

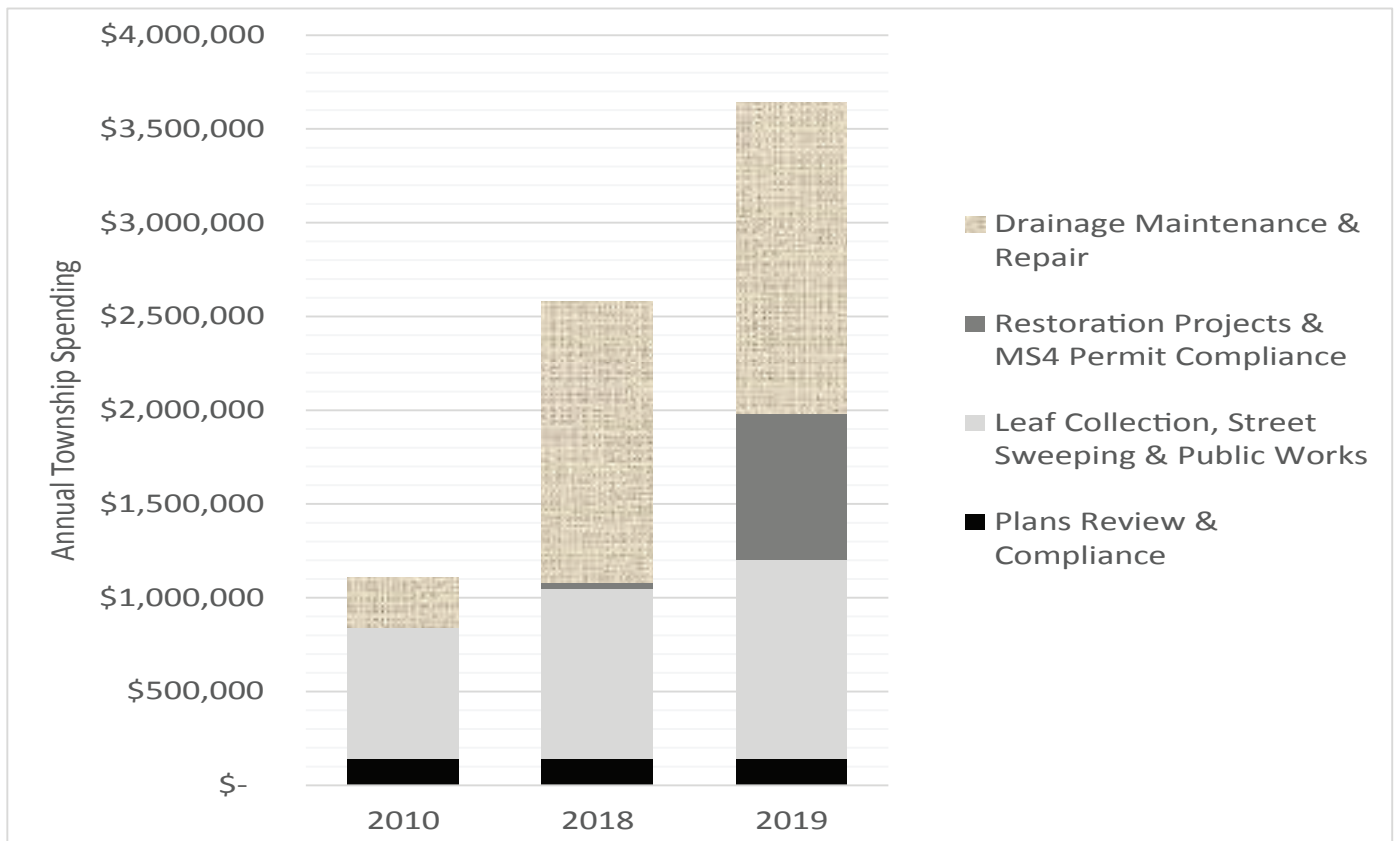
# Federal & State Unfunded Mandates Increase Township Stormwater Management Costs; New Stormwater Fee Set for 2019

Federal and State regulations will immediately increase stormwater management costs in Lower Paxton by more than \$1 million per year, from a current spending level of about \$2.5 million per year to about \$3.6 million per year in 2019. To meet the cost of these regulations, a Stormwater Fee must be added to sewer bills.

Funds will be used to meet Federal and State requirements, including the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit and other water quality obligations. Projects will be designed to reduce sediment from stormwater discharges and stream bank erosion, and improve the health of Paxton Creek, Beaver Creek and Spring Creek in Lower Paxton, and ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay. The Township has been under state mandate to reduce Paxton Creek sediment for several years.

Over the next six months, a series of public meetings will be scheduled to inform residents, businesses, churches, schools and other ratepayers about the Stormwater Fee and how the fee will be used. Information will be available on the Township website, [www.lowerpaxton-pa.gov](http://www.lowerpaxton-pa.gov). The Stormwater Fee will be billed on the quarterly Sewer bill and is slated to begin next year.

*If you would like to receive updates about the Stormwater Fee via email (including meetings, fee structure updates and general information), please contact the Township Communications Manager, Leigh Ann M. Urban, and you will be added to an email list. ([lurban@lowerpaxton-pa.gov](mailto:lurban@lowerpaxton-pa.gov))*



**Prior to Federal Mandate (2010) vs Current Stormwater Expenses (2018) vs Future Expenses (2019)**