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1. Stormwater Program Advisory Committee Annual Report

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 25, 2012

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Aaron B. Small, P.E., Stormwater Program Advisory Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Stormwater Program Advisory Committee Annual Report

The Stormwater Program Advisory Committee had a productive year, participating in a variety of activities promoting the goals of the County's stormwater program. In addition to the Committee's six regular meetings, members invested numerous hours preparing and reviewing materials, participating in subcommittee meetings, and meeting the public through outreach activities. The following summarizes the Committee's contributions during Fiscal Year 2012.

Stormwater and Drainage Infrastructure Improvements

- 1. Capital Program Recommendations:** Committee members updated previously developed scoring criteria, which evaluate a project's impacts on public health, safety, and public welfare, including water quality and economic development. Proposed projects were reviewed and prioritized. Committee members visited high-ranking projects to confirm the severity of identified problems and discuss repair, upgrade, or restoration options. The Committee endorsed a slate of priority projects for submission to County Administration for inclusion in the FY 13-14 capital budget.
- 2. Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Recommendations:** Committee members participated in the James City County Technical Recommendation Committee, evaluating and drafting James City County's TMDL implementation strategies. This process underwent numerous modifications as the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay Program, and the Environmental Protection Agency refined and refocused the roles of local governments in the Bay clean-up effort. This program has substantial potential to affect the types and amounts of future infrastructure improvements.
- 3. Grant Applications:** Recognizing that infrastructure improvements will be critical to the County's ability to meet future water quality improvement obligations, the Committee considered and endorsed two applications for funding through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed funds. A \$75,000 grant was awarded to the Stormwater Program to expand the successful and popular Turf Love Program and to promote the installation of rain gardens in County neighborhoods. These efforts will have direct beneficial impact on the County's Chesapeake Bay TMDL efforts. The second application, for Local Government Capacity Building funding, was not successful. However, as a result of the strength of that application, the County has been invited to apply for a technical assistance grant to help James City County evaluate County-owned facilities for possible water quality improvements. The Committee will continue to take a leadership role in the development and implementation of grant applications.

Outreach and Public Engagement

- 1. Outreach to the General Public:** Committee members participated in various outreach activities including the County Fair, the Heritage Humane Society's Bark-in-the-Park, Turf Love University, and the stormwater management workshop, Lakes, Ponds, and Rain Gardens. Altogether, members reached approximately 1,000 citizens through these efforts.

2. **Outreach Plan:** In response to member interactions with the public, the Committee developed an outreach plan to better reach citizens with information on County stormwater issues. Members developed a script and presentation intended for general audiences and identified a process for getting the information out to the public. The implementation phase of this effort will begin in FY 2013.
3. **James City County PRIDE:** The Protecting Resources in Delicate Environments (PRIDE) program has long been a staple of the County's environmental outreach efforts, providing citizens with information they can use as stewards of County waterways. The Committee will provide oversight to the PRIDE program as it is modernized during FY 2013.



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