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## What is the Stormwater Authority of the city of Chester (SAC)?

SAC is a municipal authority established in 2016 by the city of Chester. We were created to:

#### LEAD/BUILD

Proactively address stormwater-related issues through planning, management, and implementation

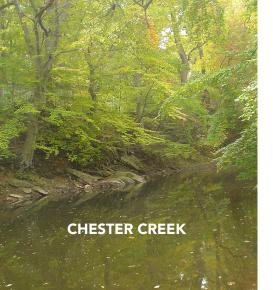
#### **EDUCATE/PROTECT**

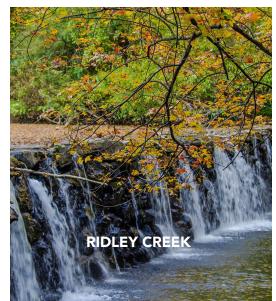
Teach residents about stormwater and find ways to collectively work to protect our infrastructure, waterways, and safeguard public health

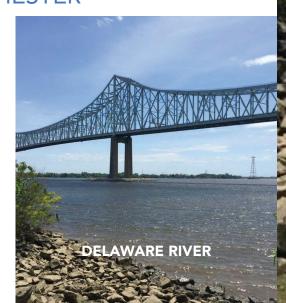
## REVITALIZE/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

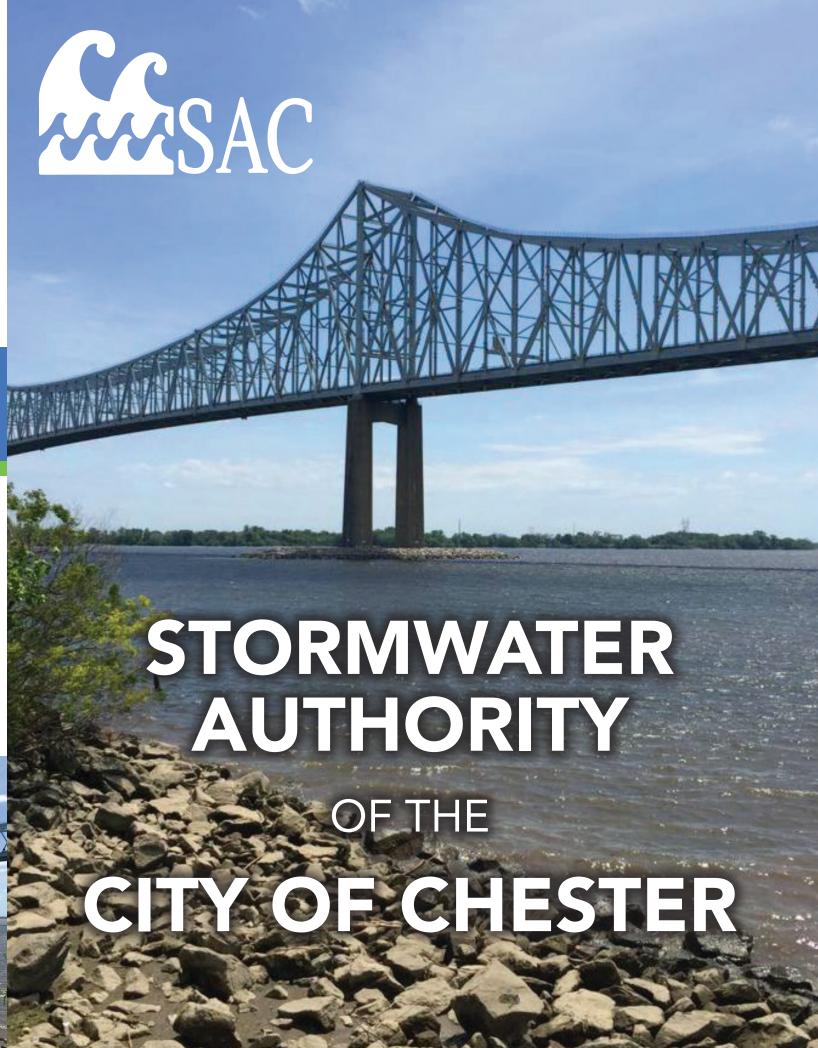
Create employment opportunities for residents; beautify city by cleaning/repairing infrastructure which will attract new businesses and investors, increase property value, and enhance quality of life

### WATERWAYS THAT BORDER CHESTER









#### WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

If we do not understand stormwater and how it affects our community, we are endangering our public health, safety and future progress as a thriving, vibrant city.

- Debris, chemicals, dirt and other hazards get in the stormwater's flow, and messes up Chester's infrastructure. This damages streets, clogs drains, causes flooding and erosion, and poisons our waterways.
- Over time this leads to pot holes, polluted drinking water, muddy parks, damaged homes, unsafe bridges, and dirty streets.
- Bad infrastructure impacts job creation, economic development and quality of life.

These issues will cost YOU money, affect YOUR public health, and cause hazards for YOUR children in the future.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

There are dozens of ways that you can help prevent issues with stormwater runoff. Here are a few:

- Pick up after your pets
- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Check cars for leaks
- Conserve water by stopping faucet drips
- Wash cars at car wash
- Direct rooftop runoff to grass or gardens



## WHY IS THERE A STORMWATER FEE?

- \* Chester's infrastructure (streets, bridges, drains, etc.,) is old, dating back to the early 1900s
- \* many of the drains need to be repaired, replaced, relocated, or installed
- \* some streets need to be repaved/repaired to properly absorb stormwater
- \* we have flooding in our parks

Your fee will ensure that our stormwater infrastructure is working consistently and efficiently for you. The fee will help to fund daily operations and assist with addressing larger scale projects related to the development of our city parks, as well as beautification initiatives that will encourage economic development.

#### WHAT HAS SAC DONE TO DATE?



SAC is proud to be an organization of the community. We have hired **25 Chester** 

residents and natives; 98 % of SAC personnel



Invested

\$40 million in infrastructure related projects

#### **COMPLETED**

Eyre Park Trail Greenway Infrastructure Project

Eyre Drive has been narrowed, repaved, and converted to a one-half mile long walking path around the park. New green infrastrucuture has been installed on both sides of the walking path and new underground piping has been added to enhance the walking trail.





Added bio-retention (rain ponds) in Veterans Memorial Park and behind Chester High School

# Created Catch Basin Retrofit

Program to strategically clean and restore inlets throughout entire city



50 streets



1,300 (90%) catch basins





**994,800** pounds of debris from inlets, drains and outfalls



Added new piping system and outfalls to several streets



#### Relocated catch basin at Fire Headquarters that was damaging fire apparatus

Thanks to SAC's Catch Basin Retrofit Program, crews were able to fix an old, defunct catch basin located at the entryway to the fire station on 14th Street. "We anticipate that the city will save thousands of dollars on vehicle maintenance because this catch basin was fixed." –Councilman William Morgan, Director of Finance for the city of Chester.



Purchased **new vehicles** to properly clean inlets/catch basins, and clean city streets