



Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee

September 17, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. | Hybrid (Virtual and In-Person) Meeting

Minutes (Revised 12/01/2025)

Advisory Group Members Present:

A	John Chapman	P	Howard “Skip” Maginniss
P	Dino Drudi	A	Brian Sands
P	John Hill (Chair)	P	Janette Shew
A	Cheryl Leonard	P	Christine Thuot
A	Chris Ferrara	A	Katherine Waynick (Vice-Chair)
		A	Lydia Durand

Staff Present:

V	Lu Zhang, Civil Engineer, Sanitary Infrastructure Division	P	Jesse Maines, T&ES Division Chief, Stormwater Management
P	Brian Rahal, T&ES Civil Engineer IV	V	Jessica Lassetter, T&ES Civil Engineer III
P	Dan Medina, DPI Stormwater Program Manager	P	Jonathan Whiteleather, DPI Technical Project Manager
P	Emma Wheeler, T&ES Communications Office	V	Lisa Jaatinen, T&ES Civil Engineer IV
A	Erin Bevis-Carver, Sanitary Infrastructure Division Chief	P	Mitch Dillon, DPI Associate Technical Project Manager
V	Felicia Montoney, T&ES Management Analyst I	A	
A	Alex Haptemariam, DPI Senior Technical Project Manager	V	

P = Present A = Absent V = Virtual (on call)

Other Attendees Present:

V	Camille Liebnitzky	V	Mujeeb Atefi
V	Lori Sharp	V	Ehsanullah Hayat
V	Haweni Gobena	V	Susan Beck

Hill: Lack quorum but will begin.

Update: Wheeler is leaving City of Alexandria.



Tonight's Agenda

1. Welcome (7:00pm, 5 min)
2. Approval of minutes (7:05pm, 5 min, John)
3. Program update from City Staff (7:10pm, 30 min, City staff)
 - Large capacity projects: Commonwealth/Ashby/Glebe; Hooffs Run Culvert Bypass,
 - Combined sewer projects: Pitt & Gibbon
 - Spot Improvements
 - Sanitary sewer projects
 - Communications
 - Maintenance
4. Update on Braddock Rd. & West St. Study (7:40pm, 5 min, Brian Rahal)
5. Flood Resiliency Plan (7:45pm, 35 min, Alex Haptemariam and Jessica Lassetter)
6. Update of changes to Flood Mitigation Grant Program (8:20pm, 10min, Jesse Maines)
7. Committee memo in support of FY2027 Stormwater Fee (8:30pm, 10 min, John Hill)
8. Committee 2025-26 workplan and outreach activities (8:40pm, 10 min, Committee)
9. Public comment (8:50pm, 10 min)
10. Adjourn (9:00pm)

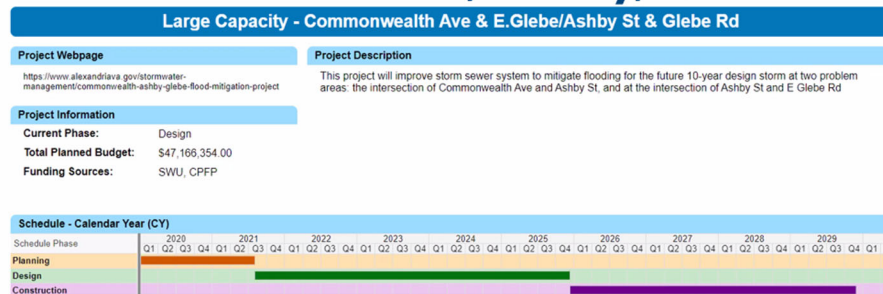
1. Welcome Remarks

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Program Update from City Staff

3a. Large Capacity Project (Whiteleather)

Flood Action Progress Report: Commonwealth, Ashby, Glebe



- Finalizing design stage end of 2025
- Utility relocations to begin next year (utility owners' responsibility)
- Bid phase for culvert construction to start in 2027 (after utility relocations)
- Coordinating with Mt Vernon/Arlington Ridge Road Bridge construction

Commonwealth, Ashby, Glebe: City received 90% submission in May 2025. Consultants are working on 100% submission informed by City comments. Next steps: Utility relocations in early 2026 (by utility owners), followed by formal bid package for City contractor in 2027.



Consideration: Mt Vernon/Arlington Ridge Road Bridge construction is set to end in Summer 2027. The City does not anticipate large impacts on traffic or utility relocation. If concurrent construction occurs, will coordinate and track.

- Medina: Deputy City Manager directed team to track and not impact traffic near bridge.

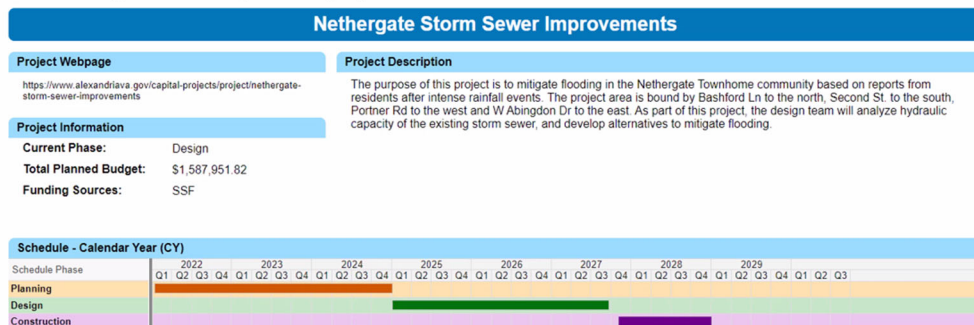
Actual Construction: Likely Summer 2027 (utility relocation construction will occur in 2026). Public engagement (meetings and utility notifications) may occur post 100% submission and start of utility relocation.

Question: Drudi: Who is responsible for cost of utility relocation? Whiteleather: The utility owners.

3b. CSS (Whiteleather)

Flood Action Progress Report: CSS

- Pitt & Gibbon (\$20-25M) CSO surcharge mitigation. Project team reviewing alternatives to mitigate flooding.
- Nethergate (\$5M) CSO surcharge mitigation. Design consultant NTP in July 2025. Project extended due to estimated National Parks Service (NPS) permitting. Working on permits for utility survey and soil borings. Community meeting 9/29.



Pitt & Gibbon: Do not currently have alternatives. Still in planning phase.

Nethergate: Design consultant began in Summer 2025. Project timeline extended by ~1 year due to the National Park Service permitting process. Design firm has strong relationship with NPS.

Currently obtaining permits for initial site survey (e.g., utility locations, soil borings). Project will use a Jack and Bore method (pushing a pipe/tunnel) under GW Parkway. This method is contingent upon soil stability, which must be tested for its viability.

Upcoming community meeting (09/29): Kick-off the design stage and will update the Nethergate condo community.

Question: Hill: Does Notice to Proceed (NTP) mean a design contract is in place? Whiteleather: Yes, are working.

- Drudi: Will the pipe carry combined sewer water? Whiteleather: No, will carry stormwater and connect the storm sewer to the combined sewer east of GW Parkway.



- Medina: City requires that developments have separated sewers even if will feed into a combined sewer. Zhang: Yes, eventually sewer is combined.
- Thuot: What milestones will lead to a design resolution? Whiteleather: Are developing, Alex Renew is not causing any hold-ups.

3c. Hooffs Run Culvert (Whiteleather)

Flood Action Progress Report: Hooffs Run Culvert Bypass Project

- City staff continues evaluation of potential alternatives

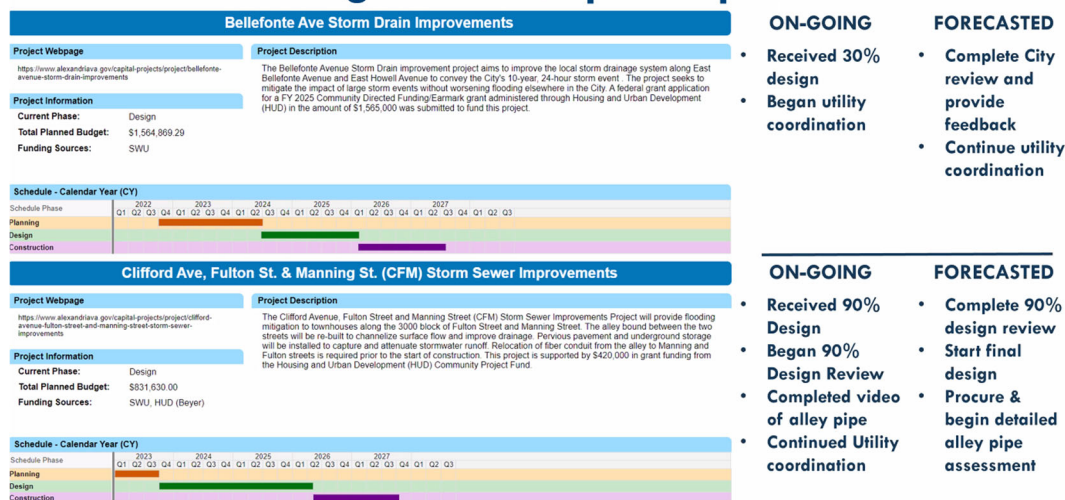
Hill: Appreciate that certain issues cannot be solved. Request: Share complexities with committee so that can share with constituents. Photos are valuable. (Thuot in agreement, makes residents feel engaged).

Drudi: Flooding at Pitt & Gibbon is combined sewer.

- Whiteleather: City corresponding with new director of facilities at school regarding surface treatments to redirect flooding.

3d. Spot Projects (Dillon)

Flood Action Progress Report: Neighborhood Spot Projects



Bellefonte Ave: Received 30% design, aiming to complete in Q1 2026.

Clifford Ave: Received 90% design for review. Ordered CCTV inspection of alley pipe to review condition. One utility provider will need to relocate to support project. City will need to engage regarding protected tree.

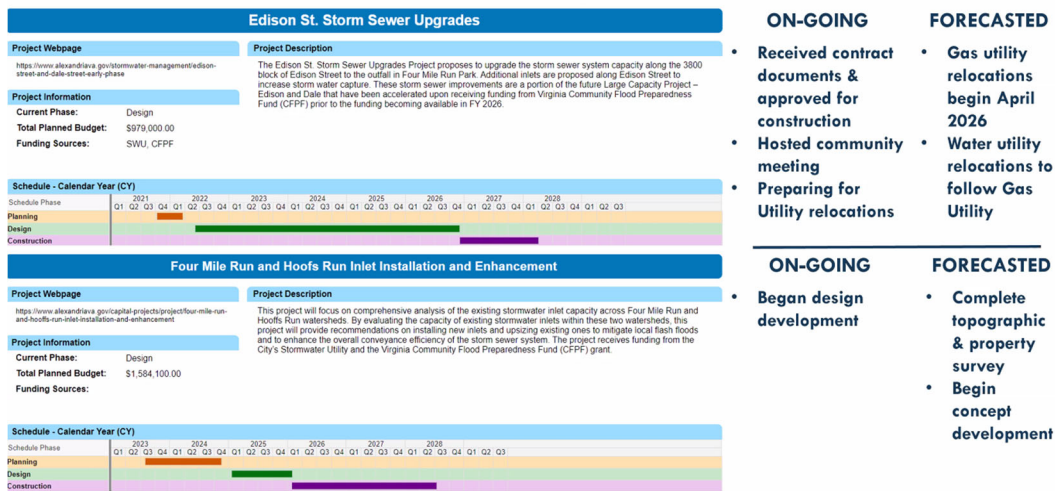
Public Meeting: Held in Summer 2025, presented preliminary design, received positive feedback.



Upcoming: Conducting a finite element analysis of the pipe to determine how close can excavate to pipe and how much weight pipe can withstand. Project will add a conveyance swale (a trapezoidal concrete/grassy channel that contains and conveys water downstream). The alley will have curbs and slopes of 2%. Swale will collect water during storm events and prevent overflow into Commonwealth.

- Consultant provided elevated cost, City is negotiating lower price.

Flood Action Progress Report: Neighborhood Spot Projects



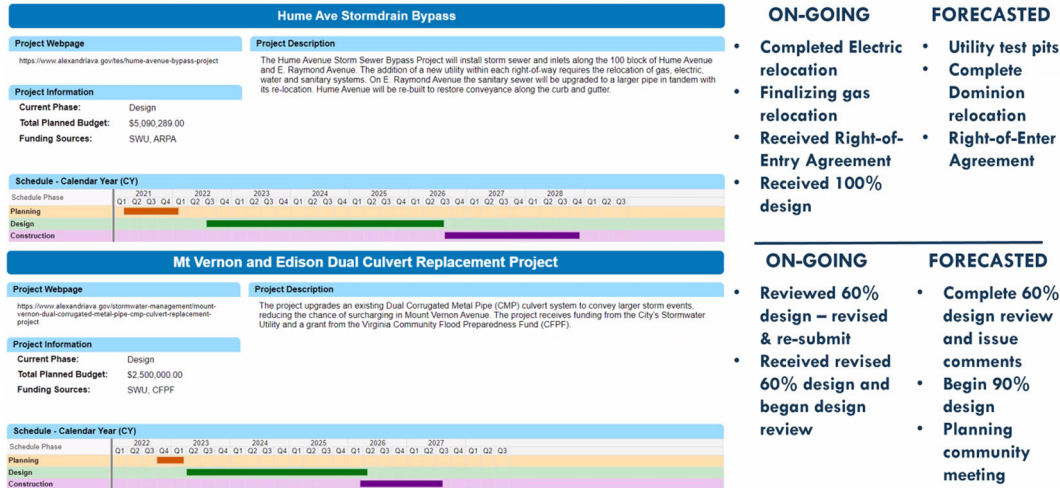
Edison St: Received contract documents and approved by City for construction. Hosted community meeting with Hume Springs residents over Summer 2025. Residents were supportive, expressed concerns regarding trash pick-up and parking.

Preparing for utility relocation (Washington Gas relocation in April-Dec 2026, followed by water utility relocation).

Four Mile Run: Started design development, will complete topographic and property surveys next period.



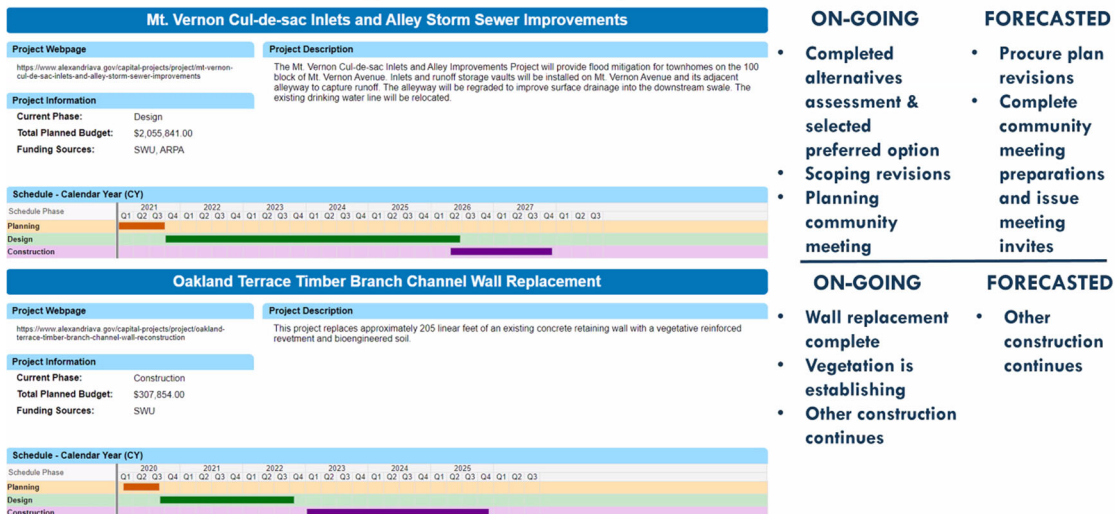
Flood Action Progress Report: Neighborhood Spot Projects



Hume Ave: Dominion completed relocation. City is finalizing gas relocation plan. City partnered with Truist Bank on right of entry agreement for staging and stockpiling location. Project to start in mid-2025. City has 15-month window to complete. City received 100% design. Waiting for completion of utility relocation.

Mt Vernon: Received 60% design, required consultant resubmit. Started review of adjusted concept. Expect to complete 60% design. Next: 90% and community outreach.

Flood Action Progress Report: Neighborhood Spot Projects

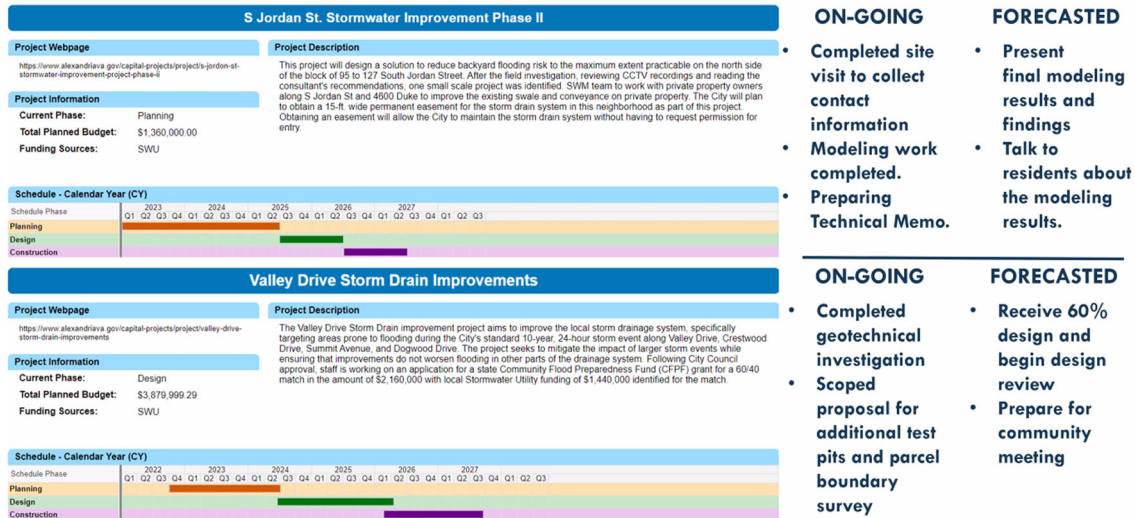


Mt Vernon Cul-de-Sac: Received community feedback, developed alternative. Reviewed alternative performance during storm events. City completing technical revisions, hope to share with public at the end of Oct 2025.



Oakland Terrace: Installed channel wall, vegetative wall is growing. Still tracking other work.

Flood Action Progress Report: Neighborhood Spot Projects

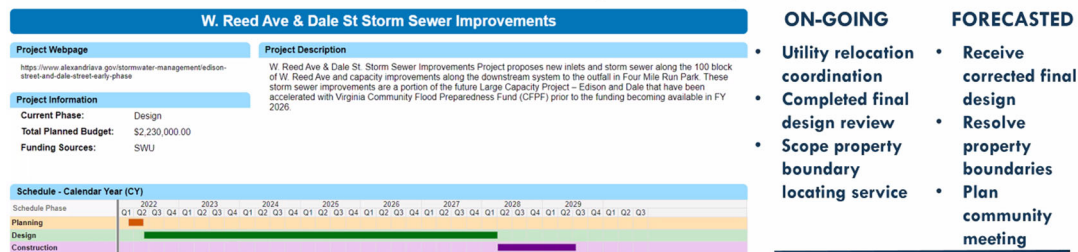


S Jordan St: Conducted site visit, modeling, and community outreach. Next: Internal final memo presentation ahead of discussion with residents about model.

Valley Drive: Completed geotechnical investigation. Need additional test pits and parcel boundaries. Will begin 60% review and prepare for community meeting.

Question: Drudi: Will the City alert of upcoming meetings? Dillon: Yes.

Flood Action Progress Report: Neighborhood Spot Projects



W Reed Ave: Coordinating utility relocation and Mt Vernon Bridge project. Completing final design. Need to identify additional property boundaries and title search. Following minor design corrections will reach out to community (asked questions during Edison presentation).

Questions:

- Drudi: Timeline. Dillon: Long design phase due to design development, community support, funding, utility relocation, etc.

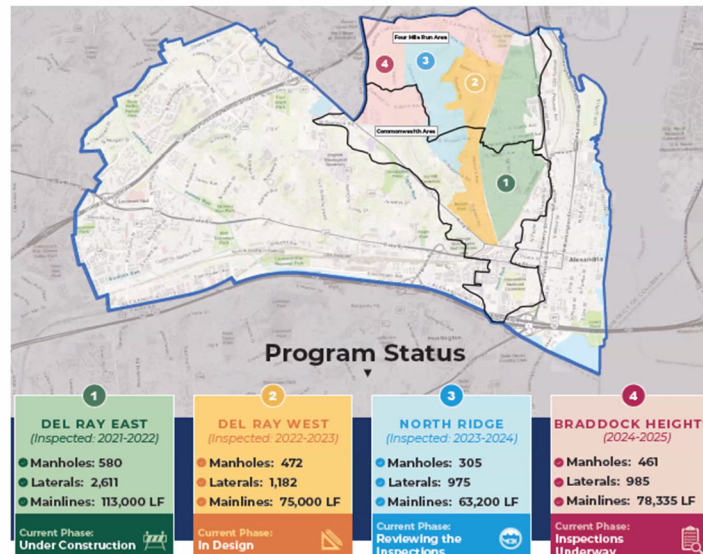


- Thuot: How often is city project website tracker updated? Dillon: Design phase increased, typically update website with council reporting.

3e. Sanitary Sewer Projects (Zhang)

Sanitary Sewer Projects

- **Del Ray East Lateral Rehabilitation:**
 - Design completed
 - Invitation to Bid (ITB) preparation in final stages – October 2025
 - Total of 413 laterals to be rehabilitated
- **Del Ray West:**
 - Manholes, mainlines and lateral sewers in design phase
 - Design completion January 2026



Asset Renewal Contract: Completed inspection in Del Ray East, West, and North Ridge. Braddock Heights inspection work is active. Shifting from inspection to rehabilitation work.

Del Ray East: Completed rehabilitation construction (no longer on slide). Next: Lateral design.

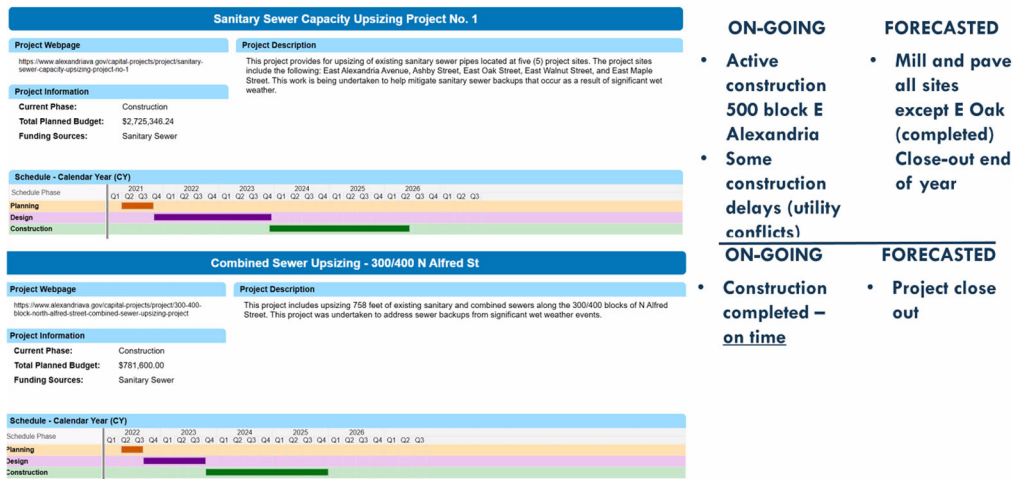
- Recommended rehabilitation of 413 laterals. Design complete. Do not anticipate excavation except for select cases where a clean-out and installation of new insulation liner is necessary. City will use UV curing to minimize impact to homeowners (water curing is back-up).
- Work on laterals [connections from houses to the sanitary sewer] was not part of the Fairfax County contract that the City had been using. Therefore, the City issued its own contract for lateral rehabilitation.
- Next steps: Invitation to bid next month (Oct 2025), select on-call contractor in early 2026.

Del Ray West: At 60% design, expect to complete design in Jan 2026. City will use on-call contractor.

Braddock Heights: Ongoing inspections



Sanitary Sewer Backup Mitigation Projects

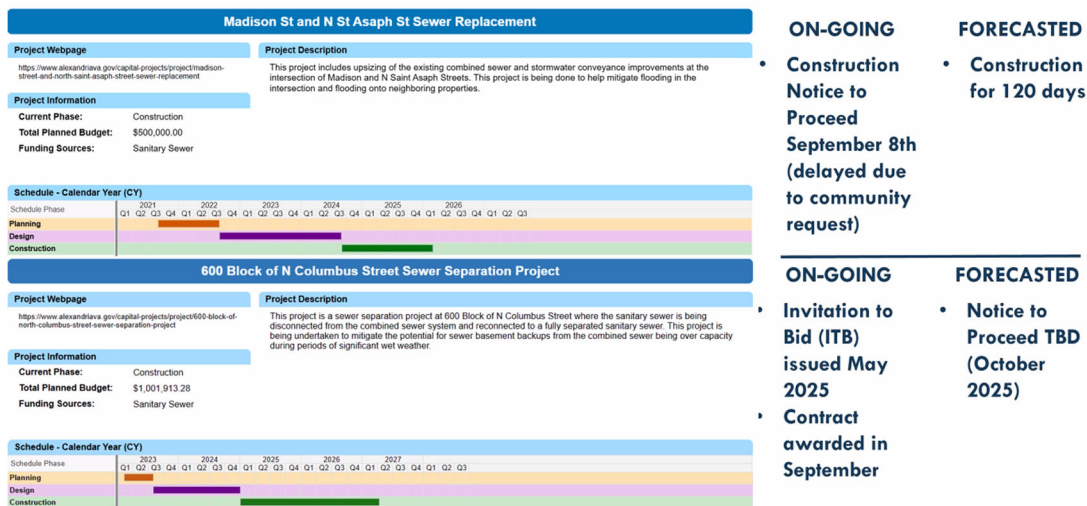


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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Active construction 500 block E AlexandriaSome construction delays (utility conflicts) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mill and pave all sites except E Oak (completed) Close-out end of year |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Construction completed – on time | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Project close out |

Capacity Upsizing No 1: Five locations (Ashby St, E Oak St, E Walnut St, E Maple St, and E Alexandria Ave). Completed construction at first four locations. E Alexandria is last location due to utility conflict delays. Anticipated end of construction: End of Sept 2025. Next steps: Pavement restoration and project closeout by end of 2025.

Combined Sewer Upsizing 300/400 N Alfred: Construction complete, in close out phase.

Sanitary Sewer Backup Mitigation Projects



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Construction Notice to Proceed September 8th (delayed due to community request) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Construction for 120 days |
- | ON-GOING | FORECASTED |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Invitation to Bid (ITB) issued May 2025Contract awarded in September | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Notice to Proceed TBD (October 2025) |

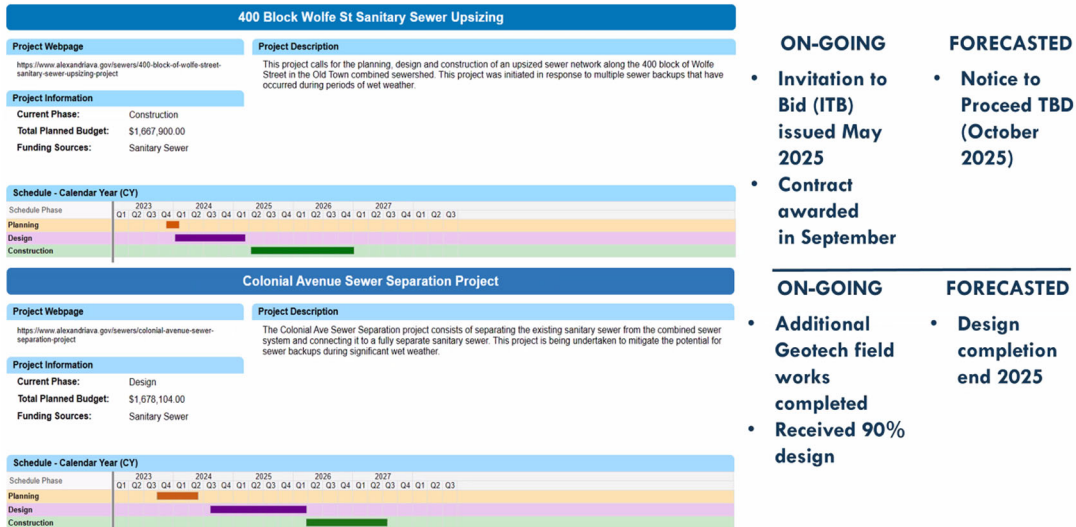
Madison St: Issued notice to proceed on 09/08. Slight delay due to community request. Construction to take 120 days.

Question: Drudi (Madison St): Submitted 311 regarding broken storm sewer lid. Zhang: 311 goes to Operations team. Maines: Forwarded to Mary Alice.



N Columbus St: Sewer separation. Issued invitation to bid in May 2025. Selected contractor in mid-September, will issue notice to proceed (NTP) in October 2025.

Sanitary Sewer Backup Mitigation Projects



Wolfe St: Awarded contract in mid-September, will issue notice to proceed (NTP) in October 2025.

Colonial Ave: Conducted additional geotechnical work. Received 90% design, working on 100% design. Anticipate completion by end of 2025.

Comment: Maginniss: Thank you to City for response to issue on E Alexandria.

Question: Hill: Is the purpose to prevent back-ups? Zhang: Rehabilitation aims to extend service life. Upsizing aims to add conveyance capacity. Sewer separation project aims to divert flow.

3f. Communications (Wheeler)

Communications

June – August

- 22 Total Flood Action/ Stormwater social media posts
 - Commonwealth, Ashby, Glebe, Hume Ave. Bypass Project, Hurricane Season Preparedness, Flood Resilience Plan
- Impressions: 104,210 increased by 18%
- Engagements: 3,012 decreased by 10%
- Post link clicks: 253 decreased by 9%
*Compared to previous 3 months (March – May)
- 8,145 Stormwater Management webpage views
*86 total pages under Stormwater Management web group
- Average engagement rate: 63%, Average events per session: 4
- Most popular stormwater webpages:
 - [Flood Map](#) = 1,932 views
 - [Flood Action](#) = 1,004 views
 - [Types of Sewer Systems](#): 516 views
- Additional Top Ten Pages:
 - [Flood Mitigation Grant Program](#): 238 views
 - [Flood Resilience Plan](#): 205 views



Update: Published posts on Hume (onsite work) and Commonwealth (Whiteleather was onsite), as well as flood grant awareness ahead of hurricane season. Popular pages: Flood Map and Flood Action (homebase).

Communications

Upcoming Communications Priorities

- Flood Resilience Plan

3g. Maintenance (Jaatinen)

Maintenance Activities

- Hooffs Run Culvert Maintenance and Cleaning from East Linden Street to Duke Street is complete.
- Hooffs Run Culvert Top Slab Reconstruction in the Park between East Walnut and East Oak Street – Phase II
 - Coordinating project with RPCA.
 - Park and tennis courts will be closed during construction.
 - Notifications will go out two weeks prior to construction.
 - Construction anticipated to start in Fall 2025.
 - Project duration: 6-8 months depending on weather.

Hooffs Run Culvert: Completed cleaning and maintenance. Now in Phase II (slab reconstruction). City coordinating with Parks & Rec. Construction start planned for Nov 2025 (may need to delay until March 2026 due to weather). Duration: 6-8 months. Slab is in fair condition.

Question: Hill: Does work address exposed concrete slab S of Linden? Jaatinen: No, slab in good condition, replaced 12 years ago.



Maintenance Activities



Before Repair



After Repair

Maintenance Activities

- Citywide Storm Sewer CCTV and Cleaning Program:
 - Initiated program in June 2025
 - Goal: Complete 1-2 watersheds per year
 - Four Mile Run Watershed – 50% complete

Update: City initiated citywide CCTV cleaning program in June 2025. Goal: 1-2 watersheds per year. Currently completed Four Mile Run watershed. Using contractor and coordinating with Brian Rahal. Will share records with other departments. City to review CCTV footage (consultant rates 0-5) to inform repair prioritization.

Maginniss: Does work include clean out? Jaatinen: Yes, contractor cleaning as record footage.

3h. Flood Mitigation (Montoney)

Flood Mitigation Grant Program

- Reimbursed a total of \$1,177,087.92 since July 2021 inception.
- So far in FY2026: 6 applications, all in various stages of approval.
- FY2025: Approved 85 applications, reimbursed \$186,240.69
- FY2024: Approved 101 applications, reimbursed \$235,145.16.
- FY2023: Approved 73 applications, reimbursed \$167,538.49.
- FY2022: Approved 148 applications, reimbursed \$588,163.58.



Update: Received 85 applications in FY2025. Received 6 applications to date in FY2026, 2 of which will receive payments (~\$8,000 total).

Distributed 1,880 postcards to City residents to notify of program.

4. Braddock Rd & West St Study (Rahal)

Update on Braddock Rd. & West St. Study

AGENDA ITEM #4

Braddock & West Storm Sewer Planning

- Improvements are planned for near term & long term.
- Near term:
 - Condition assessment inspection (CCTV) of existing storm sewer, to include under RR tracks.
 - Inlet improvements for Braddock & West intersection.
 - Funding available in FY 2026 to begin.
- Long term:
 - Major Capital Improvement Project
 - 2.2MG (million gallon) deep storage facility with \$36M est. (range \$24M-\$70M)
 - Funding request planned for the out years of the 10-Year SWU CIP during the FY2027 budget cycle.



Near-term:

- 1) Assess storm service system (saw flooding during storm event earlier this year) to determine whether there is a blockage ahead of the railroad tracks (using CCTV).
 - a. Drudi: Can provide image of flooding at Braddock & West in July 2025.
- 2) Four Mile Run & Hooffs Run Inlet Expansion Program: 12 inlets (Hooffs Run) near Braddock and West intersection are programmed for expansion. Could begin in 2026.
 - a. Image: vortex above inlet is too small, causing ponding. Need to increase inlet size.

Long-term: Flooding study (completed in Jan 2024) concluded would need 2.2 million gallons of storage at intersection to prevent flooding during 10-year storm. Would cost \$24-\$70 million, working on funding request to incorporate into budget cycle.

Comment: Drudi: John Craig calculated a deficiency of 8 cubic feet per second. Rahal: Difficult to calculate volume from rate. 2.2 million gallons (~4 Olympic-size swimming pools) needed for 24-hour



10-year storm. Storage would be a 200-foot diameter shaft, 60 feet in depth, below the intersection. Recommending in 10-year plan per city manager advice.

5. Flood Resilience Plan Update (PRR & Jacobs)

Flood Resilience Plan Update

AGENDA ITEM #5



Overview

- ▶ The Flood Resilience Plan (FRP) will serve as a roadmap to assist the City with reducing flood risk.
- ▶ The FRP will include a combination of detailed analysis in areas where the City has previously conducted projects and a flood exposure analysis for new areas of the City previously not studied.
- ▶ Information from the community about flooding impacts to them will also be included in the FRP analysis. Input will be collected via a community-input survey, at pop-up events, and at public meetings.

Overview

Goal: Prevent, prepare, respond, and recover from heavy rainfall events. Plan will rely on prior studies and community engagement (Survey out now through end of Sept 2025).



Task Work to Date



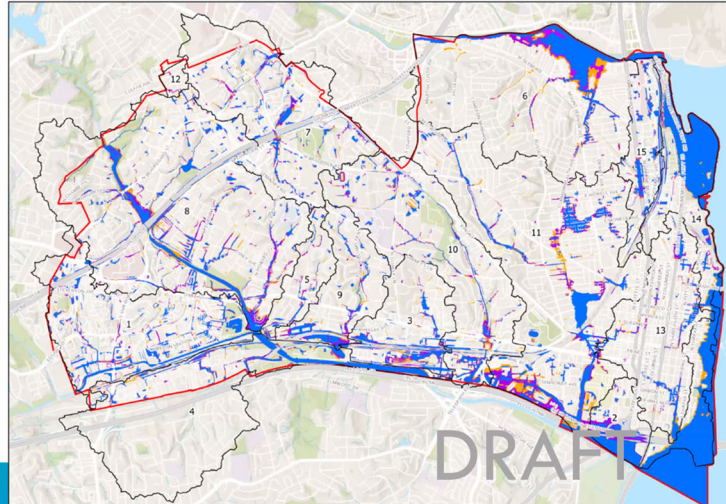
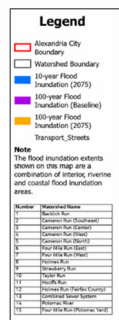
Milestone Meetings	Estimated Date
Community Meeting #1	November/December 2025
Flood Advisory Cttee Meeting #3	January 2026
Community Meeting #2	February 2026
Present Plan to City Council	May 2026

Task Progress

Progress to date includes data collection (April 2025), 2-D modeling (July 2025), and ongoing vulnerability assessment (Sept 2025). Community Engagement is ongoing.



Flood Modeling – Interior, Riverine and Coastal Flood Map 10-year (2075), 100-year (2025), and 100-year (2075)

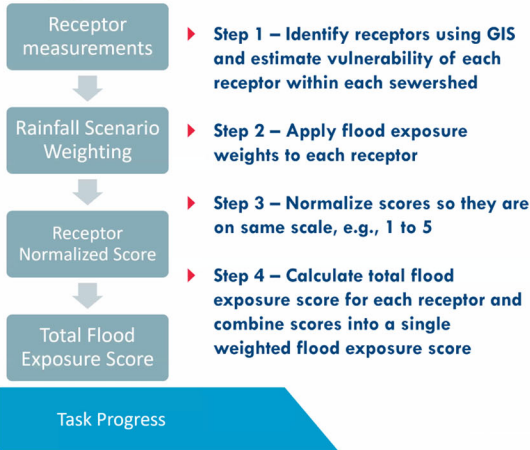


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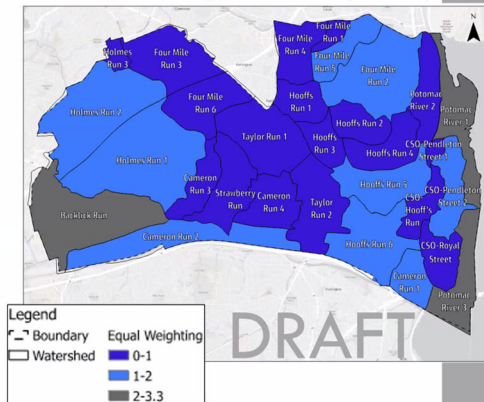
Susan Beck (Jacobs): Combined prior modeling efforts with citywide screening model to inform vulnerability assessment (set to finish end of Sept 2025). Model includes coastal flooding (from tidal influences and storm surges), riverine flooding (along waterways), and interior flooding (runoff in urban areas). Ran model for 3 scenarios: 10-year future storm in 2075 (dark blue), baseline 100-year flood (purple), and future 100-year flood in 2075 (orange).



Flood Vulnerability Assessment



Total Flood Exposure Example Map



Beck (Jacobs): Model will inform vulnerability assessment, which will inform strategy and implementation plan.

Assessment: Identified flood receptors (entity of interest that could be exposed to flooding e.g., building), overlaid with flood extents. If buildings overlapped, considered vulnerable. Applied flood exposure weights to each receptor (e.g., building with basement is more susceptible, exposure to 10-year v 100-year storm), normalized and combined scores for each receptor, and then combined receptor scores to produce weighted flood exposure score by sub-watershed. Higher score = more vulnerable.

Maginniss: How does model align with committee's work/recommendations? Beck: Aligns, highest scores along Potomac River. Numeric score varies by receptor (e.g., buildings = counted number of buildings exposed, transportation = measured length of flooded roads, etc.).



Summer Outreach – Where We Went

The project team attended several community events this summer to share information about the FRP and gather input.

Event	Location	Date and time	Number of attendees	Engagements/ Table visits
Alexandria Community Cookout	Fairlington Presbyterian Church, 3846 King Street, Alexandria VA	Tuesday, July 1, 2025 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	100+	25
Old Town Farmer's Market	301 King Street, Alexandria VA 22314	Saturday, July 26, 2025 7 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	300+	86
Friendship Firehouse Festival	107 Alfred Street, Alexandria VA 22314	Saturday, August 2, 2025 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	320+	125
Southern Towers Farmer's Market	4901 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA 22311	Saturday, August 9, 2025 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	50	33
West End Farmer's Market	4800 Brenman Park Dr, Alexandria, VA 22304	Sunday, August 17, 2025 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	300+	118

Community Outreach



Sharp (PRR): Engagement included two cookouts, three farmer's markets, and the Firehouse Festival.

- Cookouts: Slide missing one. Attended Farlington cookout (07/01) and Acclaim Apartments cookout (07/16).
- Farmer's Markets: Old Town, Southern Towners, and West End (due to prior limited engagement)

Materials: Comment cards, tablets for survey responses, factsheets, information boards, and interactive map boards (participants placed a sticker where they see/experience flooding). All materials were in Arabic, Amharic, Spanish, and English.

Many respondents are not personally impacted by flooding but support action. Some were concerned about access to FEMA flood data.



Summer Outreach – What We Heard

- ▶ Most attendees said they were not personally impacted by flooding but still supported efforts by the City to reduce flooding across the area.
- ▶ Many residents shared that they refer to flood maps to determine where to live in the city. A few attendees were concerned about future access to flood maps and flooding data provided by FEMA.



Community Outreach



Where Do You Experience Flooding?



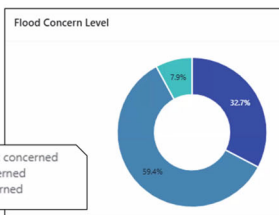
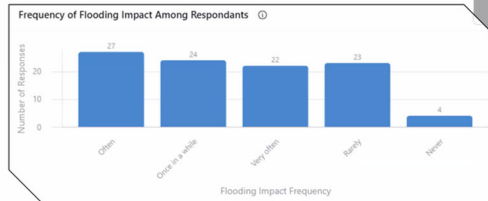


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Online Survey Results as of Sept 2025

- ▶ 107 Survey responses to date
- ▶ 98 Have experienced flooding in Alexandria
- ▶ 49 Have experienced flooding often or very often
- ▶ 59% Are very concerned about flood impacts in the future



Community Outreach

Beck: Online survey is active through end of 09/2025. 98% of respondents have experienced flooding (self-selecting group). Survey questions included individual investments, losses, etc.



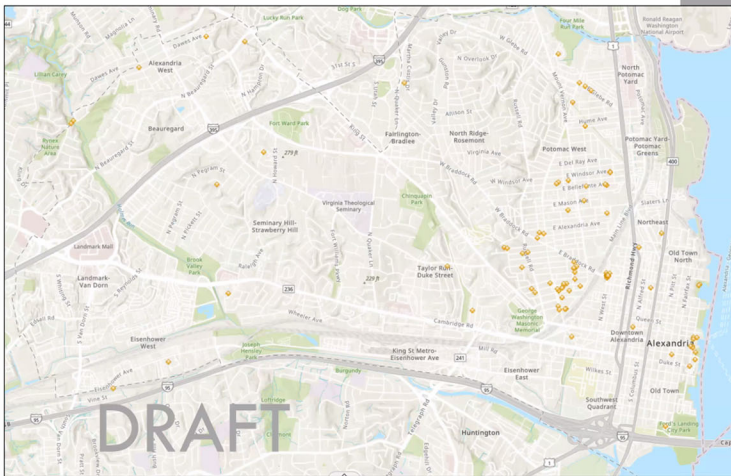
Online Survey Results as of Sept 2025

- ▶ 128 Flood Locations
- ▶ Survey closes September 30th

Take the survey today!



Community Outreach



Survey Response Flood Locations as of 9.15.2025

Survey included georeferenced map to show locations where respondents have experienced flooding.

Hill: What do dots mean? Beck: Locations where respondents experienced flooding.

Maginniss: Thought survey was excellent, questions addressed what wanted to convey and allowed to estimate monetary expense, even if not statistically representative survey.

Sharp/Lassetter: Upcoming public meeting on Nov 10, 2025.



Hill: Requested that Lori Sharp and Susan Beck contact Leonard and Waynick about survey.



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Questions



6. Flood Mitigation Grant Program (Maines)

Update of changes to Flood Mitigation Grant Program

AGENDA ITEM #6

Update: Hope to have changes for Jan 2026. Council will need to review after committee. Must develop criteria for different areas and be approved by City lawyers.

7. Committee Memo (Hill)

Committee memo in support of FY2027 Stormwater Fee

AGENDA ITEM #7



Discussion of Proposed Increase in the Stormwater Fee for FY2027

Stormwater Utility 10-Year Plan: FY 2025 - FY 2034

Stormwater Rate	Approved FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032	FY 2033	FY 2034	FY 2025 - FY 2034
Stormwater Utility Rate per ERU	\$ 294.00	\$ 308.70	\$ 324.10	\$ 340.30	\$ 360.70	\$ 385.90	\$ 412.90	\$ 429.40	\$ 540.00	\$ 556.20	\$ 572.90	
Proposed Rate Increase	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%	7.0%	4.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	
New Stormwater Utility Rate	\$ 308.70	\$ 324.10	\$ 340.30	\$ 360.70	\$ 385.90	\$ 412.90	\$ 429.40	\$ 442.30	\$ 556.20	\$ 572.90	\$ 590.10	

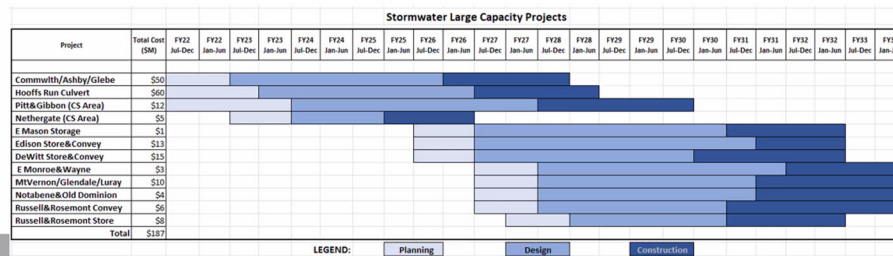
Points to consider

The proposed increases in the SW Fee during the 2024 -2034 period were based on the original Flood Action construction plan developed in 2021.

We are finding that the large projects are taking considerably longer to design than originally envisioned.

As a result – there is a very significant unexpended/uncommitted balance of funds available to the construction program.

Does the SW Fee increase need to be re-evaluated in light of the fact that the construction activity will be spread over a much longer period of time?



Budget for FY27: Proposing 6% increase in fee from \$340.3 to \$360.7.

- Drudi: Concern regarding proposed decrease in rate in 2030.
- Hill: As of 09/30/24, \$100 million of unexpended funding (budget authority). Maines: Check with OMB, \$60 million is in Commonwealth, Ashby, Glebe, \$27-28 million is in Hooffs Run, and \$15.8 million in Neighborhood Impact Projects. OMB has not issued bonds so not paying debt service.
- Maines: City manager may say not raising rate unless committee establishes why.
- Hill: Do we as a committee want to approve a 6% increase in the fee?
- Drudi: In favor of consistent 5% increase per year because behind on spending and not in position to spend more next fiscal year.
- Shew: Would rather see rolling change in percent because people are tight on money and losing jobs.

Hill: Ask for additional analysis from Medina and Maines justifying 6% increase. City manager needs in Oct 2025.

8. Outreach Activities (Skipped due to time constraint)

Committee 2025-26 workplan and outreach activities

AGENDA ITEM #8



Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee Proposed Work Plan for 2025-2026



Work Stream	Purpose	Activities & Deliverables
Community Awareness	To increase residents' awareness of -- and involvement in -- the projects planned in their neighborhoods	Maximize resident awareness and attendance at all community meetings regarding these projects: - Commonwealth/Ashby/Glebe - Nethergate - Hooff's Run Bypass - Miscellaneous Spot projects - Pitt & Gibbon Place special emphasis on residents most impacted by these projects. (Throughout the year)
Business Involvement	To better understand the impact of stormwater and flooding issues on Alexandria businesses and design appropriate mitigation strategies.	Targeted updates to the Alexandria business community impacted by stormwater flooding.
Assessing Plans & Budgets	To report to Council whether the appropriate level of funding is allocated to the most effective storm- and floodwater mitigation projects.	A statement in support of the Stormwater Fee increase that briefly summarizes past storm season and the need for continued investment (October). A budget season report -- and testimony -- on the progress of the stormwater mitigation program overall, with an emphasis on expenditures to-date and planned investments. Answer the three questions raised in our 2023 report. (March to May).
Informing City- and State-level Policies	To provide the perspective of residents and businesses as City staff works with Council and our state representatives in shaping policies regarding storm- and floodwater mitigation	Develop a proposal for expanding the Flood Mitigation Grant Program (December) Engaging and coordinating with other City organizations concerned with water-related issues (ongoing)

9. Public Comment

Public Comment

AGENDA ITEM #9

Yvonne Callahan (President of Old Town Civic Association): Wanted to understand why waterfront pump station was not part of River Renew due to historic riverine flooding issues. Approached City manager a year ago and explained funding was solely from CIP funds, not the stormwater utility fee (moved \$10 million from stormwater utility fee to CIP).

- Ask: Put item on agenda for study. There is no reason rain falling in Old Town should be treated differently from Del Ray. Should have integration.
- Ask: Look at rates and work with Old Town. Pay the same fees but don't get the same results.

Drudi: At Old Town Civic Association meeting, slide presented by city about pump station indicated need for river overtopping, backup through storm sewers, and runoff.