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MEMORANDUM

TO: David K. Paylor, DEQ Director

FROM: Valerie Thomson, Director of Administration *Valerie Thomson*

DATE: July 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Authorization of FY 2020 SLAF Project Funding List

Purpose

In order to reduce pollution from stormwater runoff, the Virginia General Assembly created and set forth specific parameters for the administration of the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) in 2013. The purpose of the Fund is to provide matching grants to local governments for the planning, design, and implementation of stormwater best management practices that address cost efficiency and commitments related to reducing water quality pollutant loads. In accordance with that legislation, the State Water Control Board approved Guidelines for the implementation of the SLAF program in 2013 and those Guidelines were revised by the Board in December 2016. The Guidelines call for an annual solicitation of applications, an application review and ranking process, and the authorization of a Project Funding List by the DEQ Director. Through the first five rounds of SLAF funding, you have authorized 217 projects totaling approximately \$95 million. A sixth solicitation for SLAF applications was recently conducted for FY 2020 and the applications received have been evaluated in accordance with the approved Guidelines. This memorandum informs you of the results of the evaluation process and the staff recommendations for the authorization of projects to be included in the FY 2020 Project Funding List.

Applications Received

On September 16, 2019, staff solicited SLAF applications from all local governments in the Commonwealth. November 15, 2019 was established as the deadline for submitting applications. Based on this solicitation, DEQ received applications from 17 localities for 35 stormwater projects and 1 nutrient credit project totaling \$25,392,964.

Funding Availability for FY 2020

In FY 2020, \$10,000,000 in SLAF funding was provided to DEQ and will be available for FY 2020 projects. Additionally, the fund has \$8,000,000 in unobligated funds, bringing the total amount available for FY 2020 projects to \$18,000,000.

Application Evaluation

All 35 stormwater projects and the 1 nutrient credit application were evaluated in accordance with the program's eligibility requirements and priority ranking criteria. As stated, the funding amount requested for the projects totaled \$25,392,964, significantly more than the \$18,000,000 currently available.

In accordance with the SLAF Guidelines, the project funding list was drafted to provide the greatest financial and environmental benefit to as many communities as possible. In order to achieve this objective, a maximum grant amount of \$4,000,000 per locality was established for FY 2020 projects. Two Fairfax County projects were eliminated due to the \$4,000,000 maximum per locality. Two projects were determined to be ineligible for funding because they exceeded the established maximum cost of \$50,000 per pound of phosphorus removed.

After the initial review and ranking of the applications, it was determined that a number of projects should be further evaluated with site visits. As a result of those visits and additional evaluation, one stream restoration project is recommended to be bypassed because it did not meet the qualifying conditions for stream restoration. Finally, in order to stay within the \$18,000,000 allocation amount, the lowest scoring funded project is receiving partial funding and the remaining 8 eligible projects are not being recommended for funding.

Conclusion and Staff Recommendation

After an evaluation of eligibility, priority ranking, and funding availability, along with site visits that were conducted at a number of projects, the proposed Project Funding List for this sixth round of SLAF funding includes 22 stormwater projects and one nutrient credit purchase in 15 localities totaling \$18,000,000.

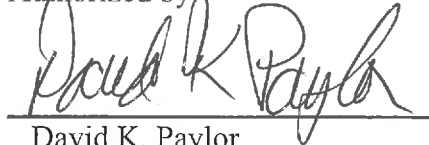
The staff recommends that the DEQ Director authorize the Project Funding List which includes localities/projects for SLAF matching grant assistance, subject to compliance with the program requirements and the receipt of construction bids.

**STORMWATER LOCAL ASSISTANCE FUND
FY 2020 PROJECT FUNDING LIST**

LOCALITY	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT FUNDED
City of Richmond	Pine Camp Creek	\$1,664,375
Fairfax County	Crook Branch at Mantua Elementary School	\$2,577,500
York County	By-Pass Road	\$1,111,044
York County	Charles Brown Park	\$386,441
Fairfax County	Pike Branch Trib at Ridgeview Park	\$1,422,500
City of Harrisonburg	Northend Greenway	\$1,208,916
Hampton Roads Sanitation District	Nansemond Treatment Plant	\$1,234,212
Town of Vienna	Bear Branch Phase 2	\$1,247,500
City of Waynesboro	Rockfish Run	\$312,000
Stafford County	St. Clair Brooks Park	\$871,000
Town of Warrenton	Garret Street	\$65,000
Prince William County	SWM Facility #416	\$258,843
Hanover County	Cherrydale Wet Pond	\$1,933,226
City of Williamsburg	Capitol Landing	\$267,487
City of Portsmouth	Green Lake # 3	\$745,500
Prince William County	Dalebrook Tributary	\$110,000
City of Roanoke	W. Fork Carvins	\$133,500
Loudoun County	MD1745	\$366,250
Loudoun County	Nutrient Credit Purchase	\$257,795
Prince William County	SWM Facility #232	\$56,863
City of Harrisonburg	Virginia Mennonite Retirement Center	\$312,807
City of Portsmouth	Court Street	\$151,750
Loudoun County	River Bend Middle School	\$1,305,491
TOTAL		\$18,000,000

Action approved
as recommended

Authorized by:



David K. Paylor
Director, DEQ