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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Michael S. Rolband, DEQ Director *MSR*  
**THROUGH:** James Golden, Director of Central Operations *JG*  
Scott Morris, Water Division Director *Scott Morris*  
**FROM:** Karen Doran, CWFAP Program Manager  
**DATE:** January 8, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Authorization of FY 2024 SLAF Project Funding List

Purpose

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 SLAF 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 with those guidelines revised by the Board in December 2016 and most recently June 2022. 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. Currently 332 projects have been authorized, totaling approximately \$182 million. A ninth solicitation for SLAF applications was conducted for FY 2024 and the applications received have been evaluated in accordance with the approved guidelines. This memorandum provides the results of the evaluation and staff recommendations for approval.

Applications Received

On August 1, 2023, staff solicited SLAF applications from all local governments in the Commonwealth. October 2, 2023 was established as the deadline for submitting applications. Based on this solicitation, DEQ received applications from 15 localities for 28 stormwater projects and one nutrient credit purchase totaling \$34,988,207.

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## Funding Availability for FY 2024

In FY 2023, no additional SLAF funding was provided to DEQ resulting in approximately \$38 million of unallocated funds existing from previous SLAF appropriations available to be authorized for FY 2024 SLAF projects.

## Application Evaluation

All 28 stormwater projects and one nutrient credit purchase applications were evaluated in accordance with the program's eligibility requirements and priority ranking criteria. As stated, the funding amount requested for the projects totaled \$34,988,207, less than the \$38 million currently available.

After the initial review and ranking of the applications, it was determined that a number of projects should be further evaluated. Staff has developed the following recommendations.

- Two projects were determined to be ineligible for funding since the proposed best management practices are not listed as eligible in the SLAF guidelines.
- One project was determined to be ineligible for funding because it exceeded what is considered a reasonable cost per pound of nutrient removal at over \$76,000 per equivalent pound of phosphorus.

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. Additionally, the minimum and maximum grant amounts may be adjusted at the discretion of the Director. Since all eligible projects submitted can be funded within existing budgetary constraints, it is recommended that maximum grant amount of \$5,000,000 be waived for FY 2024 SLAF projects. This suspension would result in three localities, Fairfax, Prince William, and Loudoun Counties, receiving total authorizations of \$8,417,015 (Fairfax) for six projects, \$6,768,473 for two projects (Prince William), and \$5,259,522 (Loudoun) for three projects. It should be noted that these 11 projects account for more than half of the total nutrient reductions for the eligible FY 2024 projects.

The SLAF Guidelines allow grants awarded for eligible projects in localities with high or above average fiscal stress to account for more than 50 percent of the costs of a project. Due to the availability of funds and the benefit of a higher grant share to fiscally stressed localities, we recommend that all eligible applications from those localities be awarded a 75 percent grant share.

## Conclusion and Staff Recommendation

After an evaluation of eligibility, priority ranking, and funding availability, along with site visits that were conducted for a number of these projects, the proposed Project Funding List for this ninth round of SLAF funding includes 25 stormwater projects and one nutrient credit purchase in 14 localities totaling \$29,669,206.

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



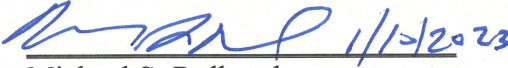
**STORMWATER LOCAL ASSISTANCE FUND  
FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECT FUNDING LIST**

| GRANT RECIPIENT              | PROJECT NAME                                    | POINT TOTAL | GRANT AMOUNT        |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Fairfax County               | Long Branch North at Arlington Boulevard        | 510         | \$2,446,800         |
| Fairfax County               | Difficult Run Tributary at Government Center    | 424         | \$1,146,200         |
| Fairfax County               | Accotink Creek Tributary at Carrleigh Parkway   | 406         | \$977,100           |
| Fairfax County               | Old Courthouse Spring Branch Phase II           | 378         | \$1,224,200         |
| Fairfax County               | Coon Branch at Annandale Park                   | 310         | \$1,795,500         |
| Fairfax County               | Little Pimmit Run Tributary at Woodland Terrace | 292         | \$827,215           |
| Fairfax County Total         |                                                 |             | \$8,417,015         |
| Prince William County        | Powell's Creek Phase 2 and Lacrosse Tributary   | 310         | \$3,646,073         |
| Prince William County        | Middle Dewey Creek Phase 1                      | 301         | \$3,122,400         |
| Prince William County Total  |                                                 |             | \$6,768,473         |
| Loudoun County               | Horsepen Run Stream Restoration                 | 445         | \$3,904,760         |
| Loudoun County               | Stormwater Facility JC77 Retrofit               | 360         | \$780,684           |
| Loudoun County               | Conklin Park Constructed Wetland                | 328         | \$574,078           |
| Loudoun County Total         |                                                 |             | \$5,259,522         |
| City of Virginia Beach       | Bayville Lake Water Quality Improvement Project | 403         | \$930,000           |
| City of Virginia Beach       | Oceana Gardens Constructed Wetlands             | 213         | \$1,308,750         |
| City of Virginia Beach Total |                                                 |             | \$2,238,750         |
| City of Winchester           | Jim Barnett Park Stream Restoration Project     | 458         | \$1,370,058         |
| Roanoke County               | Restoration of Wolf Creek Phase 2               | 415         | \$607,212           |
| Roanoke County               | Restoration of a Tributary to Mudlick Creek     | 389         | \$531,425           |
| Roanoke County Total         |                                                 |             | \$1,138,637         |
| City of Colonial Heights     | City of Colonial Heights TMDL Reduction         | 483         | \$931,275           |
| City of Staunton             | Gypsy Hill Park Stream Restoration              | 370         | \$913,534           |
| City of Fairfax              | Van Dyck Park Outfall Restoration               | 435         | \$362,720           |
| City of Fairfax              | Providence Park Outfall Restoration             | 378         | \$186,017           |
| City of Fairfax              | Traveler Street Outfall Restoration             | 362         | \$137,902           |
| City of Fairfax Total        |                                                 |             | \$686,639           |
| York County                  | Celestial Way Stream Restoration Project        | 432         | \$555,717           |
| Hanover County               | Beechwood Drive Outfall Restoration Plan        | 389         | \$460,184           |
| City of Hampton              | Pembroke Pond Retrofit                          | 387         | \$396,975           |
| City of Petersburg           | Extension of Shirley Ave Stream Restoration     | 403         | \$321,164           |
| City of Lexington            | Woods Creek Park Stormwater BMP                 | 237         | \$211,263           |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDED</b>          |                                                 |             | <b>\$29,669,206</b> |

Authorized by:

Action approved as recommended *MSK*

Action not approved as recommended

  
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Director, DEQ