

# City of Covington Stormwater Management Services and Program Funding

City of Covington, Ga



## Client

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## Scope of Services

Stormwater Management Plan Development

Credit Manual Preparation

GIS Services

Public Involvement and Education

Ordinance Preparation

Rate Methodology and Recommendations

Master Account File and Database Support

Customer Service Program

Grant Assistance

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Protocol

Updates to the City's Stormwater Website

Development Plan Review

Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Training

Bioretention Parking Lot Design

## Project Duration

February 2004 to Ongoing



The City of Covington enlisted help in creating a Stormwater Management Program to satisfy NPDES Stormwater Phase II requirements for small Municipal Separate Sewer Systems (MS4s). While employed with another firm, Jeffrey T. House was the project manager for this initial phase of the program and Todd Cochran, PE served as lead engineer in developing a customized Stormwater Management Plan and preparing the Notice of Intent for the City's NPDES Phase II Stormwater permit.

As the Stormwater Management Program progressed, Manhard Consulting was contracted to complete the final phase of the City of Covington's stormwater utility, which will fund the new stormwater management program, and to implement the City's Stormwater Management Program, including NPDES Phase II measures.

To complete the utility, Manhard used the City's existing GIS and tax records to develop the digital database, master account file, and billing system. The mitigation credit and adjustment policy we prepared will assist City residents and businesses in determining a credit to apply to their fee. Manhard worked with the City attorney to develop an appropriate stormwater utility ordinance that provides legal authority for the City's fee. The consultant team tailored a web-based bill calculation system for the City. We conducted several public meetings with very high attendance to inform residents and businesses about the City's

Stormwater Management Program and Utility Fee and prepared associated short surveys, notices, and fact sheets. A related brochure was also prepared for the City's distribution to the community and public centers.

In addition, Manhard assists with the management of the City stormwater program, including six categories of NPDES Phase II BMP implementation, illicit detection and elimination protocol, Georgia Stormwater Management Manual instruction, development plan reviews, and design of a bioretention parking lot for the City complex as a demonstration of low impact design techniques to businesses and developers. Jeffrey T. House has served as project manager for the continuing phases of the stormwater management program and Utility fee implementation with Todd Cochran, PE serving as lead engineer supported by Katherine McLeod, PE. Manhard also prepared grant applications for the City that were funded, providing \$308,000 of USEPA 319(h) Grant money for three projects that support additional Erosion and Sediment Control Inspectors, stormwater system mapping, and a BMP demonstration project.