



THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS LOCALITY STORMWATER UTILITY REPORTING FORM

The purpose of this form is to implement the following locality stormwater utility reporting requirement established by Paragraph D.1. of Item 2 of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 State Budget ([Chapter 552](#) of the 2021 Acts of Assembly): *Each locality establishing a utility or enacting a system of service charges to support a local stormwater management program pursuant to §15.2-2114, Code of Virginia, shall provide to the Auditor of Public Accounts by October 1 of each year, in a format specified by the Auditor, a report as to each program funded by these fees and the expected nutrient and sediment reductions for each of these programs. For any specific stormwater outfall generating more than \$200,000 in annual fees, such report shall include identification of specific actions to remediate nutrient and sediment reduction from the specific outfall.*

Each locality subject to the reporting requirement set forth above should complete and submit this report form each year to the Auditor of Public Accounts by October 1, in an electronic format emailed to LocalGovernment@apa.virginia.gov. **The report for the Fiscal Year 2021 (or applicable reporting period) is due by October 1, 2021.**

SECTION 1 – LOCALITY INFORMATION

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SECTION 2 - STORMWATER UTILITY FEES

For your stormwater utility fees provide the following information from your current fiscal year or most recent audited annual financial report. (Note: "Draft" or preliminary amounts from the current fiscal year may be submitted due to the timing of this report's October 1 deadline, which is prior to a locality's annual audited financial report deadline of December 15.)

Financial Statement Fund Name: Stormwater Fund

Fiscal year: FY2020

Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Fund Balance or Net Position
\$1,702,441	\$1,609,387	\$6,260,203
If necessary, provide any additional detail/clarification below about the financial information provided at Section 2. The City reports the Stormwater Fund as an enterprise/proprietary fund in its financial statements.		

SECTION 3 – FUNDED PROGRAMS AND OTHER MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Provide a brief description of each major program funded by the utility fee system and, where applicable, the expected nutrient and sediment reductions for each of these programs.

A. Operations & Maintenance Program

The City of Falls Church in compliance with Virginia Department of Environmental Quality MS4 permit requirements, is expected to meet water quality (Chesapeake Bay TMDL) nutrient standards for Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Suspended Solids. The City's permit sets the level of commitment required to meet all approved TMDL standards in addition to water quantity standards. To execute on its commitment to state and federal water quality and quantity standards, the City implements an erosion and sediment control program, stormwater best management practice inspection program, illicit discharge detection program, dry weather screening inspection program, private construction development plan reviews, street sweeping and also participates in the national flood insurance program community rating system. Maintaining compliance with the commitments enumerated above is highly labor intensive and necessitates the expenditure of millions of dollars annually.

The advent of COVID-19 pandemic starting in March 2020 had significant impacts on the City's operations and maintenance staff availability and schedule however operations and maintenance staff remained committed to the task at hand. The efforts of our newly recruited and veteran operations staff enabled the City to maintain storm sewers clear of excessive debris, reduced resident complaints and consequently reduced the impact of flooding in areas better known for past flooding incidents.

B. Capital Improvement Program

The City of Falls Church contracted consultants to complete surveying, hydraulic and hydrologic studies, conceptual engineering plans and capital cost estimates for six priority stormwater projects to remediate flooding in residential areas identified as being most susceptible to flooding risk. Consultants worked closely with City staff to complete the necessary remediation studies in late February 2020 at a total cost upwards of \$146,000.

The Trammel Branch Project, one of the six priority stormwater projects, has completed its first phase of construction. Construction cost for this project will be reported in FY21 figures. Additionally, final design and construction of stormwater improvements on smaller projects were completed at Big Chimney, Ellison Branch and Wrens Branch at a total investment of \$159, 657.50 in FY20. Construction of stormwater improvements for another previously identified small project at Poplar Drive are currently underway and nearing completion. Actual final design and construction expenses for this project will be reported in FY21 and FY22 reporting figures. These smaller projects offer mostly water quantity improvements on a micro scale reducing overland relief during major rainstorms thereby reducing sediment load captured in stormwater conveyed to local streams.