



## 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 2017-2018 State Budget ([Chapter 836](#) of the 2017 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 shall 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](mailto:LocalGovernment@apa.virginia.gov). **The first report for Fiscal Year 2017 is due by October 1, 2017.**

### SECTION 1 – LOCALITY INFORMATION

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**Report Completion Date:** April 18, 2019

### SECTION 2 - STORMWATER UTILITY FEES

*For your stormwater utility fees provide the following information from your most recent audited annual financial report.*

**Financial Statement Fund Name:** Storm Water Enterprise Fund (see attached balance sheet)

**Fiscal year:** FY2018

Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Fund Balance/Net Position
\$1,594,390	\$1,094,749	\$5,931,420

## 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**

Compliance with state and federal mandates to reduce sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorus from stormwater runoff requires the oversight and implementation of the City's MS4 Permit, Erosion and Sediment Control Program, Chesapeake Bay Program, Best Management Practice Inspection Program, Illicit Discharge Detection Program, private development reviews, and street sweeping. We do not track any nutrient reductions for these programs because they do not get credit towards the Chesapeake Bay (with the exception of street sweeping, however, we do not sweep at a level that would receive credit).

The City also actively works to maintain its aging infrastructure with a full-time stormwater crew that cleans, inspects, and repairs the system throughout the year. Staff also performs in-house studies and modeling for flood protection. The City also actively participates in the National Flood Insurance Program and Community Rating System to provide a flood insurance at a discount for its residents.

### **B. Capital Improvement Program**

The Department of Public Works maintains over 140,000 linear feet of storm lines and approximately 1,400 appurtenances. In many parts of the city, the system is nearing the end of its service life or is undersized and unable to convey the industry standard 10-year storm event. These deficiencies result in flooding along streets and on private property.

In addition to these water quantity concerns associated with conveyance, the City is a storm water permittee with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The permit obligates compliance with Federal and State Clean Water Act requirements due to water quality concerns in our watershed. Virginia's Chesapeake Bay TMDL Watershed Implementation Plan outlines the level of effort required by the City to comply and ultimately meet water quality goals. The City's obligation to meet the Chesapeake Bay TMDL is expected to require millions in expenditures prior to 2028. The average cost to remove one pound of Phosphorus in the City of Falls Church is \$125,000. This is due to a combination of factors, such as land value, limited space, underground utility relocation, and Northern Virginia construction market pricing.

During FY 2018, the City initiated construction on two improvement projects, Harrison Branch – a stream restoration project and Cavalier Trail a bioretention filter. Neither project was completed in FY 2018.