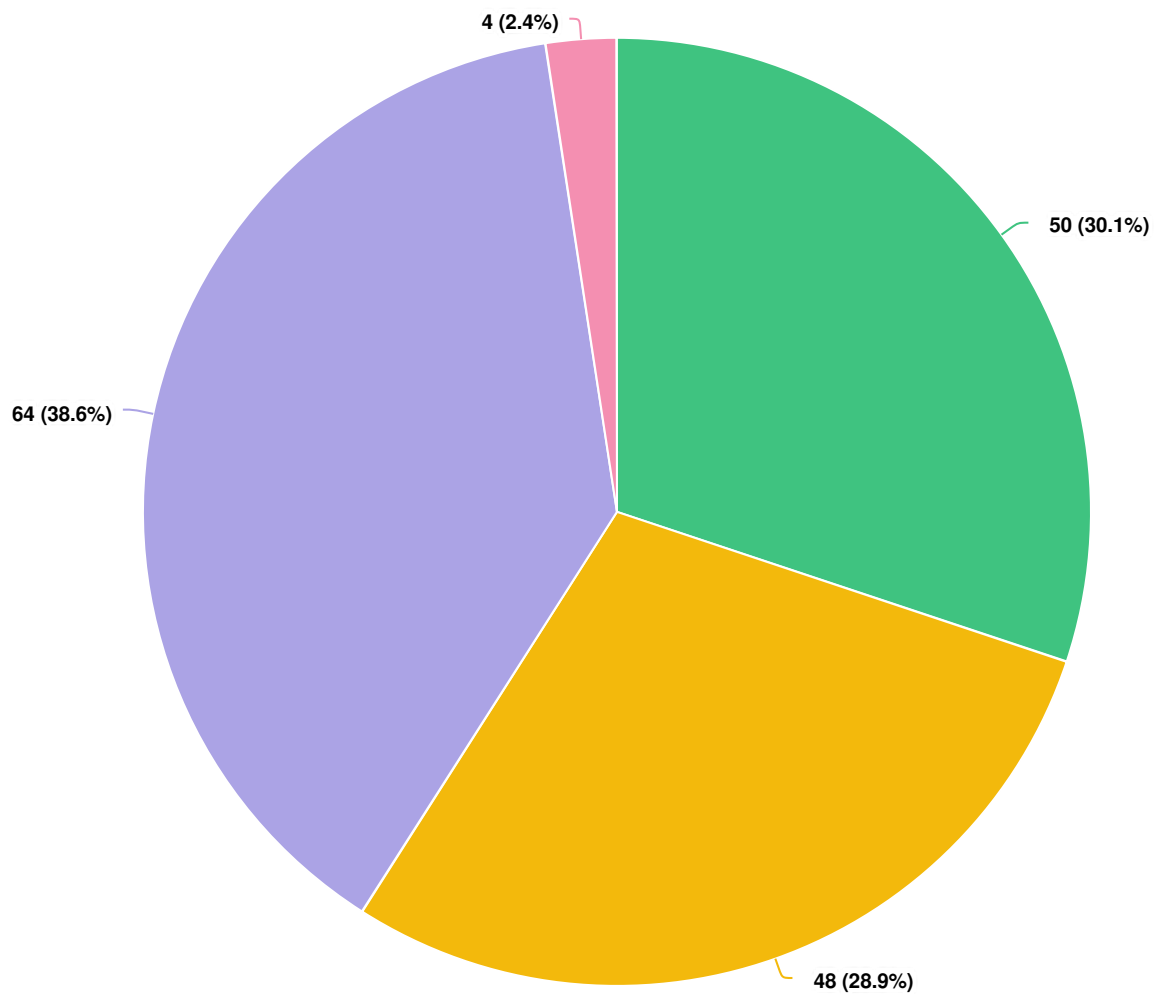


**Question options**

- Under 1 year
- 1 to 5 years
- 5 to 15 years
- Over 15 years

(24 responses, 142 skipped)

**Q5** | A "public drainage easement" is a designated area of a property where storm water runoff must be allowed to flow across the property, either through open ditches or through an underground pipe system. The City must have access to this area to be a...

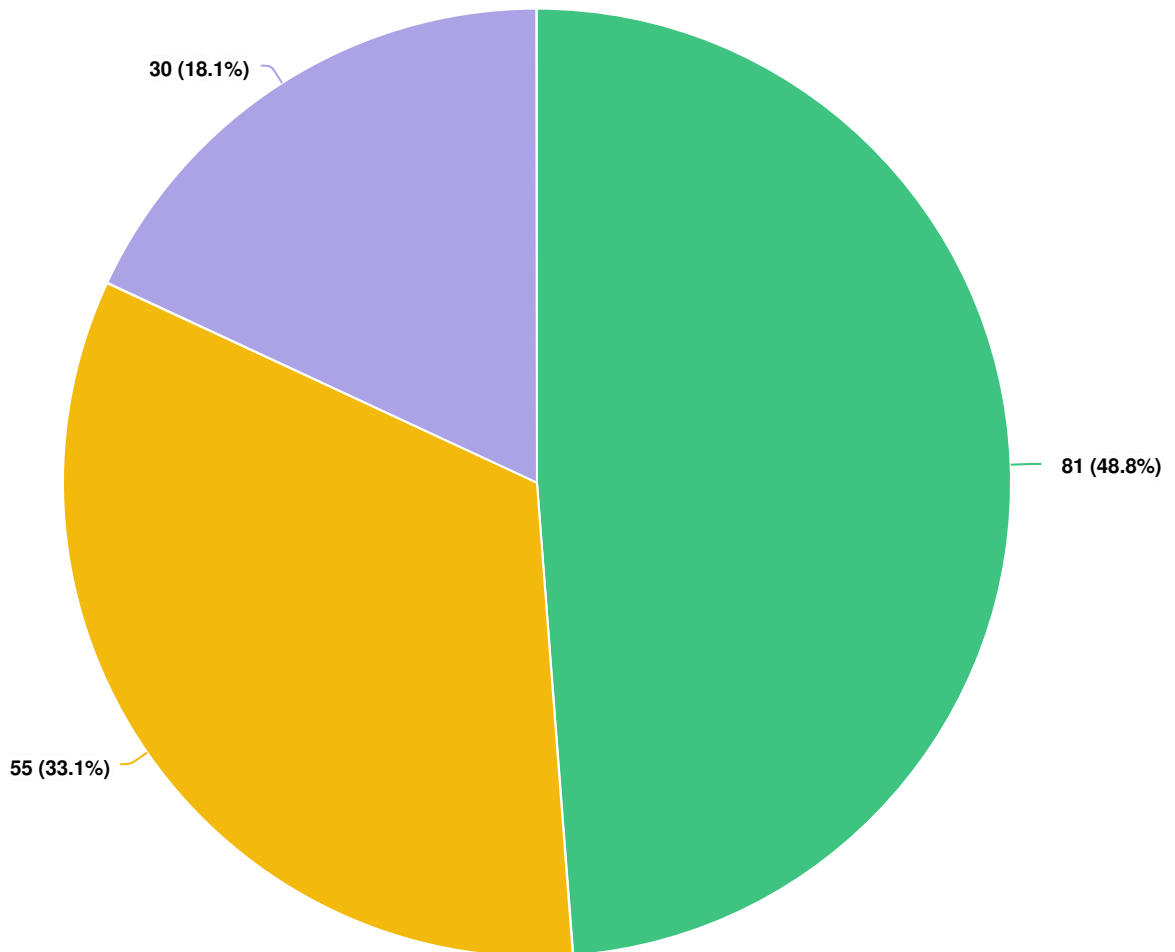


**Question options**

Yes No I don't know Does not apply

Optional question (166 responses, 0 skipped)

**Q6** How serious are drainage issues in the area of Fayetteville where your property is located?

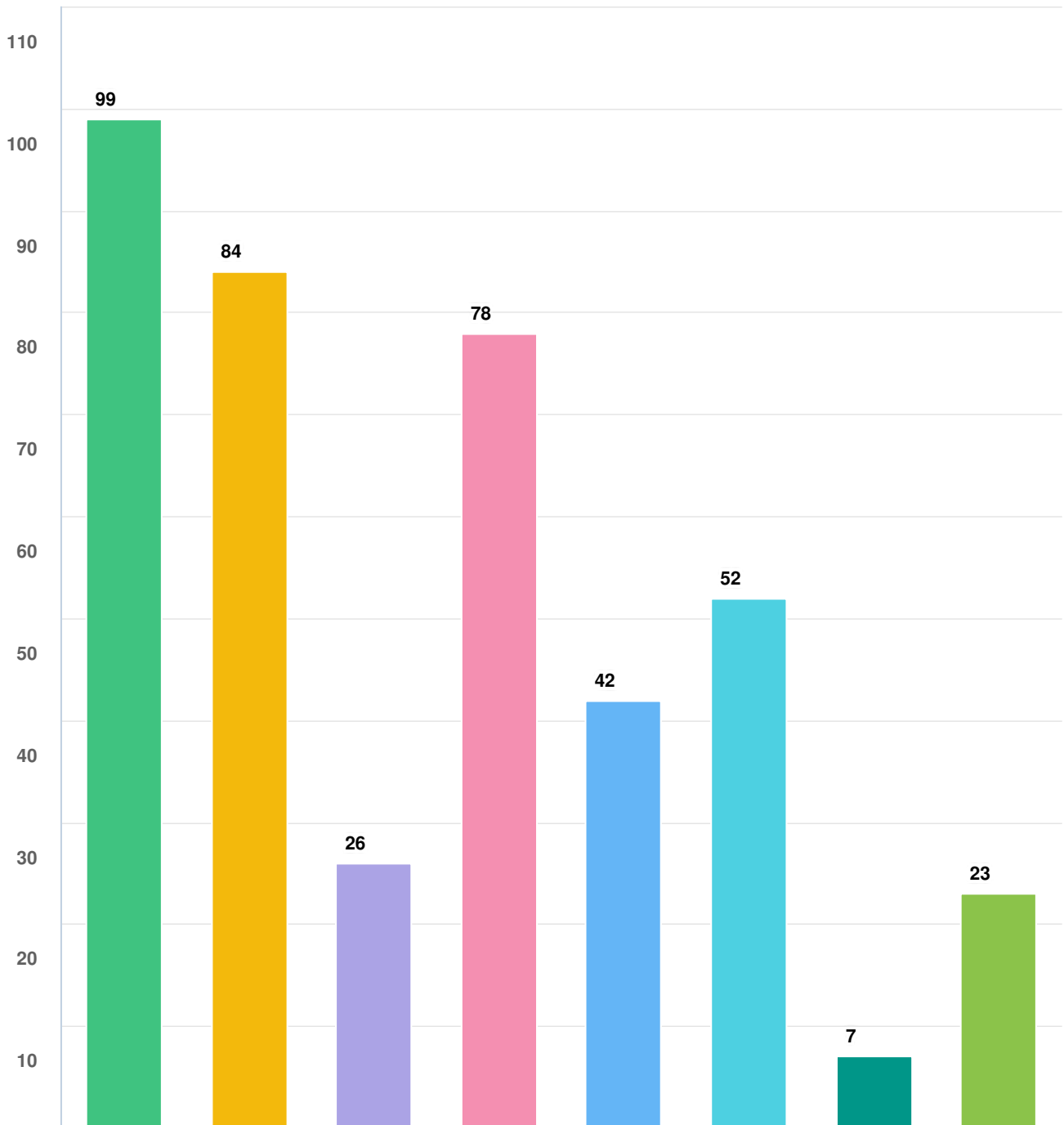


**Question options**

- Major problem
- Minor problem
- Not a problem

(166 responses, 0 skipped)

**Q7** What kind of drainage issues have you experienced near your home or business?



**Question options**

- Flooding in streets, roads, or private drives near your home or business
- Flooding anywhere on your property
- Flooding inside your home or business
- Trash/debris in streams or drainage ditches
- Pollution in streams, ponds, or lakes
- Soil and/or stream bank erosion
- Other
- I have not experienced any drainage issues

(166 responses, 0 skipped)



**Q8** | Please explain

sstephenson  
10/01/2018 09:01 AM

I do not live in Fayetteville - I am a visitor.

tbrownii  
1/04/2019 09:07 AM

Major rain events cause my basement to flood.

Baton5087  
1/07/2019 06:45 PM

Road damage so much so that in earthed a sewer line

IrishPrincess  
1/10/2019 12:00 PM

Minimal slope in neighborhood so drainage is slow. Compounded by neighbors allowing drainage ditch to infill with volunteer trees/shrubs and some neighbors INTENTIONALLY blowing fall leaves into ditch to INTENTIONALLY infill to lessen mow slope.

Anonymous  
1/15/2019 03:34 PM

I have flooding under the crawl space of my house.

Anonymous  
1/23/2019 12:17 PM

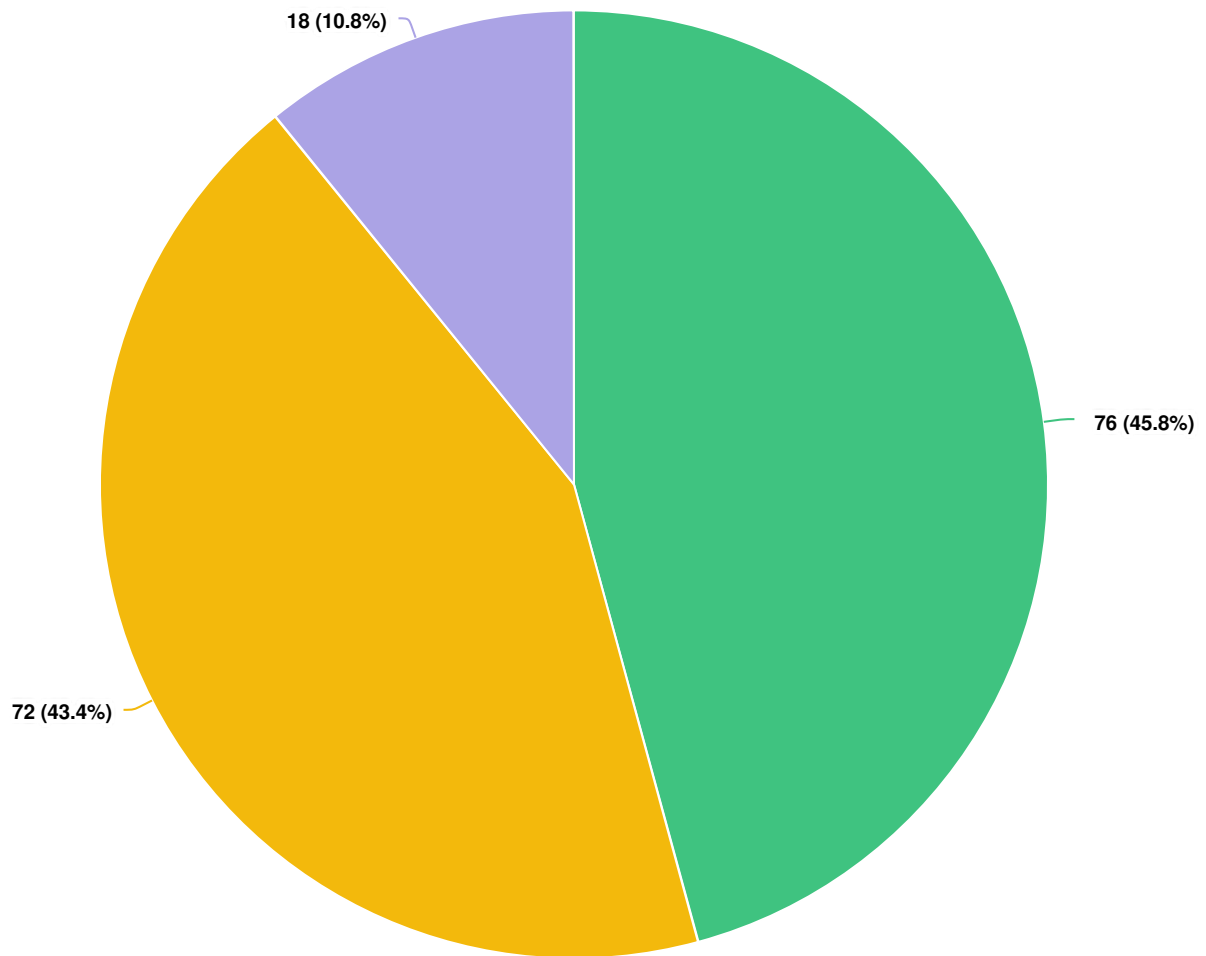
Major sheeting of stormwater off of parking lot that has mud from work equipment

Anonymous  
2/27/2019 11:37 AM

Deer and wildlife use the drainage easements, designated wetlands to come and go. New development and fences have blocked and so they get killed on roads.

**Optional question** (7 responses, 159 skipped)

**Q9** Was your home or business affected by the April 2017 storm?

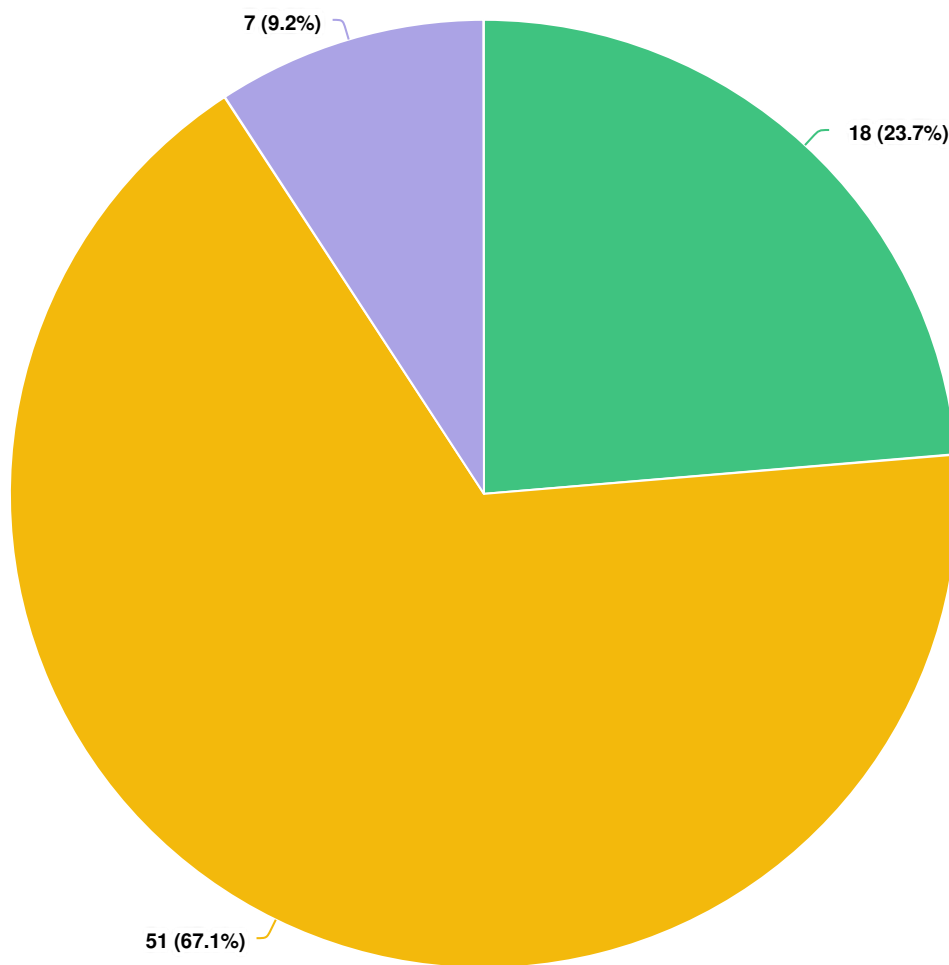


**Question options**

● Yes ● No ● I don't know

(166 responses, 0 skipped)

**Q10** | If your property was impacted, did you place a flood service request with the City? If you answered "no," please consider adding a pin to the City's interactive <a href="https://speakup.fayetteville-ar.gov/study/maps/flooding-and-drainage-interact..."

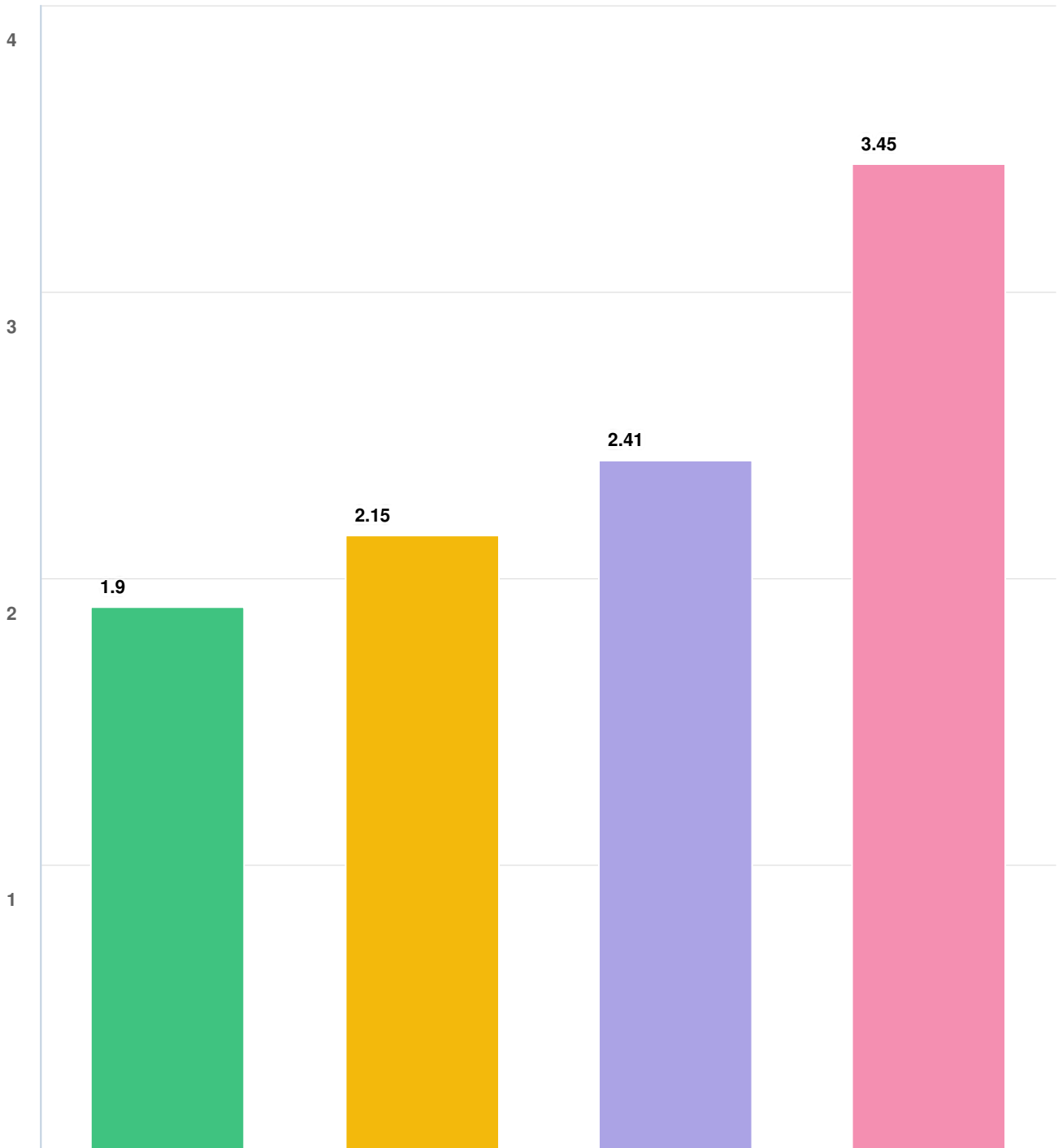


**Question options**

● Yes ● No ● Don't know

(76 responses, 90 skipped)

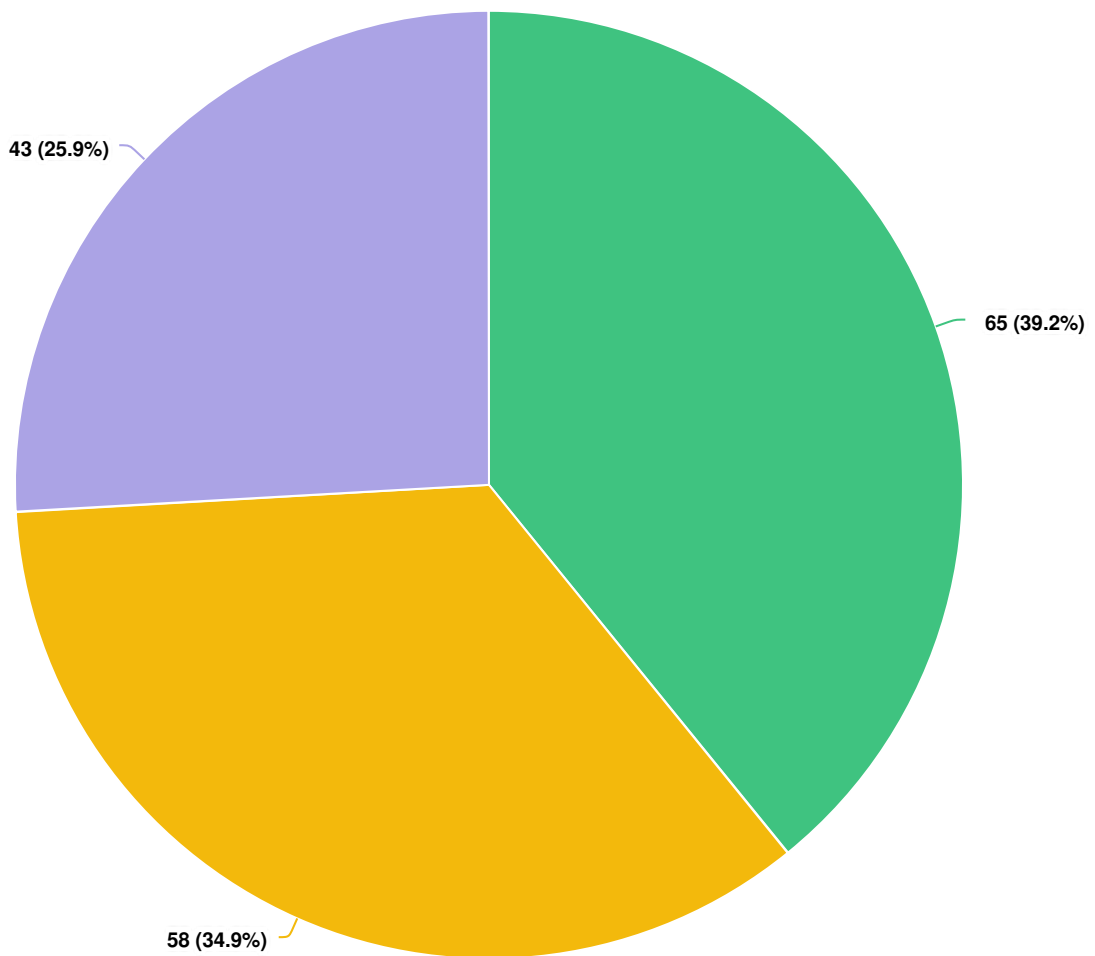
**Q11** Recognizing that stormwater services in Fayetteville will require additional funding, please rank the following methods of providing this funding in the order of your preference, with 1 being your most preferred means of funding and 4 being your le...



**Question options**

- Dedicated stormwater fee charged to utility users
- Periodic bond referendums
- Additional general funds, taxes
- No change

**Q12** An "impervious surface" is any structure that rainwater cannot soak into, including roofs, driveways, sidewalks, roads, patios, and parking lots. Would you be willing to pay a monthly fee, based on the amount of impervious surface on your property,...



**Question options**

● Yes ● No ● Maybe

(166 responses, 0 skipped)

**Q13 | Please explain**

Ljmont

9/21/2018 02:01 AM

Depends on the amount

tag08

9/26/2018 12:18 PM

What if people rent, have no choice in the amount of impervious surfaces on their property, and can't afford to pay a monthly fee? I suppose it would need to be a small fee!

pthibodaux

10/01/2018 10:32 AM

for private residencies i don't think the amount of impervious surface area would be too large, but for businesses with off-street parking, this tax may be seen as an undue burden that could further hinder new new development within the city, leading to

cbbmorton

10/01/2018 02:03 PM

I would be willing to pay if there were incentives/plans to help homeowners reduce the amount of impervious cover on their property.

Infill=flooding

10/08/2018 09:13 AM

I am on

chris1510

1/04/2019 08:01 AM

The work done on bigger pipes left the ground impervious clay. That needs to be addressed.

LR Hitt

1/04/2019 10:22 AM

will government be assessed as well?

Mike

1/04/2019 05:24 PM

Sounds reasonable, just don't know enough about it.

cchandler

1/07/2019 08:10 AM

I like the idea of more impervious surface more fee. Smaller homes wouldn't pay as much. But I could see this being a huge hit to businesses. Maybe if it was staggered and gave businesses time to adjust.

marlawebb

1/07/2019 02:51 PM

Just depends on how it is administered

Egodram

1/08/2019 05:44 PM

I'm not sure I understand this specific question correctly.

TCaston

1/08/2019 06:14 PM

Maybe, if it meant my building wouldn't flood

voxtacet

1/08/2019 09:11 PM

Depends on how much it is.

Anonymous

1/09/2019 11:16 AM

I would need more information.

Anonymous

1/09/2019 04:30 PM

I suppose that would depend of how much it was and if it was equitably levied. Also, I like the idea of credits if property owners are doing things to mitigate the problem.

Lander323

Only with plan approval showing how my property will be positively impacted

1/09/2019 06:22 PM

Teresa Turk

1/10/2019 08:10 AM

This would depend on how the fee is calculated, the amount and who is included in the fee structure.

Anonymous

1/10/2019 10:57 AM

Should be fair and not punitive.

Anonymous

1/11/2019 07:50 AM

Depends on the basis of the calculation and how its administered for residential vs. commercial.

Anonymous

1/11/2019 08:31 AM

SINCE 2011 I HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE MAYORS OFFICE, TRANSPORTATION DEPT. CHRIS BROWN, ALAN PUGH & EVERYON INVOLVED IN FLOODING ISSUES. I HAVE SENT LETTERS& PHOTOS FROM MYSELF & NEIGHBORS CALLED.NOT EVEN SIMPLE MAINTANCE HAD BEEN DONE.

Anonymous

1/11/2019 10:41 AM

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Anonymous

1/11/2019 08:03 PM

more information on the formula and areas where it would be applied would be needed

nshapter

1/12/2019 08:26 AM

I am not sure I understand this proposal well enough.

juscox

1/16/2019 11:00 AM

Would need to better understand the fee and how it could be adjusted long term.

Anonymous

1/17/2019 08:46 AM

I'd need more details as I'm currently suing the City over several floods damaging my home and business due to neglect and lack of upkeep from the city.

Michael Paul

1/17/2019 01:00 PM

Our home is located at the end of a long blacktop driveway, but the flooding comes from the Owl Creek at the rear of our property, and it came into our house in 2017.

Anonymous

1/17/2019 02:09 PM

Depends on cost

Anonymous

1/22/2019 08:16 AM

Depends on fee and how used.

Anonymous

1/24/2019 11:57 AM

I would need more information on what this would look like

Anonymous

1/26/2019 04:37 PM

I rent currently so i am unsure how this would manifest itself for me.

Anonymous

1/29/2019 09:21 AM

Percent open space per lot is an important to evaluate & regulate. Perhaps require that 15% to 20%, or more, of each lot is permeable. An applicant can demonstrate & staff can evaluate this at master plan & plan check.

Anonymous

2/27/2019 11:37 AM

Seems impractical since many of the impervious surfaces are owned by government bodies, such as parking lots.

**Optional question** (32 responses, 134 skipped)



**Q14 | Do you have any additional comments about flood management and water quality funding in Fayetteville you would like to share?**

Greg w

9/20/2018 03:58 PM

This is needed to keep the city growing and serving its citizens.

killerlanddolphin

9/21/2018 01:05 PM

"Fees" associated with impervious area on properties/developments are already paid through dedicated detention zones, minimum tree canopy cover, and mitigation wetlands. I would NOT support an additional tax based on impervious area.

Teresa Turk

9/24/2018 08:09 PM

I believe the planning and zoning of future development should be carefully reviewed. No development should be allowed in a flood zone or property developed that will impact property downstream by creating impervious surfaces. Major changes are needed to the review process and possibly the uniform development code.

keastin

9/25/2018 01:21 PM

Related to the above question, would it be possible to develop incentives for preservation of drainage on site through bioswales, rain gardens, or rainwater collection for metered irrigation?

tag08

9/26/2018 12:18 PM

Thank you for addressing this issue and protecting our creeks and streams.

Deborah Quinn

9/27/2018 05:36 AM

-The flooding of the creek in front of butterfield school has been caused by too many permits and designs down creek from the flooding area, causing back up. -I question why the federal government would not be responsible in part since this is a waterway. - Someone in this city has benefited from allowing those building permits and designs; why are they not beeing charged for this. -Why were the permits given out so easily without an on-site investigation of this very predictable effect of back up. -Why was the Rolling Hills drainage changed, adding more water into the creek at a faster pace, without a real-world knowledge of the problem, that the water had no place it could go? -Why hasn't there previously been a savings fund set up for inadequate drainage management for the city of Fayetteville...which is how old now?? -The creek running along Old Missouri is a Fayetteville City planning disaster. And again, perhaps there may be some applicable federal funding for waterways. The fix: redesign downstream to allow faster drainage. PS: I don't mean to be a bear, I'm just frustrated that I personally had to spend thousands of dollars just to "try" to keep the run off out of my garage, a situation that I asked you to watch out for when we were having meetings to change Old Missouri and put in that new bridge many years ago. I believe that a stormwater utility for all of northwest Arkansas would be the best. The utility could set up a fee structure for residents, businesses, and industries for all the communities that require stormwater regulations. I do not live or work in Fayetteville, but I visit it almost daily and believe that I should still help mitigate the effects of stormwater.

sstephenson

10/01/2018 09:01 AM

pthibodaux

10/01/2018 10:32 AM

flood management and water quality funding should be appropriated in conjunction with general street funds; the two are closely linked.

cbbmorton

10/01/2018 02:03 PM

I don't have enough information to answer the funding question. I am in favor of paying for storm water problems if the City's solution is forward thinking. In other words, I don't want to provide funding to band aid the problem. More ditches/culverts/ higher curbs etc... is not the solution. More permeable surfaces, more native vegetation, more education about the problems is a long term sustainable solution

Infill=flooding

10/08/2018 09:13 AM

I am already spending a lot of money every month for flood insurance and I'm very low income and it's either this house or public housing-it's hard to pay bills every month already... I think the people who should be paying this are the people who are building brand new. Quarter million dollar houses with almost no green space on the property. It is this kind of infill that is making the flooding and water quality so much worse. I am already paying the price for Fayetteville development. And flood insurance and stress and in reduced property value. The people who are developing Fayetteville and the people who are buying these brand new unfilled no green space properties are the people who should pay a fee like this.

Maverick

10/13/2018 02:05 PM

We need to be using MUCH more drainage like the special paver sections in Gordon Walker Park in Fayetteville. The city needs to lead the way on this. Tax credits should be given to businesses that utilize these.

DRAINTHESWAMP

12/27/2018 06:29 AM

Leave my yard and ditch ALONE

chris1510

1/04/2019 08:01 AM

I was unaware of this study until I attended the City Council meeting the other night. I suggest that the different "neighborhood" groups get notice.

LisaO

1/04/2019 08:16 AM

Allow developers to only develop on surfaces that are already impervious. Do not add more impervious surfaces in Fayetteville. Do not cut down trees or ruin natural habitat. Especially on hill tops and sides as well as hilly parts of town. Our neighborhood's flooding comes from the many springs and wet weather flows in our hilly neighborhood where impervious surfaces were built uphill. For example, do not allow any development on Markham Hill and the hilly neighborhoods surrounding it. Hilly areas of Fayetteville should be off limits from development.

tbrownii

1/04/2019 09:07 AM

If we base a fee on % imperviousness we also need to factor in mitigating conditions on a property (hydrologic soil type, % slope, Low Impact Development actions implemented, etc.).

LR Hitt

1/04/2019 10:22 AM

I live down hill from the VA. The more they have surfaced over the years, the more my yard floods when it rains. There WAS a drain underneath the sidewalk, but the city broke it and failed to repair it when they replaced the water lines so my front yard stays wet for days after it rains

Mike

1/04/2019 05:24 PM

Annual storm drain inlet cleaning should be included in the cost/charges of the program. Storm drainage ditches should be cleaned annually by property owners.

elooper

1/05/2019 11:23 PM

I would like more information on how to manage drainage issues on my property

cchandler

1/07/2019 08:10 AM

Something needs to be done to improve flood management. MLK is a major Fayetteville road and any time there's a lot of rain it floods and is dangerous

jtulrich

1/07/2019 08:26 AM

to drive on (lack of visibility due to cars throwing water up on each other's windshields).

South Fayetteville, especially the neighborhoods on the South side of Cato Springs, are prone to flooding and large amounts of weird clay behavior that can wreck foundations and other solid concrete forms (such as driveways). Any particular help to this area would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you! This is needed badly on north side of Mt Sequoyah.

dmosley

1/07/2019 12:47 PM

John Dupree

1/07/2019 02:02 PM

Storm water runoff and flooding is a real problem on Mt Sequoyah where I live

marlawebb

1/07/2019 02:51 PM

I hope you all are staying on top of the beaver dams around the Salem Road area. Beaver damage on trees can be seen from the road.

Baton5087

1/07/2019 06:45 PM

Someone needs to repair the property at 4994 W Persimmon. That poor man has gone through hell after the subdivisions were built all around him. Now any time it rains he is blocked in his home. He keeps the property nice and is always working on it then a storm comes and it is all washed away.

Ours is worse than when we moved into this home 32years ago. Ditches need cleaned out across the street, rain drains down almost to the bridge but ditch is always full so it washes across to our driveway & city has had to put gravel & fill it in twice. But it just washes all the gravel away the next hard rain. Water has ruined our driveway & bridge in our driveway. We cannot go out our driveway after a 2 inch rain. Not to mention the trash that we always have to pick up. Owl creek runs across the front of our property. We would appreciate help.

SSchwarting

1/07/2019 08:15 PM

A number of drainage inlets have silt and debris that must be kept vkeN to maximize the city's drainage efficiency.

activist

1/08/2019 02:34 AM

After the cable installation in the drainage ditch along Texas Way, the ditch was almost eliminated. The cable fills the area that was formerly a deep drainage ditch north of the road. The hillside since then has sent more water downhill, and that is why I have answered that we have a drainage issue (our house is on the steep slope below and south of Texas Way). Though over the years we have made sure the water drains immediately from under our house and doesn't cause problems there, we now notice a lot more water, for ex., on our garage floor. We also have taken measures to stop the water to some extent on our (south) side of the road. It has seemed odd to us that the cable company was allowed to fill in this ditch, which had a real purpose. Though we don't drive on Texas Way, the roadway must also often be covered with rain water (not so deep as to threaten vehicles, but deep enough to be somewhat dangerous).

Egodram

1/08/2019 05:44 PM

Maybe cleaning the garbage out of the creeks along the bike trails would help prevent future floods from getting worse.

voxtacet

1/08/2019 09:11 PM

In my neighborhood (Washington-Willow Historic District), on Johnson St, any time it rains heavily that street basically turns into a river.

TShelt

1/09/2019 08:23 AM

charging a fee based on the amount of impervious surface is unfair to businesses trying to find space to operate and on buyers of homes/properties that were not a part of the design process. This fee should be considered for only new construction but I am sure the City wants to avoid being seen as bad for businesses to expand.

Anonymous

1/09/2019 08:51 AM

I appreciate what the city is doing to address these issues and am prepared as a homeowner to do my part. Thanks for running this survey. - Lucas Regnier

Anonymous

1/09/2019 10:48 AM

The city has allowed development off Zion Road to get out of hand without adequate infrastructure improvement that should have been a requirement for Brittenum to build 33 houses in one year on property with a natural spring. The original homeowners now live in a bog.

Anonymous

1/09/2019 01:02 PM

Seems like a problem for new developments/additions. Make them pay additional costs, install more retention areas, etc.

Anonymous

1/09/2019 02:51 PM

Drainage creek behind house is clogged up, we have called everyone at city and have been ignored. Ken 479-466-2028

Tonya Landrum

1/09/2019 02:59 PM

The flooding at some of the intersections on Rolling Hills is quite serious.

maryjane

1/09/2019 03:00 PM

It is a problem that needs to be addressed and solved.

Anonymous

1/09/2019 03:55 PM

We have owned our home since 1992. We have observed the water issues grow on Stanton Avenue over the years. Ridiculous amounts of water pour off of Woodbrook through water diversion methods constructed on that street. We believe that water is to be diverted to the creek behind our home, but it is not getting there. It pours into our neighbors yard and driveway and swamps our house. The creek behind our house is so clogged with trees, rocks and who knows what else that any water that gets there soon overwhelms it and also pours into our yard. There are very few months (only the heat of the summer) when we can walk in parts of our yard. This is not how it has been over the 27 years we have been here. I'm excited about improvements on Old Wire and in Gulley Park, but I also worry about where all of that water will be diverted. We can't take any more until the creek issues are visited and things are corrected. There is a cement bank that was in place behind my neighbor's house. It now sits in the middle of the creek - with the water eating away at the banks of the yards.

Anonymous

1/09/2019 04:04 PM

Covering entire areas with buildings, parking decks and other parking areas is a major cause of this problem. The planning committee needs to rethink what they are allowing to happen and use some common sense.

Anonymous

1/09/2019 04:30 PM

I went to the presentation on 1/9/19 and thought it was well prepared and it answered many questions. Thank you for that.

Teresa Turk

1/10/2019 08:10 AM

The city needs much more information from other sources such as FEMA and insurance companies. There was tremendous flooding and damage on Catalpa but there are no pins in that area except the one I placed on Gardenia. This is a major problem by having substantial incomplete data.

Fayres

1/10/2019 11:00 AM

Please look into other sources to gather data to create an accurate picture of many of the current problems.

There are terrible stormwater issues in the Lewis Park area!

IrishPrincess

1/10/2019 12:00 PM

City ordinances about keeping drainage ditches clear/clean and flowing have NO TEETH. I annually call the city street dept and have them come and dig out my neighbor's drainage ditch (downstream from me) because he \*intentionally\* blows leaves into it and they do NOT simply "wash away" as he insists. This creates tension and anger between us as well as an annual cost to the city. If there was FINES involved -- as there is with someone letting their pet repeatedly roam -- then him and others might take care of the drainage ditch. HUGE problem overall with drainage out of NORTH Maxwell - minimal slope & how it bends 90 deg in 2 places as it tries to exit. HUGE problem overall with drainage out of SOUTH Maxwell as it junctions with Stephens drainage to go under street and empty into Hamstring Creek at Lewis soccer fields.

Anonymous

1/10/2019 10:57 AM

Can this be included in the giant bond we're about to approve. Makes way more sense than a useless aquatic park for yuppies.

Anonymous

1/10/2019 04:13 PM

Flooding in the city has already reached an unacceptable level and with further in-filling, flooding will only get worse. The city needs to aggressively address the problem now.

Anonymous

1/10/2019 06:32 PM

As more development happens off Dead horse Mountain Road I am very concerned about water management. We are already experiencing runoff and flooding in dangerous areas.

Anonymous

1/11/2019 07:50 AM

Very important and should be more stringently addressed when developers and development occurs.

Anonymous

1/11/2019 08:31 AM

AS FAR AS PAYING A MONTHLY FEE I FEEL LIKE THE CITY OF FYV. NEEDS TO FIRST MAINTAIN STORM DRAINS, PATCH EXISTING CRACKS IN DRAINS, CLEAN OUT DEBRIS, MANAGE THE CREEKS BY REPAIRING THE SOIL EROSION CREATED BY THE INCREASE IN WATER VELOCITY . I PERSONALLY RAKE LEAVES EVERY FALL FROM THE OPEN DRAIN THAT BORDERS MY PROPERTY & I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANY CITY EMPLOYEE CLEAN ANY OPEN DRAIN, UNLESS THEY ARE WORKING IN GULLY PARK. AS I HAVE SAID IN PREVIOUS LETTERS BEGINNING IN 2011 THE ONLY AREAS THE CITY SEEMS CONCERNED ABOUT ARE THOSE VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. NOW IS THE TIME THAT THE CITY NEEDS TO BE OUT CLEANING STORM DRAINS.....NOT WAITING TILL THE SPRING RAINS COME AND THEN DRIVING AROUND IN TRUCKS & DOING NOTHING BUT WATCHING THE FLOODING. AS YOU CAN SEE MY ISSUE WITH PAYING THE CITY IS: I BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE NOT DONE THEIR JOB AND WHY SHOULD I PAY MORE FOR NOTHING. AS I SAID IN PAST LETTERS THE ONLY MAINTANCE THAT HAS EVER BEEN DONE WAS DONE BY ME & I AM A 71 YR. WIDOW. ACCORDING TO FYV.'S BEST PRACTICE & STREAMSIDE PROTECTION MEASURES THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO TAKE

CARE OF THESE ISSUES THEMSELVES. IWOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT YOU TAKE STEPS TO PROMOTE THIS SURVEY AS I HAD NO IDEA ABOUT IT TILL A FRIEND CALLED ME. THE LONGER ( NOW GOING ON 8YEARS ) THE CITY AVOIDS DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES THE WORSE IT WILL GET.

Anonymous

1/11/2019 03:46 PM

We need way more storm drains. Everytime it rains heavily or for long periods of time my garage floods from all the water rushing down the street. I have erosion caused by this going around the left side of my foundation which pools in huge spot in my backyard. I have tried filling in the spot 3 times in the last 7 years only for it to come back. I have my storage sheds door sandbagged. The floor in my shed has started to rot out and part of the foundation washed away in the April flood. The mosquitoes are horrible too due to all the excessive moisture and has basically made my outdoor space unusable. I live on Sierra Ave. Off Drake Street.

Anonymous

1/11/2019 08:03 PM

it has reached a critical stage. Hamestring Creek needs to be managed.

Anonymous

1/12/2019 05:37 AM

The city should require developers to resolve and pay for down stream effects of new construction.

nshapter

1/12/2019 08:26 AM

In the Stephens/Hendrix/Maxwell neighborhood there are multiple factors that contribute to the water problem. Some lots in the area sit on a shale layer with constantly active springs. I have lived in the area around the Lewis Soccer Complex for over 10 years and, with the exception of FPS grounds and private development, have never seen any major improvement or maintenance performed on the drainage ditches despite repeated flooding since 2005. The drainage ditch on the west side of Stephens is too shallow to be effective, and water overtops the entire street almost annually. Drainage from the west side of Garland is routed above ground into the Hamestring creek arroyo. This arroyo, being dry for many months of the year has been built upon, bridged, and is very shallow in several places. This was a mistake in planning, and has compounded the drainage problems in the area.

Anonymous

1/12/2019 09:58 AM

I had to kick down my fence to give the floor water free flow through what appeared to be a natural stream channel to prevent water from reaching above the foundation of my house. The road in front of my house has a spring/creek that runs all year across the surface of the road, this water flows into a drainage ditch which often has trouble keeping up with the flow of water directed at it by this natural water channel during heavy rains.

Anonymous

1/14/2019 08:32 AM

I'm grateful for any attempts to provide long-term solutions to the problem. And given the problems I've had, and the significant out of pocket costs totaling over \$50,000, I'm strongly in favor of long-term infrastructure projects to fix this that isn't done on an ad-hoc basis and billed to private residents - as happened to me.

Anonymous

1/15/2019 03:34 PM

The lack of water drainage in my backyard is causing the soil to heave, then shrink, which causes the sheetrock in my house to crack up consistently, and it prevents me from opening and closing doors normally because the door jams get out of whack. There are times I can't get close to closing my doors, let alone locking them. If I am honest on the disclosure sheet from the reality

Anonymous

1/15/2019 07:04 PM

company, I can't sell my house, because no one wants these problems, or I'd have to sell it for thousands less than what it's worth.

I support proactive approaches to this problem, including regional detention. Our waterways are already very altered by development. Further burdens should be spread among those who benefit, including our neighboring cities, who will benefit greatly without paying in if the program is not fully thought out.

Susan

1/15/2019 09:00 PM

My rear yard holds water because the City buried a large water pipe just outside my back property line. The difference in elevation behind my fence vs. my back yard is about 9-inches. I am landlocked by a large corporation who owns the property, and the City, which has a utility easement along my back fence. So now, I as a resident of Fayetteville, need to pay for this to be corrected when it is the fault of the City's?? Already, it has destroyed my property values and couldn't sell the house because my foundation is so unstable due to the water. I appreciate that this is being addressed by the City, but I wonder if assistance would come soon enough for my situation.

Anonymous

1/16/2019 06:23 PM

I live near old Razorback golf course. The debris that blocks that creek and ponds creates more flooding. Cleaning the debris and allowing property near that water to be natural and in watershed would allow for more grasses to manage water. I would love Fayetteville to look at preserving natural resources as well as creating man made ways to manage water.

KatieC

1/17/2019 11:30 AM

I believe that all of the new construction east of Double Springs and South of Wedington (and probably north of Wedington as well) has created a big problem when it comes to impervious surfaces. I am concerned that these developers are not implementing appropriate runoff and water management mitigation plans and I am concerned that the City of Fayetteville is not requiring enough of these developers, nor is the city being proactive about predicting potential issues related to overflow of Owl Creek and flooding. Something's gotta give, and thus far, it is those of us with flooding damage that are the ones suffering. The city needs to hold itself, and builders, accountable for this incredible problem.

Michael Paul

1/17/2019 01:00 PM

We have had three major flood events since living at this address. We have had two claims made on our flood policy, both over \$20,000.00 in property damage, had to replace our living room floor and move the furnace into the attic from the crawlspace. Our flood premiums went from \$420.00 to \$2,950.00

Anonymous

1/22/2019 08:16 AM

More development has increased draining problems, this has been brought up at Planning Committee meeting and City Council meetings where we were assured that when developed there would be provisions to deal with run off. We have yet to see this happen. Lived here 40 years, worse now than ever before. Questions, please call Larry Lames, 443-9011.

Anonymous

1/23/2019 09:29 AM

It would be great if any change to our environment (from tree and soil removal to parking lots) which would have an effect on other property (down hill) would have the requirement of a study to determine the effects and a plan to solve it. I realize this is difficult because sometimes the effects are accumulative. Also effects vary depending on the weather before and after a big rain event, the amount of rain and the period of time it lasts. What I'm

trying to get help avoiding is what happened to my Mom's house in 2017. I will be living there shortly and the physical, financial and planning effects of that event have been difficult to surpass. I believe she called the city, was told to call FEMA, who told her to wait until a specific date, which came with requirements that we had not done (getting bids for all the jobs). Then they were gone and it just seemed complicated. I really was left feeling that the changes which had happened up hill coupled with the extreme amount of rain we received left us overwhelmed and left with the financial burden of trying to deal with it ourselves. Completing some kind of outdoor project to divert water and take on the cost of home repairs has been beyond our ability financially. That stress has not gone away with the rain. We are constantly worried it will happen again. I don't know if the city can help us with our individual issues, but thinking toward the future, I would like us to think ahead so others would not have these issues. Thank you for starting this process. I look forward to what will happen.

Anonymous

1/23/2019 08:10 PM

Stop the IN FILL taking place within city limits. We never had any problems until Wilderness Heights was approved and built. Fayetteville as done little if anything infrastructure wise to keep pace with the in fill of homes. Now roads are crumbling, sewer systems are failing, flooding has increased, all due to I checked in fill and population growth from that. Meanwhile we have One of the highest tax rates in the state and even nation. And 10 foot sidewalks and bike lanes have widen with barely anyone using them at all.

Anonymous

1/26/2019 04:37 PM

While where i live may not have many issues with drainage i have driven when it has rained a lot and during flood warnings and there are plenty of places where the water is a issue. I believe it should be looked and worked towards to make sure things are safe for the future especially with weather changes.

Anonymous

1/28/2019 08:42 AM

I think Fayetteville charges enough already to the people. Make do like the rest of us!

Mikey

1/28/2019 07:00 PM

I purchased a home with an extra large lot in Ward 2, which I will never subdivide to add a 2nd dwelling. An "impervious surface" fee should perhaps be a combination of both total such surfaces AND the ratio of such surfaces to total lot size to appropriately account for my potential storm run off, since a great deal of my water will perk on my own property. Thank you!

Anonymous

1/29/2019 09:21 AM

Such improvements will have a large impact, as well as present good opportunities. It can cause mature trees & sidewalks to be removed. I recommend that the work include a pedestrian circulation master plan for new walks and coordination of improvements with locations for trees per the street tree master plan. Utility / drainage / tree / walk coordination is key to success. This is a master plan opportunity for the City to embrace and is terribly important. If the drains go in without it, it will cost much much more later and could result in diminished quality of life for Fayetteville residents / visitors and negative impact on property values. Thanks for reading :-)  
the sooner you start , the better.

Anonymous

1/29/2019 10:40 AM

Anonymous

This is an important item to fund, because we all know that everything drains



1/29/2019 02:05 PM

Anonymous

1/30/2019 02:58 PM

to Beaver Lake and who wants polluted drinking water, as well as diminished tourism which is an economic engine for NWA.

There are multiple models about the individual benefits and collective gains that a stormwater utility can provide. The more you can put these very straightforward examples in front of citizens, the more likely they will be to support this. If we only talk about the way this will be funded, it won't be supported. It has to be about the outcomes. "Would you support a system that enabled the city to incentivize reducing parking lot space?", for example. Great resource of tips: <https://info.wesslerengineering.com/blog/forming-a-stormwater-utility-major-lessons-learned> Thank you SO much for building on the work we started. I'm happy to meet with the team and help if needed. - Sarah Lewis

Anonymous

2/11/2019 01:04 PM

If there was a monthly fee based on the amount of impervious surface, I would like to see something to account for mitigating factors (rain barrels, rain gardens, etc)

Anonymous

2/12/2019 06:02 AM

We have trees. Their roots, limbs and leaves can clog existing infrastructure. Responsibility for maintenance shouldn't be the city's alone, but a joint effort between the city and property owners/residents. If we build infrastructure then I'd like to see future designs with trees in mind. Thanks for reading this!

LKMZGK

2/12/2019 07:18 AM

Instead of buying parkland in the area or adding more trails at a cost of 6.9 million, why don't we use those monies to pay for infrastructure. The priorities of the City of Fayetteville are out of reason with what is really need to maintain infrastructure. The upcoming vote in April to extend a sales tax that was set to expire and all the associated bond referendums are outrageous! The City of Fayetteville needs to learn to live on the taxes it already collects and quit using the citizen as an ATM.

Anonymous

2/17/2019 10:47 AM

New 4 lane roadway drains into Mud Creek and it requires cleaning out to prevent flooding issues in this area but Alan has refused this service

Anonymous

2/18/2019 10:35 AM

I believe Fayetteville should be responsible for funding any cost associated with improving flood mitigation due to past engineering practices that did not require engineers to design drainage structures to the 100 year flood requirement.

Anonymous

2/27/2019 11:37 AM

Needs to be a "whole city" and county strategy. For example, the wetlands at the former Razorback Golf Course connect to wetlands on Clabber Creek Trail, to Wilson Springs church & subdivisions & Sam's Club (etc) and to the north connect to proposed Rurple Rd extension acreages. Cannot be addressed piecemeal. Also, wildlife also need to be considered so we don't have so much deer, turtle, skunk, raccoon carnage. Connected passageways for water as well as wildlife that occupy our creeks, wetlands, ADEQ & preserve buffers. There should be already a wildlife and water easement plan for former Razorback Golf Course, but there is not.

**Optional question** (75 responses, 91 skipped)