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Managing Northern Kentucky's
Wastewater and Storm Water



Frequently Asked Questions

Public Culvert Cost-Share Program

What is SD1's public culvert cost-share program?

Culverts are a vital component of the storm water conveyance system in communities across Northern Kentucky. As a result, both SD1 and its city/county co-permittees have a vested interest in the rehabilitation and replacement of deteriorating culverts. For this reason, SD1 allocates funding through the public culvert cost-share program to help co-permittees complete publicly owned culvert capital improvement projects such as culvert lining or replacement. This program does not include maintenance-related work.

Who may apply?

All SD1 co-permittees are eligible to participate in the public culvert cost-share program for publicly owned culverts, but cities and counties must apply for funding. The amount of funding available for this program is determined each fiscal year as part of SD1's budgeting process.

How can my agency apply?

Applications are available at www.sd1.org under the documents and forms tab under "storm water" and "miscellaneous forms." You may also request an application by contacting SD1 Senior Manager Sean Blake by phone at 859-578-7468 or by email at sblake@sd1.org. To submit an application, email the completed form to sblake@sd1.org or mail it to: Sanitation District No. 1, Attention: Sean Blake, 1045 Eaton Drive, Ft. Wright, KY 41017.

How are public culvert cost-share program projects prioritized?

In general, projects are funded on a first-come, first-served basis while funds are available. Should SD1 receive more applications in a year than budgeted funds allow, SD1 will further prioritize projects based on rating criteria included in the program application. Only projects associated with a dedicated right-of-way will be considered for funding.

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When is funding released for approved projects?

SD1 provides funding as a reimbursement currently (50%) of culvert project costs. To receive approved funding, participants must enter into an agreement with SD1 and the project must begin within 12 months of the application's approval. Throughout construction, SD1 will inspect the culvert improvements to ensure they meet specifications. Upon completion of the project, participants must submit a request for reimbursement that includes copies of invoices and payment receipts.

Once a project is complete, who is responsible for the culvert?

Cities and counties own the culverts and are responsible for their ongoing maintenance. SD1 is simply providing additional funding for major capital improvements to the culvert.

Who should I contact with questions?

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Sean Blake by phone at 859-578-7468 or by email at sblake@sd1.org Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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