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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

1. Gordon Creek and Mill Creek Watershed Management Plans – Board Adoption

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 10, 2011

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Frances C. Geissler, Stormwater Director  
Michael D. Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner

SUBJECT: Gordon Creek and Mill Creek Watershed Management Plans – Board Adoption

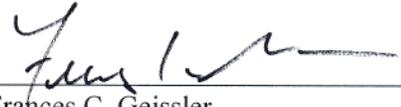
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In 1998, James City County began watershed management efforts in response to concerns about rapid development within the County and along the Powhatan Creek, in particular. In James City County, the watershed planning process identifies environmentally sensitive areas and develops specific protection, restoration, and infrastructure retrofit recommendations. This information guides development within the watersheds and identifies prioritized capital projects for the County's capital improvement and maintenance programs. Plans for the Powhatan and Yarmouth Creeks are complete and have been adopted by the Board of Supervisors. These plans are available on the County's website at <http://www.jccegov.com/environmental/index.html>. Since then, staff have continued to work with consultants to develop additional plans for County watersheds and the Gordon Creek and Mill Creek watershed management plans are ready for the Board's consideration and adoption at the May 24, 2011, meeting.

The Gordon Creek and Mill Creek watershed management plans differ from previously prepared plans in two significant ways. First, these are incentive-based plans, encouraging improved management of the County's resources through development and private property owner incentives. Second, data collection and mapping technologies have improved since the 1990s and these plans provide information that is more detailed. The Gordon Creek watershed represents one of the most pristine areas of the County. The Mill Creek watershed, by comparison, is the most developed of all of the County's watersheds. Each has unique challenges and opportunities. The resulting watershed goals and strategies reflect the differences between the two areas.

In a June 2010 work session, staff provided the Board the draft goals and strategies and a presentation describing the watershed planning process for both watersheds. This information is available at <http://www.jccegov.com/archive/bosagendas/bos2010/062210bosws.html>. Since then, final draft plans have been prepared and made available for public comment. Stakeholder meeting summaries, draft plans, and presentations are also available on the County website. The Gordon Creek information can be found at <http://www.jccegov.com/stormwater/watershedmanagement/GordonCreek.html>. The Mill Creek information is located at <http://www.jccegov.com/stormwater/watershedmanagement/MillCreek.html>.

We appreciate your continued support for this ongoing program. The Plans will be brought to the Board for adoption at its May 24, 2011, meeting. If you have any questions or would like a briefing, contact Mr. Middaugh.



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