

**City of Alexandria, Virginia
 FY 2027 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP
 Budget Questions & Answers**

April 1, 2026

Question:

Provide any overview of the current planned budget for the Waterfront Flood Mitigation Project and what the current estimated cost of the “Option 3” alternative would be.

Response:

The current total budget for the Waterfront Flood Mitigation Project is as follows:

Total Project Funding	
Waterfront Implementation CIP Funding	\$142.0 M
Lower King St Pedestrian Improvements CIP Funding	\$4.5 M
Total State Awarded Grants*	\$6.2 M
Total Federal Awarded Grants	\$-
Total Project Budget	\$152.7 M

**Note: This includes ~\$3M of anticipated funding from the 2025 DCR CFPF Fund Grant Round 6. A notification of award was received in late 2025 and a final grant agreement is anticipated in Spring/Summer 2026.*

On March 24, 2026, City Council was presented with alternative options for this project in light of National Park Service’s determination that a pump station would not be a permissible use at Waterfront Park and would not consent to a deed modification to support a pump station.

The recommended option, Option 3, would provide an enhanced gravity-storm sewer system, eliminate the pump station, and could include deferring improvements to Point Lumley Park and/or the Point Lumley bulkhead. Additional engineering and evaluation costs will continue to work towards scoping the project to the approved funding. The cost estimates provided below for Option 3 are at concept-level, and are provided as ranges:

Option 3 Estimated Costs	
Design & Construction	\$130.0 M - \$132.8 M
Program & Construction Administration	\$15.0 M - \$20.0 M
Total Estimated Cost Range	\$145.0 M - \$152.8 M