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MEMORANDUM

TO: **David K. Paylor, DEQ Director**

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

DATE: **February 26, 2019**

SUBJECT: **Authorization of FY 2019 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 four rounds of SLAF funding, you have authorized 193 projects totaling approximately $80 million. A fifth solicitation for SLAF applications was recently conducted for FY 2019 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 2019 Project Funding List.

Applications Received

On July 16, 2018, staff solicited SLAF applications from all local governments in the Commonwealth. October 12, 2018 was established as the deadline for submitting applications. Based on this solicitation, DEQ received applications from 34 localities for 57 stormwater projects and 2 nutrient credit projects totaling $39,148,333.

Funding Availability for FY 2019

In FY 2019, $20,000,000 in SLAF funding was provided to DEQ and will be available for FY19 projects.

Application Evaluation

All 57 stormwater projects and 2 nutrient credit 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 $39,148,333.36, significantly more than the $20,000,000 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 FY19 projects. Three Fairfax County projects were eliminated due to the $4,000,000 maximum per locality. Three projects were determined to be ineligible for funding because they exceeded the established maximum cost of $50,000 per pound of phosphorus removed. One application was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

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, 2 stream restoration projects are recommended to be bypassed because they did not meet the qualifying conditions for stream restoration. Finally, in order to stay within the $20,000,000 allocation amount, the lowest scoring funded project is receiving partial funding and the remaining 26 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 fifth round of SLAF funding includes 24 stormwater projects in 15 localities totaling $20,000,000.

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 2019 PROJECT FUNDING LIST

LOCALITY	PROJECT NAME	AMOUNT FUNDED
Fairfax County	Difficult Run Tributary at Brittenford Drive Stream Restoration	$2,198,605.00
Chesterfield County	Falling Creek Reservoir Restoration	$4,000,000.00
Fairfax County	Turkey Run at Truro Stream Restoration	$1,801,395.00
Henrico County	Quarter Mill Apartments Stream Restoration	$515,725.00
Alexandria, City of	Strawberry Run Stream Restoration	$800,000.00
Hopewell, City of	Hopewell H.S. - Mathis Park Stream Restoration	$265,000.00
Hopewell, City of	City Point Road Stream Restoration	$91,500.00
Charlottesville, City of	Unnamed Tributary of Schenk's Branch Stream Restoration	$267,800.00
Harrisonburg, City of	Mountain View Drive Stream Restoration	$654,172.00
Hanover County	Covenant Woods and Rose Hill Wet Pond I Retrofit	$413,080.00
Henrico County	Henrico Water Reclamation Facility Stream Restoration	$766,153.00
Roanoke County	Wolf Creek at Goode Park (Phase 1) Stream Restoration	$300,000.00
Prince George County	Birchett Estates - Reach 1 Stream Restoration	$655,109.00
Henrico County	Old Nine Mile Road Landfill Stream Restoration	$512,003.00
Henrico County	Virginia Home for Boys and Girls Stream Restoration	$343,730.00
Albemarle County	Rio Hills Level I Wetland Retrofit	$82,000.00
Stafford County	St. Clair Brooks Park Stream Restoration	$99,999.00
Charlottesville, City of	Unnamed Tributary of Rivanna River Stream Restoration	$126,187.00
Prince William County	Powell's Creek Phase 2 Stream	$1,800,000.00

	Restoration	
Vienna , Town of	Bear Branch - Southside Park Stream Restoration	$1,020,000.00
Alexandria, City of	Taylor Run Stream Restoration	$2,255,000.00
Charlottesville, City of	Meadow Creek Stream Restoration	$398,160.00
Henrico County	Bretton Woods Stream Restoration	$370,980.00
Newport News, City of	Harwood's Mill Reservoir Tributary	$263,402.00
Total		$20,000,000.00

✓ Action approved as recommended

Authorized by:

David K. Paylor
Director, DEQ