



# *Alexandria Waterfront Commission*

*Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities*

*1108 Jefferson Street*

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**To:** James P. Parajon, City Manager

**Subject:** Waterfront Flood Mitigation Project - Pump Station Location Analysis

The Waterfront Commission is very appreciative of the City's decision to analyze the costs and benefits of locating the pump station at 1 Prince Street versus the current plan to locate it in Waterfront Park. We remain committed to the goals of the Waterfront Small Area Plan, including preserving public open space and reducing flooding impacts and believe the pump station is a necessary investment to address flooding along the waterfront. We encourage the analysis to fully explore how both goals can be balanced in a financially reasonable way.

An innovative community-proposed hybrid solution that would split the pump station between Waterfront Park and 1 Prince Street has recently come to our attention. Under this alternative approach, the underground wet well and pumps would remain in Waterfront Park, along with a significantly smaller one-story building, with the remainder of the electrical equipment located at 1 Prince Street. This design would reduce the station's footprint in the park, potentially leverage existing engineering work, and possibly be materially less costly than moving the full pump station to 1 Prince Street.

Ideally, the City's cost and benefit analysis would include both scenarios – locating the entire pump station at 1 Prince Street and splitting the pump station's components between Waterfront Park and 1 Prince Street. The Waterfront Commission encourages the City to provide as detailed an incremental cost analysis of the split-station concept as feasible. Evaluating both alternatives would provide City staff and the City Council the information necessary to make an informed decision regarding this critical project.

Sincerely,

Louise L. Roseman, Chair

c: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council

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