

## **Fact Sheet for City of South Burlington Ballot Article IV – Stonehedge Stormwater Special Assessment District**

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On March 1, 2011 the City of South Burlington will hold a public vote. Article IV on the ballot asks voters to consider the creation of a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the purpose of funding a stormwater improvement project in the Stonehedge neighborhood. Below is additional information related to this ballot item:

- The purpose of the Special Assessment District (SAD) is to collect \$245,000 from homeowners in the Stonehedge neighborhood to construct stormwater improvements that will treat stormwater runoff generated in the neighborhood and surrounding areas.
- Only properties within the Stonehedge neighborhood will be assessed. Stormwater Utility rates for property owners outside of the SAD will not be impacted by this project.
- There are 201 properties located in the Stonehedge development and the cost will be spread equally among property owners.
- Proposed stormwater improvements include construction of a stormwater treatment pond, construction of bio-retention facilities, replacement and installation of stormwater piping, and swale maintenance and improvement.
- The affected properties will repay the \$245,000 over a ten year period.
- Pending final financing terms, the SAD will result in an annual cost increase of \$155.14 for each property owners in the Stonehedge neighborhood. This will increase the monthly stormwater fee currently paid by properties in the Stonehedge neighborhood by \$12.93. This project will not impact stormwater fees for properties outside of the Stonehedge neighborhood.
- The assessed amount will appear on the quarterly water/wastewater/stormwater bills that property owners already receive.
- The Stonehedge Stormwater Improvement Project is partially funded by the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) through a cooperative agreement with the South Burlington Stormwater Utility.
- The total cost of the project (engineering and construction) is estimated to be \$933,000.
- Residents in the Stonehedge neighborhood and the Stormwater Utility have been working together for a number of years to prepare a plan and obtain grant funding for the project. Previously, the neighbors formed the Greater Stonehedge Stormwater Committee and received a Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) grant to review treatment alternatives (2007).

## **Fact Sheet for City of South Burlington Ballot Article V –Butler Farms and Oak Creek Village Stormwater Special Assessment District**

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On March 1, 2011 the City of South Burlington will hold a public vote. Article V on the ballot asks voters to consider the creation of a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the purpose of funding a stormwater improvement project in the Butler Farms and Oak Creek Village neighborhood. Below is additional information related to this ballot item:

- The purpose of the Special Assessment District (SAD) is to collect \$255,000 from homeowners in the Butler Farms and Oak Creek Village neighborhood to construct stormwater improvements that will treat stormwater runoff generated in the neighborhood and surrounding areas.
- Only properties within the Butler Farms and Oak Creek Village neighborhood will be assessed. Stormwater Utility rates for property owners outside of the SAD will not be impacted by this project.
- There are 257 properties located in the Butler Farms and Oak Creek Village neighborhood and the cost will be spread equally among property owners.
- Proposed stormwater improvements include construction of a stormwater treatment pond on City owned land between Marcy Street and Hinesburg Road, and renovation of two defunct ponds in the Oak Creek Village neighborhood with associated drainage pipe work. The project also includes efforts to establish a stream buffer and construction of a swale to prevent water from flowing into the neighborhood from the west.
- The affected properties will repay the \$255,000 over a ten year period.
- Pending final financing terms, the SAD will result in an annual cost increase of \$126.29 for each property in the Butler Farms and Oak Creek Village neighborhood. This will increase the monthly stormwater fees currently paid by properties in the Butler Farms and Oak Creek Village neighborhood by \$10.52. This project will not impact stormwater fees for properties outside of the Butler Farms and Oak Creek Village neighborhood.
- The assessed amount will appear on the quarterly water/wastewater/stormwater bills that property owners already receive.
- The Stormwater Utility has obtained multiple grants to help fund the Butler Farms and Oak Creek Village Stormwater Improvement project. Utility staff has obtained a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and two grants from VTRANS (SAFETEA-LU grant program) to pay for this project.
- Construction of the Butler Farms and Oak Creek Village stormwater improvement project is estimated to be \$1,391,000.00.
- Residents in the Butler Farms and Oak Creek Village neighborhood and the Stormwater Utility have been working together for a number of years to prepare a plan and obtain grant funding for the project. Stormwater utility staff has been meeting regularly with residents since 2005. The Stormwater Utility recently held a meeting (1/27/11) to review the stormwater treatment practices selected for construction.