

A new utility in La Crosse will do a couple of things. City water utility manager Mark Johnson says a storm water utility would create a fund for treating run-off as well as dealing with discharge shortcomings that keep parts of the city under water after every serious rain. The utility won't be able to fix all of those issues immediately. It might take decades and cost tens of millions of dollars. The city council could vote on creating a new storm water utility as early as next month. The plan right now would have residences paying just over fifty bucks a year for the new utility. Businesses would pay based on area of impermeable surfaces like parking lots