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My name is Peter Altman, phone number

It is the position of the writer that stormwater fees should be lowered if not eliminated altogether.

If as a result of these hearings the City decides to raise stormwater rates, that would be, in my opinion, counterintuitive to the original reasoning behind constructing stormwater management systems throughout the City on commercial properties in the first place.

The stated purpose of those systems was to lower the City's cost of processing stormwater runoff flowing into the sewer system. Since the inception of the program in or about 2011, countless stormwater management systems have been installed on existing and newly improved Philadelphia commercial properties.

Based on the original purpose, that should have drastically lowered by now the City's cost of processing stormwater runoff. That achieved goal should result in lowered or eliminated, not raised, stormwater fees.

If, on the other hand, the City decides to lower or eliminate stormwater rates, I congratulate that sound thinking.

Thank you.

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