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ABOUT US ADVISORY GROUP ENEWS

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

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Four Years of Protecting Our City Together

Four years ago, Alexandria faced a growing challenge. Heavy rains and flash floods were becoming more frequent, threatening homes, businesses, and the daily rhythms of the City. Out of that challenge came a commitment: to build a safer, resilient Alexandria.

From Vision to Action

Over these years, our Flood Action Alexandria team has launched 21 flood mitigation projects across the City, each one designed to protect, to the maximum possible, homes, businesses, and infrastructure. These projects range from small neighborhood improvements to major infrastructure investments, with budgets from $400,000 to over $40 million.

Neighborhood by Neighborhood

- In some areas, we've focused on planning and design, listening to residents and tailoring solutions to local needs.
- In others, construction has finished, bringing visible change to places where flooding once disrupted daily life.
- Together, City staff and residents, are helping build a stronger Alexandria, block by block.

A Milestone: Commonwealth, Ashby & Glebe

One of the most ambitious undertakings, the Commonwealth, Ashby and Glebe Flood Mitigation Project, has reached a major milestone. Its design is complete, and in early 2026, construction will begin with the relocation of utilities like water, gas, power, fiber optic, and sanitary sewer. This project is not just the largest of its kind in Alexandria; it's a symbol of what we can achieve when we plan and work together. When finished, this project will reduce flooding in one of our most flood-prone areas in the City.

Lessons Along the Way

As we've advanced, we've learned important lessons that make our work more effective:

- **Early Community Engagement:** We learned to involve residents as soon as possible, so their voices could shape the scope of each project. For example, if construction reduces parking options, as part of the design we must identify alternate locations to keep neighborhoods functioning smoothly.
- **Utility Coordination:** We confirmed how critical it is to work closely with public utilities. Their assets must be relocated before the City can begin construction.
- **Limits of Infrastructure:** We also learned to communicate to residents that it is not always possible to fully mitigate flooding to the target level of service, such as the 10-year storm event. Sometimes underground infrastructure leaves no room for new storm sewers. Even then, our projects still bring meaningful benefits, reducing damage and improving resilience.
- **Planning for the Future:** Based on these experiences, the City is currently developing a Flood Resilience Master Plan. This plan will serve as a roadmap to guide the future of Flood Action Alexandria. It will help prioritize projects, align funding strategies, and verify that community input remains central to relevant decisions. Most importantly, it will give residents a clear vision of how Alexandria will continue to strengthen its defenses against flooding in the years ahead.

A Shared Journey Forward

These accomplishments and lessons belong to all of us. They reflect the dedication of residents, City staff, engineering contractors, and the Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee.

Looking back, we see progress. Looking ahead, we see promise. Together, we are building a strong and resilient city that can weather the storms. Alexandria's resilience is not just in its infrastructure; it is in its people and in their commitment to protect the place we call home.

SPOTLIGHT

Stormwater Utility Fee Credit Program Now Accepting Applications

Planting a new native tree is an eligible to receive SWU Fee Credit

Property owners can receive a reduction in their Stormwater Utility (SWU) Fee by installing and maintaining eligible dry floodproofing and stormwater quality practices. Property owners can apply to the SWU Fee Credit Program from December 1 through February 15.

The SWU Fee provides dedicated funding for the City's stormwater management program that includes capital flood mitigation projects, operations and maintenance of public stormwater infrastructure, and water quality initiatives. The fee appears as a separate line item on real estate tax bills and is billed in two installments, half in May and half in October. Fees are based on property type, such as single-family homes, townhomes, and commercial buildings, as well as the amount of impervious surface on the property.

The credit program encourages property owners to take action to reduce localized flooding and improve water quality. Eligible practices may qualify for a reduction of up to 50% of the SWU Fee. Approved credits remain in effect for two years.

"This is a win-win for the City and property owners," said Stormwater Utility Manager, Camille Liebnitzky, PE. "Everyone doing their part to help protect the environment helps ensure cleaner water flows into the Potomac River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay."

A variety of solutions are eligible under the program, including outdoor practices such as tree planting, conservation landscaping, and permeable pavement, as well as floodproofing measures like French drains, elevated utilities, and window flood protection. A full list of eligible practices is available in the SWU Fee Credit Program Manual on the City's website.

Property owners who applied during the previous 2023-2024 credit cycle will be eligible to renew. City staff will send a reminder email the first week of December to past applicants. To remain in the program, property owners must resubmit new photographs demonstrating that installed practices are properly maintained. Returning applicants may reapply for previously approved practices, as long as they are properly maintained and a new photo is submitted. Applying for new eligible practices is also accepted.

Flood gate is an eligible practice to receive SWU Fee Credit

City staff will host two informational webinars to present program details and answer resident questions. The first webinar will be focused on businesses and will be held on December 11 at 10am in partnership with Eco-City Business, and the second will be focused for residents and occur in January. More information will be provided in January for that webinar.

PROJECT UPDATES

LARGE CAPACITY PROJECTS

City Prepares for Utility Relocation Ahead of Commonwealth, Ashby, Glebe Flood Mitigation Project Construction Phase

FOUR MILE RUN
CORA KELLY GIRLS
SOFTBALL FIELD
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

The City will install a new outfall to discharge stormwater to Four Mile Run near the Cora Kelley softball fields

Flood Action Alexandria's first large capacity project is getting closer to construction.

City staff are in the final stretch of the project's design phase, which they expect to complete by the end of this year. As the construction phase nears, the City is beginning the process of coordinating utility relocation following initial design meetings with the utility providers.

The Commonwealth, Ashby, Glebe, Flood Mitigation Project is a major investment to reduce flooding near the intersections of Commonwealth Avenue and E. Glebe Road, and Ashby Street and E. Glebe Road. The project plans to install new parallel relief sewers on Commonwealth and E. Glebe to increase capacity, and a junction connecting the new sewer to the existing ones along Ashby St. and Montrose Ave. It also includes new inlets along Commonwealth, Ashby, and Montrose, a new outfall to discharge to Four Mile Run, and green infrastructure along Commonwealth to improve water quality.

The project team is working with utility providers to design relocation plans to make room for the significant amount of new infrastructure. This work is expected to begin next year.

Arlington County, collaborating with City staff, has started work on the Mt. Vernon Avenue/ Arlington Bridge Road Bridge Replacement Project. This work reduces the bridge to two lanes through the summer of 2027 while construction is taking place. While there is no direct overlap in the work areas of these two projects, the City is proactively adjusting construction schedules to minimize traffic disruptions along W. Reed Ave., E. Reed Ave., and E. Glebe Rd., which are important connectors to US-1.

More information about the construction schedule will be shared as plans are finalized. Additional details about the project are available on the City webpage.

See More Large Capacity Projects ➜

NEIGHBORHOOD SPOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

City Prepares for Construction Phase of Edison Cul-de-Sac Drainage Improvement Project and 100 W Reed Avenue Curb Inlet Improvement Project

Betty King
Entrance to
Four Mile Run Park

The project will reduce flooding in the cul-de-sac near the Betty King Entrance to Four Mile Park

The City is finalizing the coordination of utility relocation for a pair of projects to provide flood relief the Hume Springs neighborhood.

Staff successfully accelerated the start of utility relocations for the 100 W. Reed Avenue Curb Inlet Improvement Project, which includes installing a new storm sewer along W. Reed Avenue and upsizing the sewer pipes and outfall at Four Mile Run. The relocations, planned to begin in early 2026, are necessary to support the project.

With City staff in the final design phases, and construction documents expected to be complete by the end of the year, the accelerated timetable for utility relocations will allow work to begin in a timely manner. Once complete, the project will work with additional new inlets along W. Reed Avenue and improvements to inlet connectivity on Dale Street to capture and convey more storm water in the surrounding area.

Utility relocation planning is also underway for the Edison Street Cul-de-Sac Drainage Improvement Project an approximately $1 million investment to expand the capture of the storm sewer in the area. As part of the planned improvements, the City will also add inlets at the intersection of Edison Street and Mark Drive to capture and convey more stormwater.

Relocating water and gas utilities in the project area is a necessary step to make room for the storm sewer upgrades prior to the expected construction start date in early 2027. City staff will hold public engagement opportunities ahead of construction to share information about the project.

The Edison Street Cul-de-Sac Drainage Improvement Project received funding alongside the Edison Street Drainage Improvement Project from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) grant to facilitate preparations for the future Edison and Dale Large Capacity Project to provide flood mitigation to the Hume Springs area.

Utility Relocation Coordination Continues on Hume Avenue Bypass Project

E Raymond Ave
Dewitt Ave

New storm sewer and inlets will be installed along Raymond Avenue near the intersection with Dewitt Avenue

City staff are working with utility companies to prepare the area near Mount Jefferson Park for significant upgrades to the storm sewer system as part of the Hume Avenue Bypass Project.

This project, an approximately $5 million investment to mitigate flooding in the area, includes installing a new storm sewer along Hume Avenue to bypass the existing pipe and provide more capacity in addition to the installation of new storm sewers and inlets along E. Raymond Avenue to capture additional stormwater. While this project is underway, the City will also upgrade sanitary sewers along E. Raymond Avenue and resurface Hume Avenue.

Relocation of underground electric has already been completed by the local power company, and the City is actively coordinating with the local fiber provider begin fiber relocation work in early 2026. A relocation plan for this work has been set, and work notices will be issued ahead of the start of construction by the fiber provider. Once the fiber relocation is complete, City staff will begin preparing for the relocation of gas utilities in the area.

To reduce the impact on area residents and presesrve public parking during the utility relocation and construction periods, the City reached an agreement with Truist Bank (2809 Mt Vernon Ave.) for work crews use its parking lot while performing project-related work.

Design Revisions Under Review for Mt. Vernon Cul-de-Sac Inlet and Storm Sewer Improvement Project

The alley near the Mt. Vernon Avenue cu-de-sac will be improved to mitigate flooding near the adjacent homes

City staff have presented new design plans to reduce flooding near the Mt. Vernon Avenue cul-de-sac. The new plans offer an alternative to the original design, and have been developed by staff to address concerns raised by the community last year.

Following City review of construction impacts, the revised design plans were presented to residents in October 2025. The City will continue to address community concerns about construction impacts as staff work to finalize the development of the revised design. Construction is planned to begin in early 2027.The City plans to host additional meetings with residents in the project area prior to the start of construction.

The approximately $2 million project includes new inlets and underground storage on Mt. Vernon Avenue to capture and convey more stormwater runoff. The alleyway will also be upgraded to improve surface drainage to a new inlet system at the lower end of the alley.

Water mains and laterals have been relocated along Mt. Vernon Avenue to make room for the new storm sewer as part of a broader project to upgrade the system from Virginia American Water.

City Moves Forward with Mount Vernon Dual Culvert Replacement Project

The dual culvert can be seen at the headwall running under Edison Street

Design plans are underway for a project to mitigate flooding in the area between Mt. Vernon Avenue, W. Reed Avenue, and Edison Street.

City staff are reviewing the 90 percent design plans submitted by the project consultant. The submission includes detailed design information for the rehabilitation and replacement of metal pipe culverts in the project area and the required means and methodology to safely execute the desired repairs. The proposed design will reduce flooding without causing or excacerbating flooding in other areas of the system.

The Mount Vernon Dual Culvert Replacement Project will invest approximately $2.5 million to improve the capacity and flow of water through the culverts between Mt. Vernon Avenue and Edison Street. Project work will also include lining one pipe, upgrading Corrugated Metal Pipes (CMP), and relocating storm drain inlets.

The project team is currently working with utility providers to begin relocation coordination.

City staff held a community meeting with residents to share information about the project design. The project team presented a proposed solution and its benefit to the community. The team also highlighted temporary construction impacts that may affect residents and business in the area.

First Design Milestone Under Review for Bellefonte Avenue Storm Drain Improvement Project

The project will reduce flooding near the intersection Bellefonte Avenue and Clyde Avenue

The City continues to make significant progress on the Bellefonte Avenue Storm Drain Improvement Project to improve drainage and reduce flooding at E. Bellefonte Avenue, E. Howell Avenue, and the gravel alley that runs parallel to Commonwealth Avenue.

As part of the project, the City will install a larger storm pipe along the gravel alley to carry the majority of the water and supplement the existing, undersized pipe beneath homes in this area. Larger pipes will also be installed to collect more stormwater runoff and reduce ponding in low-lying areas on E. Howell Avenue and E. Bellefonte Avenue.

City staff completed the review of the 30 percent design plans, providing feedback to improve proposed solutions. During the review, City staff identified potential conflicts with existing utilities at several locations in the project area.

To mitigate potential work delays for the future construction phase of this project, City staff have started the process of coordinating utility relocation work with service providers in the project area. Like many Flood Action Alexandria projects, relocating utilities is a necessary step to make space for new stormwater infrastructure.

City staff plan to host community meeting with residents this December to share details about the project, timeline, and possible impacts to the neighborhood. Once available, information about these meetings will be posted on the project webpage.

Design Underway on Phase 1 Four Mile Run and Hooffs Run Inlet Installation and Enhancement Project

Inlets carry stormwater runoff from the surface and carry it into the storm sewer system underneath

The City has launched a program to upgrade inlets to reduce localized flooding and improve stormwater management in the Hooffs Run and Four Mile Run watersheds.

The Four Mile Run and Hooffs Run Installation and Enhancement Project is supported by a Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) grant to improve inlet capacity. The City will prepare construction plans to upsize current inlets and increase capture run-off and stormwater conveyance in the two watersheds. The scope of this project will also include installing new inlets citywide to mitigate future flooding issues.

As part of this project, the City has also identified areas in the two watersheds where the existing sewer system can handle additional flow. Plans currently call for installing 12 new stormwater curb inlets and replacing 63 existing inlets.

The design phase of the project is expected to be complete in approximately ten months.

See More Spot Improvement Projects ➜

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Visit the interactive project map
alexandriava.gov/FloodAction

NEWS

City Hosts a Community Meeting to Kick Off Flood Resilience Plan

On Monday, November 10, the City held the first Flood Resilience Plan (FRP) community meeting at the Charles Houston Recreation Center and virtually via Zoom. During the meeting, approximately 30 community members listened as the City provided an overview of the FRP's purpose and displaed draft flood model results evaluting different future climate scenarios across three types of flooding that impact Alexandria:

1. interior (surface runoff/stormwater)
2. riverine (when waterways overtop their banks)
3. coastal (sea level rise and impacts from tides)

The presentation also featured results from the "vulnerability assessment" which overlayed critical community features such as hospitals, schools, homes, etc. on top of the flood model results to discern which watershed might have a greater amount of critical community features exposed to flooding in the future. Meeting attendees were invited to ask questions and provide comments once the presentation was complete.

The presentation materials and video for the community meeting are available on the City's webpage.

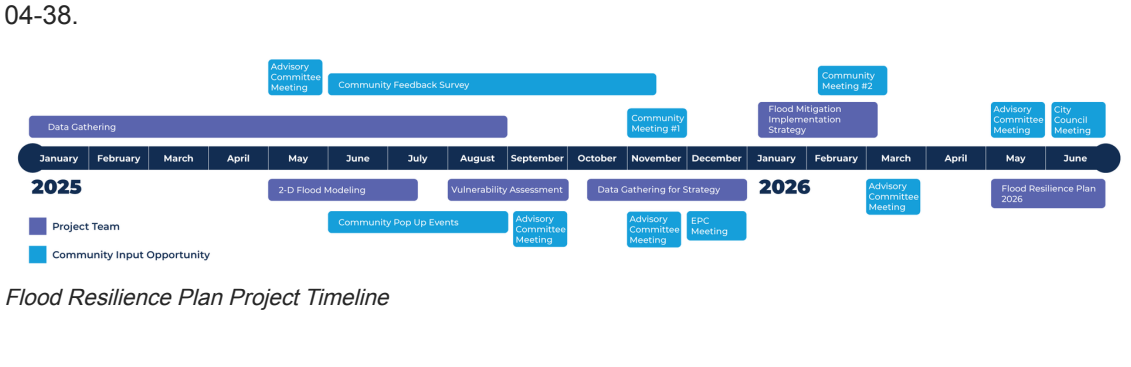
The first FRP community meeting complements the six "pop up" events held by the City this summer to discuss flooding with community members and an initial online survey open from June to November 2025 that collected responses about residents' personal experience with flooding.

Starting this fall and continuing into winter, the City will begin working on identifying data gaps and flood mitigation solutions (projects) along with potential policies and regulations to support flood resilience in Alexandria.

A second community meeting is anticipated to take place in late winter 2026 and provide an opportunity for the public to review the FRP in detail. Scheduling and meeting details will be posted once available.

Information collected from the community at previous and upcoming FRP events will help further guide and refine the plan before it's presented to City Council for adoption in mid-2026. The timeline presented provides an overview of the schedule of activities for the FRP.

The FRP project received funding from the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund Grant Program through the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), via CFPF-24-04-38.



Flood Resilience Plan Project Timeline

City Prepares Application for Community Flood Preparedness Fund Grant

Applications are currently being accepted for a state grant to help fund flood mitigation projects.

The Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) Grant is administered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to support local projects which reduce the impacts of flooding. The grant was established to "empower communities to complete vulnerability assessments, and develop action-oriented approaches to bolster flood preparedness and increase resilience," according to DCR.

The City is submitting applications for Round 6 to help support two projects, the Phase 2 Four Mile Run and Hooffs Run Inlet Replacement and the Valley Drive Strom Drain Improvement Project.

Inlets will be improved as part of the Four Mile Run and Hooffs Run Inlet Replacement Project

The Phase 2 Four Mile Run and Hooffs Run Inlet Replacement Project, will work to either improve or replace an additional 120 prioritized inlets in these two watersheds. These inlets will be in addition to the 75 inlets funded during Phase 1. The City estimates the inlets will allow approximately three times as much water to enter the storm drain system and reduce water ponding around inlets that excacerbate localized flooding issues in the roadway. If awarded, the grant would reimburse up to 50 percent, or $1,173,000, of the estimated $2,346,00 total project cost.

The Valley Drive Storm Drain Improvement Project includes installing a new storm drainpipe system with new curb inlets and a manhole along Crestwood Drive, installing a new storm drainpipe and manhole and increasing the capacity of the existing storm drain inlet along Valley Drive, adding a new storm drainpipe along Summit Avenue, and installing a new storm drainpipe on Dogwood Drive. This work will improve drainage and reduce flooding in the area. If awarded, the grant would reimburse up to 50 percent, or $1.8 million, of the estimated total project cost of $3.6 million.

VALLEY
CRESTWOOD

The Valley Drive Storm Drain Improvement Project will mitigate flooding near Valley Dr. and Crestwood Dr.

Since the CFPF grant was established in 2020, the City has received more than $6.4 million in grants to support six flood mitigation projects, including the Edison Street and Dale Street Capacity Project, the Mount Vernon Dual Corrugated Metal Pipe Culvert Replacement Project, and the Flood Resilience Plan.

The City of Alexandria host the Meaningful Watershed Education Experience(MWEE)

Watershed Walk at Ben Brenman Pond

On a clear, bright day, Tom Persichetti holds up a branch with small bluish berries and tells a group of twenty curious 7th graders that the plant is called porcelain berry—an invasive species found in Alexandria. A few hundred feet later, he points to two trees: one healthy, the other partly covered in porcelain berry.

"What do you think will happen to that tree?" he asks.

"It will die," a student replies.

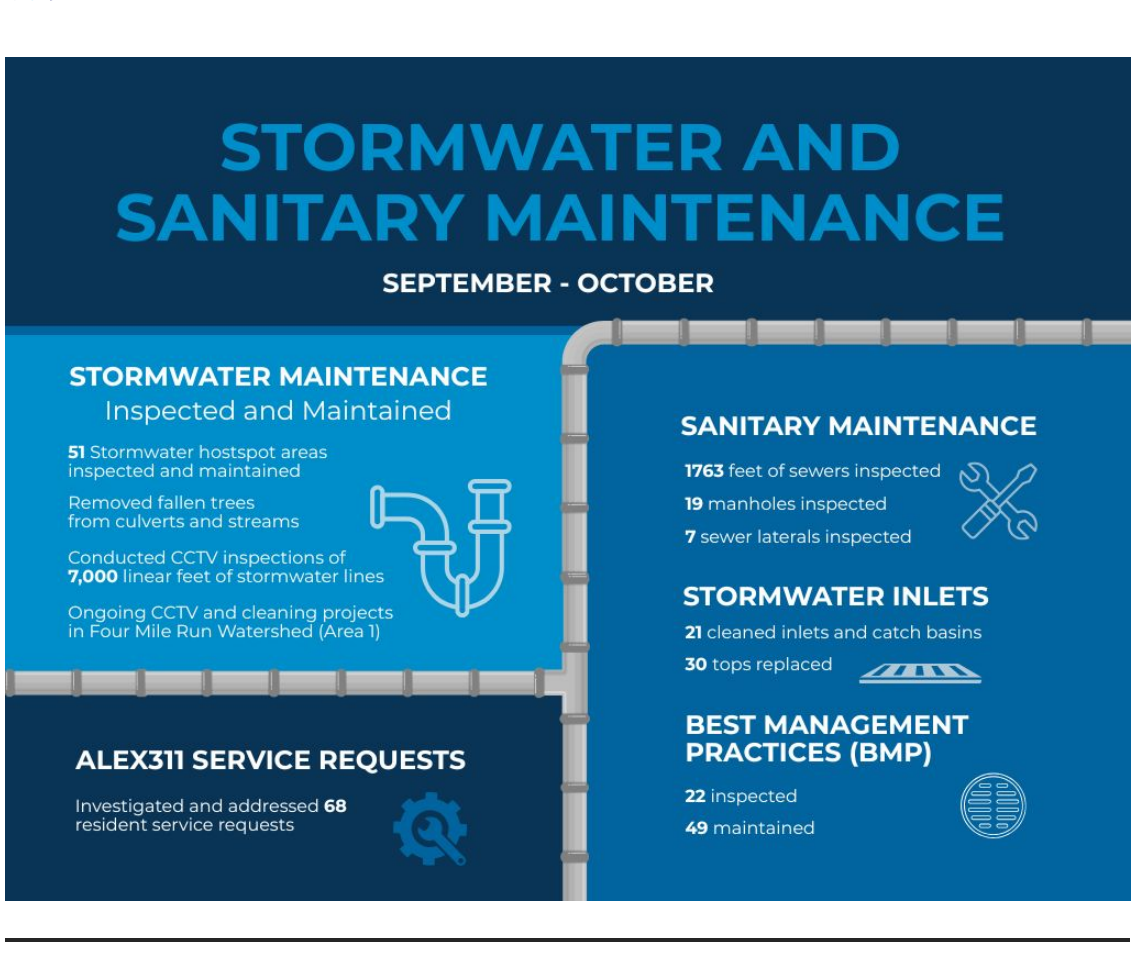
Tom explains that he volunteers to remove invasive plants to help protect the trees, though it's a big job.

This is the first stop on the students' watershed walk at Ben Brenman Pond, located in western Alexandria off Duke Street. Upgraded in 2020, the pond helps treat stormwater by allowing sediment to settle before cleaner water moves through its three-cell system before flowing into local waterways and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.

The watershed walk is one of four stations the 7th graders visited during their annual Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE). In 2024, the City partnered with Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) to launch field trips for all 1,000+ 7th graders to learn about invasive species, stormwater management, water quality, and carbon emissions. City staff and volunteers lead the activities, connecting classroom lessons to hands-on learning.

For many students, it's their first visit to Ben Brenman Pond, and their first time using a Secchi disk to test water clarity. It's a day of observing turtles, birds, and fish, while thinking critically about plants and ecosystems. The City is proud to partner with ACPS on this unique experience and hopes to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards.

COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE WORK



STORMWATER AND SANITARY MAINTENANCE

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

STORMWATER MAINTENANCE
Inspected and Maintained

51 Stormwater hostspot areas inspected and maintained

Removed fallen trees from culverts and streams

Conducted CCTV inspections of **7,000** linear feet of stormwater lines

Ongoing CCTV and cleaning projects in Four Mile Run Watershed (Area 1)

ALEX311 SERVICE REQUESTS

Investigated and addressed **68** resident service requests

SANITARY MAINTENANCE

1763 feet of sewers inspected

19 manholes inspected

7 sewer laterals inspected

STORMWATER INLETS

21 cleaned inlets and catch basins

30 tops replaced

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP)

22 inspected

49 maintained

FROM THE FLOOD ACTION ADVISORY GROUP

Planning Fifty Years Into the Future

All you need to know about the Stormwater Budget in five easy steps:

At our November meeting, the members of the Advisory Board had a lengthy discussion about the budget for the Flood Action Program.

To give you an overview, let me present the budget in five easy steps, with no eye-straining spreadsheets, just plain English:

1. **The entire Stormwater budget is available online for the public to see.**

   Alexandria does a good job in making the City budget and its finances transparent. The "Capital Improvement Program for Stormwater Management" is a 28-page document that describes how much funding has already been allocated and how much is planned for the next ten years for every construction project and maintenance activity associated with stormwater. The capital budget for the current year is available at FY 2026 Approved Operating and CIP Budget Documents | City of Alexandria, VA.

2. **Alexandria plans to invest $250 million in stormwater projects and their maintenance over the next ten years.**

   The City Council greatly increased the planned spending on stormwater starting in 2021, when the Flood Action Program was launched. Back in 2020, the City's planned investment in stormwater for the ten-year period from FY 2021 through FY 2030 was about $75 million. The creation of the Flood Action Program and the establishment of the Stormwater Fee has enabled a four-fold increase in Alexandria's investment in flood mitigation.

3. **About two-thirds of Alexandria's investment is for significant infrastructure projects.**

   About 50 percent of stormwater funding will be directed to large capacity building projects like the significant stormwater pipes and drains for the area around Commonwealth Avenue and Glebe Road. Another 21 percent will be spent on dozens of mid-sized projects to address localized flooding in our neighborhoods. 20 percent is set aside for necessary maintenance to keep the stormwater pipes and small creeks flowing smoothly. The remaining 9 percent is for the Flood Mitigation Grant program.

4. **Your annual Stormwater Fee is combined with long-term bonds to finance the Flood Action Program.**

   The pipes and culverts of Alexandria's stormwater infrastructure will last between 50 and 100 years. Just like your home, these long-term capital assets are financed with 25-to-30-year loans. Over the next ten years, Alexandria will issue about $200 million in general obligation bonds to finance stormwater infrastructure.

5. **Where to see how the stormwater funds are actually spent:**

   The budget document described above present how the City plans to spend the stormwater funds. The "Capital Projects Status Report" shows how much of this funding was actually spent and on which project. This report provides a brief summary of progress to date for each project and is issued every quarter by the City's Office of Management and Budget. View the full report on the OMB website.

Making Alexandria more flood resilient will take years of effort and consume millions of dollars of public funds. The Advisory Committee monitors the progress of the Flood Action Program by analyzing proposed budgets along with technical briefings by City staff and expenditure reports from OMB. You can see the results of our analysis by reading our annual reports to City Council at Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee webpage.

John Hill
Chair, Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee

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STORMWATER STEWARD

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Civil Engineer III

How Long have you worked for the City of Alexandria?

I recently started working for the City in September of this year.

What initially drew you to your field, and how has that passion evolved over time?

I developed a passion for water resources while growing up in Southern California, where water is scarce and often a point of contention. I became increasingly aware of how fragile our future water security is, not only in California but globally, especially under the pressures of climate change. That awareness, combined with my academic experiences, drew me to the intersection of engineering, environment, and community, particularly in watershed management.

My Peace Corps service reinforced that trajectory by revealing how important community trust, participation, and ownership is to project success. Many of my career choices since then have shaped my continuing desire not only to advance water-resource solutions but also to engage with the public to help communities understand and participate in decisions that affect their water systems.

What's something that work has taught you that you implement in your daily life?

Working in the engineering field has taught me that successful projects rely on understanding and supporting diverse perspectives. I've seen that outcomes often depend on building consensus and finding solutions that work for most stakeholders, rather than simply choosing the most technically sound option. I try to take that lesson into my daily life by consciously listening to others and remembering that my viewpoint isn't always the best or most common. Whether with friends, family, or colleagues, this approach helps me build stronger relationships, navigate differences thoughtfully, and make decisions that are more inclusive.

What project are you most looking forward to and why?

I'm not sure which specific projects I'll be working on, but I'm excited to contribute to work that combines technical engineering with public engagement, allowing communities to participate in decisions about their water systems. The prospect of helping create sustainable, resilient infrastructure that has a tangible, positive impact is what excites me most.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?

My husband often tells me to "stay in your own lane." What began as a joke has become advice I truly value, because it carries a deeper meaning: not to worry about what others are doing and instead focus on what I can control. It reminds me to put my energy into doing my best, learning continuously, and progressing at my own pace, rather than comparing myself to others. This mindset has helped me stay grounded, focused, and resilient both in work and in life.

Ami Cobb teaching 7th graders about water quality

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