SITE: WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SUPPLEMENT

MPA 2000-0007

REMARKS:

By: T&ES - Environmental Quality (Bill Skaback)

- ☐ Special Use Permit
- ☐ Board of Zoning Appeals
- ☐ Encroachment
- ☐ Vacation
- ☐ Subdivision
- ☐ Site Plan
- ☐ B. A. R.
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- ☐ P"P Act:
- ☐ P"P Doc:
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APPLICANT: _____ Map # _____ Zone _____ Notices: _____

ACTION: Approved | Approved Subject to Conditions | Approved in Part | Denied | Withdrawn

PUBLIC HEARING:

~~Committee~~ Planning Commission | City Council | B. A. R. | B. Z. A.

DEC. 5, 2000

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Master Plan Amendments

2000-00001

APPLICATION FOR:

[X] **MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT** **MPA #** 2000-0007

~~[ ] ZONING MAP AMENDMENT~~ ~~REZ #~~ _____

PROJECT NAME: Water Quality Management Supplement

PROPERTY LOCATION: _____

APPLICANT Name: _____

Address: _____

PROPERTY OWNER Name: _____

Address: _____

Interest in property: [] Owner [] Contract Purchaser
[] Developer [] Lessee [] Other _____

If property owner or applicant is being represented by an authorized agent such as an attorney, a realtor, or other person for which there is some form of compensation, does this agent or the business in which they are employed have a business license to operate in Alexandria, VA:
[] yes: If yes, provide proof of current City business license.
[] no: If no, said agent shall obtain a business license prior to filing application.

THE UNDERSIGNED certifies that the information supplied for this application is complete and accurate, and, pursuant to Section 11-301B of the Zoning Ordinance, hereby grants permission to the City of Alexandria, Virginia, to post placard notice on the property which is the subject of this application.

_____ _____
Print Name of Applicant or Agent *Signature*

_____ _____ _____
Mailing/Street Address *Telephone #* *Fax #*

_____ _____
City and State *Zip Code* *Date*

FOR CITY STAFF USE ONLY:
Date application received: _____ Fee Paid: $_____
Date application complete: _____ Staff Reviewer: _____

ACTION - PLANNING COMMISSION: 01/2/01 APPROVED 6-0

ACTION - CITY COUNCIL: 01/13/01PH -- CC approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

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Department of Transportation and Environmental Services

CITY COUNCIL ACTION, JANUARY 13, 2001: The City Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the master plan amendment.

PURPOSE:

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RESOLUTION NO. MPA 2000-0007

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ADOPTED the 2nd day of January, 2001.

W. B. Hurd, Chairman

ATTEST: Eileen P. Fogarty, Secretary

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