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1. Election at the May meeting. There will be an election for a cochair position. Please come to the meeting and vote.
2. Guest speaker to discuss environmental issues.

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## MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes

March 2025 Meeting Virtual Meeting/ZOOM

**PRESIDING:** Co-Chair Katherine Ward

### ATTENDING

- Co-Chair – Scott Taylor
- Co-Chair – Judy Harbeck
- Treasurer – William Kane
- Secretary – Tamara Srader

### Committees

- Environment and Recreation – Larry Zaragoza
- Planning and Zoning – Bindu Mathur
- Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation – Ellen Young
- Storm Water Management Special Committee – Leo Milanowski
- Public Safety and Transportation – John Lincoski
- Terry Mulligan – MVCCA Record Editor

### Communities Attending

- Belle View Condo
- Holland Court POA
- Villamay
- Hollin Hall Village
- Gum Springs Homeowners
- Montebello
- Mt Zephyr
- Riverwood HOA
- Civic Association of Hollin Hills
- MVCA

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Huntington  
Wellington  
New Alexandria  
Wessynton HOA  
Bellhaven  
Springbank  
Waynewood

Melanie Welles—Mount Vernon Estate  
Dan Storck—Fairfax County Supervisor  
Peyton Smith—Fairfax County Staff

26 Attendees  
7:02 Meeting Called to Order

No minutes to approve because there was no meeting in February due to the recommendation for all to attend the Fairfax County Budget meeting.

Melanie Welles from Mount Vernon attended as a guest. She is hosting a volunteer event for invasive plant removal at Mount Vernon on April 16th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Added Melanie’s email address and phone number to the chat for anyone who is interested: (703) 799-8669; [welles@mountvernon.org](mailto:welles@mountvernon.org)

**Voting on Bylaw Changes:**

Article VIII, Section 1 (Vote Passed with one vote against)  
**1) Remove the last sentence of Article VIII, Section 1, as shown below:**

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS  
SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY. The elected Officers of the MVCCA shall consist of three Co-Chairs, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. At the time of election, an Officer must be a member in good standing of a member association in good standing, and a resident of the Mount Vernon Magisterial District. A Co-Chair shall not serve concurrently as the authorized representative, in any capacity, of his or her member association. ~~A Co-Chair shall not serve for more than two consecutive three-year terms, but shall be eligible to serve again after an intervening period of one year.~~

Article XII, Section 2 (Passed unanimously)  
**2) Add a sentence to Article XII, Section 2, as shown below:**

ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES  
SECTION 2. STANDING COMMITTEES. The current Standing Committees of the MVCCA are the Budget and Finance Committee, the Consumer Affairs Committee, the Education Committee, the Environment and Recreation Committee, the Health and Human Services Committee, the Planning and Zoning Committee, the Public Safety Committee, and the Transportation Committee. Co-Chairs serving as Liaison to a committee shall not have a vote. The Board, in its discretion, may temporarily or permanently combine or suspend one or more standing committees, subject to ratification by the General Council.

Article XI, Section 4 (Passed unanimously)  
**3) Delete the third sentence of Article XI, Section 4, and replace with a new sentence, as shown below:**

ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES  
SECTION 4. VOTING. A vote by a Standing Committee shall be valid only when at least five authorized representatives on the Committee are present and voting at the Committee meeting. Each authorized representative shall have one vote. ~~The Chair shall have no vote. The Committee Chair shall vote to break a committee vote tie.~~  
The Chair of a Standing Committee may not serve on that Committee as his or her member association’s Authorized Representative.

Article XI, Section 4 as amended (Passed unanimously)  
**4) Delete the last sentence of Article XI, Section 4, and replace with a new sentence, as shown below:**

ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES  
SECTION 4. VOTING (continued) ~~The Chair of a Standing Committee may not serve on that Committee as his or her member association’s Authorized Representative.~~  
Except to break a tie, a Committee Chair shall not vote absent designation by the Chair’s member association as its authorized representative to the committee, or as its alternate representative, as duly reported to the Secretary. If the chair is designated to vote in committee and the vote is a tie, the chair may not vote to break said tie.

No committee reports given in the meeting; please review in *The Record*.

**Treasurer Report**—February had cash receipts of \$130 which covered dues for two associations (Clusters at Woodlawn and Memorial Heights). That brings membership to 35 associations; approved as published in *The Record*.

**Resolutions Voted on during the March 2025 Meeting**

**Education Committee**

EDU-2025-1 Resolution with respect to School Transfer and related matters in the FY2026 County Advertised Budget Passed with one dissenting vote.

**Environment and Recreation Committee:**

Resolution on the Proposed FY 2026 County Budget (MVCCA, E&R 2025-01)  
Passed unanimously as printed in *The Record*

**Stormwater Committee:**

Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on 2026 County Budget Item Stormwater Services (*Fund 40100*)

Discussion about modification to the resolution to remove #1 for the National Park Service recommendation. The members voted to retain the recommendation, and it stays in the resolution.

Discussion and recommendation to change to “continue to explore and encourage” instead of “provide” in #1.

Resolution voted on as proposed and amended. Passed unanimously as amended.

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**Public Safety Committee:**

Motion was made to pass a resolution stating that Mount Vernon Council recommends that the CERT program be kept in the budget at a minimal cost of \$34,000.

Passed unanimously.

**Supervisor Storck: March newsletter has been sent.**

Supervisor Dan Storck discussed the potential impact of President Trump’s layoffs on Fairfax County and encouraged the distribution of information through personal channels. He also mentioned the county budget, which includes a maximum property tax rate increase and a potential meals tax increase. Dan provided updates on the South Side Express lanes project, the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, and the acquisition of the 8800 Richmond Highway property. He also mentioned the site-specific plan amendment process and upcoming community meetings for proposed projects in the area.

Dan discussed the potential impact of the Federal Transit Administration’s funding on the bus driver transit system, expressing uncertainty due to the approach used by President Trump. He also mentioned new parks count initiative by the Park authority and a virtual meeting about invasive species. Dan clarified that infill development is feasible but has limitations. He also addressed concerns about tariffs and their potential impact on the area.

Dan discussed the challenges faced in the Alexandria Crossing project, particularly with the street waiver requirements and the construction method of tiebacks. He mentioned that they have sent a letter to VDOT, which included support from the chairman and a delegate, to change their opinion on the matter. Peyton added that the real challenge was around the construction method of tiebacks, which could minimize impacts to the neighboring community.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Tamara Srader

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**Public Safety/Transportation**

**MVCCA Public Safety/Transportation  
Committee Minutes  
April 14, 2025**

Two important issues are on the agenda for the upcoming Public Safety and Transportation committee meeting on April 14, 2025.

First, the committee will discuss air traffic safety issues relating to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and the approach paths, some of which traverse our region.

Second, the committee will discuss VDOT’s 495 Southside Express Lane study and its impact on the Mount Vernon area. The committee will focus on the potential effects to Fort Hunt Road and the Route 1 interchange. The study’s public transportation components, including Metro, will be highlighted. Chair Lincoski will also share impressions he gathered while attending the April 1, 2024 VDOT public information meeting about the study.

The committee is asked to review the study’s Virtual Public Information Room at: <https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/northern-virginia-district/i-495-southside-express-lanes-study/>.

The Public Safety and Transportation committee will meet on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The committee will be joined by members of the MVCCA Environment and Recreation committee.

**Environment & Recreation**

**MVCCA Joint Education & Recreation  
Committee Meeting  
April 2, 2025**

The E&R Committee met on April 2 on Zoom. Chair Larry Zaragoza called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Co-Chair Scott Taylor was in attendance.

**Member Communities Represented:** Wellington Civic Association, Potomac Valley-River Bend Civic Association, Spring Bank Community Association, Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association, Tauxemont Community Association, and Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association.

**I-95 Southside Express Lanes:** The committee discussed the I-95 Southside Express Lanes project, which was presented the evening before. The committee discussed approaching the Public Safety and Transportation Committee to provide a joint resolution. Chair Zaragoza will check with the Chair of Public Safety and Transportation.

**Environmental Element of the Policy Plan:** The Environmental Element of the Policy Plan was posted in draft from on April 1, a day before our meeting. There was some discussion of the components of the draft, and there will be time to offer comment in our May meeting. Anita Kerr, Dorothy Keough, and Kevin Knappmiller plan to provide comment.

Comments were requested by committee members within 2 weeks so that a draft could be compiled and reviewed in advance of our next meeting.

Kevin motioned adjournment, which was seconded by Anita. All supported the motion.

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## Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC)

### MVCCA SFDC Monthly Meeting April 3, 2025

The main takeaway from the April 3rd Economic Summit was uncertainty due to federal government actions. No doubt we will be looking at a period of unrest in our economy.



*Our first fencing mural along Richmond Hwy, somewhat obscuring torn down buildings and vacant land. This is a continuing effort to bring art and place making to our neighborhoods.*

## Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations

The Fairfax Federation met with their membership on March 27, 2024.

At this meeting, the [Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Resolution](#) with recommendations to be presented to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) was discussed, voted on, and approved. The Resolution was then submitted in writing to the BOS.

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**Upcoming Board Elections:** The Federation opened the period for elections to its Board of Directors These are 1-year terms and are open to any citizen of Fairfax County. Nominations are due by April 22nd. Details are available at: [Special Committees|Fairfax Federation](#).

The next meeting of the General Membership will be on **April 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center** (6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale).

A presentation will be made by the FBI regarding online predators, sextortion, and online fraud.

## Planning & Zoning

### MVCCA Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting April 7, 2025

#### Committee Attendees

- P&Z Committee Chair
- MVCCA Co-Chair 3
- MVCCA Co-Chair 1
- Montebello Condominiums
- Wellington CA
- New Gum Springs CA
- Belle View Condominium
- Mt. Vernon CA
- Wellington CA
- New Gum Springs CA
- Hollin Hall Village CA
- Belle View Condominium
- Montebello Condominiums
- Potomac Valley River Bend
- Mount Vernon CA
- Stratford Landing CA
- Huntington CA
- CA of Hollin Hills

#### Other Attendees

- Concerned Citizens
- President & CEO Mount Vernon-Springfield Chamber of Commerce

#### Guest Speakers

- Kathy Taylor—Agent for the Nominator, Associate at Walsh Colucci Lubeley & Walsh
- Zach Fountain—Land Use Planner at Walsh Colucci Lubeley & Walsh
- Daniel Pietropaoli—Civil Engineer at Walter L. Phillips, Inc.
- Daniel Goodman—Nominator, Property Owner, Director of Real Estate, Lidl US

#### SSPA for 6211 North Kings Highway—Lidl

Kathy Taylor of Walsh Colucci Lubeley & Walsh discussed this nominated proposal. This proposal at 6211 North Kings Highway is for a mixed-use development. The development is planned with a nine-story multifamily

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residential building with approximately 200 units. The ground floor will have a grocery store (Lidl) up to 30,000 square feet.

This area, according to Taylor, is approximately 2 acres and is located between Richmond Highway and North Kings Highway, just south of Shields Avenue. It is the current location of the Office Depot. She emphasized that the redevelopment plans will be coordinated with neighboring units to maximize visibility and looks.

Ms. Taylor highlighted that this proposal would contain safe transportation options for vehicles, bikes, and pedestrian access. She noted that the location is close to a future BRT station as well as the Huntington Metro station. This site is slated to be a stormwater retention area with the highway widening. The stormwater management facility will be an underground facility with a public area above. With this facility, there are limits on the size and kind of improvements that can be done to this location.

During the question-and-answer section, Daniel Goodman of Lidl noted that the square footage of this store is closer to 21,000 square feet, and parking would be in a shared garage with the residents. Residents would have a restricted area for parking. Loading and unloading locations were shown in the slides.

The Lidl folks were advised to talk to our Public Safety and Transportation committee.

Many committee members noted that this area is "nightmarish" with the crossing of several major intersections. Even with changes to Richmond Highway, they were concerned whether the BRT would even come to realization. They noted that the several levels of parking make this a very car-friendly (as opposed to a pedestrian-friendly) location. Committee members also voiced their concern over the traffic in the area. The Nominators said they would certainly encourage alternative transportation, and that is what they are hoping for by putting residences right above a grocery store. They hope this will encourage more people to walk.

Committee members noted that there are already several supermarkets in the area, including the low-price Aldi and Walmart. Goodman felt that this is a competitive market area and that customers in their store will find many unique offerings. He noted that Lidl is not afraid to compete.

Going forward, this nomination is currently in the community outreach portion of the screening phase. There is a live outreach program tomorrow at Mount Eagle Elementary School. Planning Commission workshops will start in May, followed by Planning Commission and Board of Supervisor public hearings.

## **Penn Daw Fire Station, Emergency and Supportive Housing**

Ray Novitske from the Planning and Zoning Committee attended the meeting related to the project located at the former Hybla Valley Nursery site. The project currently has

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the fire station, family supportive housing, and emergency supportive housing. There will also be some social services located in the supportive housing unit to help families that live there. The appropriate time for a family to live there would be 2 years to help get them back on their feet. There will be one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom units. There will be green space and playgrounds. Changes from previous iterations include parking changes and a plaza area which would take users to the entrance. There will be security during work hours, but cameras will be placed around the perimeter. Construction is slated for late 2026, with completion scheduled for 2029.

## **I-495 Express Lanes**

This project is to extend the express lanes on the southern section of I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway) by approximately 11 miles from the Springfield Interchange (I-95/I-395/I-495) across the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge to the MD 210 interchange in Prince George's County, Maryland. A live meeting was held, and Scott Taylor, MVCCA Co-Chair, gave us some updates. Scott noted that there are three alternatives: 1) do nothing; 2) have one lane across the Wilson bridge, which would add one buffer-separated express lane in each direction; and 3) have two lanes across the bridge, which would add two buffer-separated express lanes in each direction.

Our community is especially concerned about the ramp to the express lanes, given the state of the current Route 1 interchange. Other concerns include the bottleneck that will happen at the MD 210 intersection. The Committee also discussed the options for Metro. There are alternatives currently under consideration that would preserve space for rail in the future. There will be a meeting in Maryland this week to discuss concerns from the Oxon Hill community. Input is being requested from citizens and can be found at:

[https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/media/vdotvirginiagov/projects/northern-virginia/i-495-southside-express-lanes-study/VDOT\\_495Southside\\_CommentSheet\\_April25\\_acc03312025\\_PM.pdf](https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/media/vdotvirginiagov/projects/northern-virginia/i-495-southside-express-lanes-study/VDOT_495Southside_CommentSheet_April25_acc03312025_PM.pdf)

The next Planning and Zoning meeting will be held on May 5 via zoom at 7:00 p.m.

## **Stormwater**

### **MVCCA Stormwater Committee Meeting Minutes March 17, 2025**

The MVCCA Special Committee on Stormwater met on March 17, 2025 via Zoom. Committee members from New Alexandria, Tauxemont, Wellington, Hollin Hall Village, and Wessynton attended. Also attending were MVCCA co-chairs Katherine Ward and Scott Taylor. The meeting's agenda included (1) a review of the County's 2026 budget for Stormwater Services, especially in view of programs

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and projects discussed in the County Executive's April 23, 2024 memorandum to the Board of Supervisors "Update on the Countywide Flood Risk Reduction Policy" and (2) preparation of a resolution to the Board of Supervisors providing MVCCA's view on proposed 2026 Stormwater Services funding. The committee also briefly discussed recently passed state/county legislation regarding thresholds for inclusion of stormwater detention devices on infill development sites. The meeting ended with a discussion of how to broaden resident's knowledge in dealing with stormwater issues, i.e. reporting, using available grants, and self help. This topic was tabled until the next committee meeting.

Committee members reviewed the content of the aforementioned County Executive's memorandum and its three major focus areas: programs, projects, and ordinance/regulation change. A draft resolution was presented, with key points covering Belle Haven watershed flooding, a study to examine flooding issues in Wellington/Tauxemont/Hollin Hall Village, improving overall stormwater infrastructure, and reviewing the regulatory framework. The committee agreed to revisions addressing flooding issues in Belle Haven, agreeing that the county should pursue a partnership with the National Park Service to develop a structural solution to Belle View Watershed flooding on NPS property. It was also agreed that the Committee would ask the County for a prioritized list of the over 500 stormwater issues noted in the County Executive's memo.

However, when viewed in terms of the proposed 2026 budget, there was no one-to-one correspondence between the memo's policy proposals and the budget document. The budget document also did not specifically address the study aimed at alleviating stormwater issues in the Wellington/Tauxemont/Hollin Hall Village. County staff had committed to conducting a study during a meeting with the Committee in 2023, but had not funded the study in the FY 2024 or FY 2025 budgets. We agreed to request specifics about the budget to assist in forming our budget resolution.

Absent budget details, the Committee pressed on to draft a budget resolution focused on the County Executive's memo. Consensus was reached on a first version with the understanding it would likely be modified as additional budget detail was received from the County. (See *Addendum below for final outcome.*)

The Committee moved on to a discussion of recent changes to the County ordinance concerning stormwater and erosion. Noting infill development's impact on stormwater, i.e. larger houses on smaller lots leading to increased impervious surfaces and stormwater runoff, the Committee noted that the changes in the ordinance continued to exempt land disturbances under 2,500 square feet. A suggestion was accepted to include language in the resolution to recommend an ordinance change requiring

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evaluation of downstream impacts regardless of property improvement size. A member also clarified that the 2,500 square foot requirement includes a 10-foot buffer around the perimeter of the disturbed area, and that new houses require a grading plan and stormwater retention measures. It was also noted that lot features such as driveways or sheds, which increase impervious surfaces, do not appear to be included in the calculation.

The meeting ended with a discussion of how to broaden resident's knowledge in dealing with stormwater issues, i.e. reporting, using available grants, and self help. This topic was tabled until the next committee meeting.

### **Addendum to March 17 Meeting Minutes**

On March 20, questions were submitted to the Supervisor's office regarding the County's Stormwater Services budget. Answers were received from the County on March 25. The questions and answers are included below.

Based on the County's responses, the resolution was modified to request that the Belle Haven watershed funding and the Wellington/Tauxemont/Hollin Hall Village study funding be retained in the County's final 2026 budget. In addition, the resolution requested increases in the funding and reducing the residential share ratio.

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**Belle Haven Watershed:** *What activity/action is the County pursuing to mitigate flooding problems in this watershed? What funding has been earmarked for the project in the proposed 2026 budget? Under what 40100 - Stormwater Services budget element is the funding addressed?*

DPWES performs the following actions on a routine basis for the Belle Haven Watershed, which are funded via the Stormwater Services Operating Fund because the majority of these expenses are for staff time:

- Inspecting the watershed to identify new low points of entry.
- Monitoring the Tide gate and Pump Station structures during weather events involving tidal surges, heavy rainfall, or both.
- Signalization and tracking of flood levels using the Contrail flood gauge monitoring system.
- Conducting on-site flood response drills at least once per year.
- Coordinating emergency preparedness drills with residents and the Fairfax County Department of Emergency Management and Security.
- Performing routine and corrective maintenance on pumps, gates, and related equipment for the Tide gate and Pump Station structures (costs for this maintenance can vary significantly based on corrective maintenance or upgrade needs).
- Conducting outreach to inform residents of their flood risk, including annual mailings.

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The proposed FY 2026 budget allocates \$9 million to the Emergency and Flood Response fund (SD-000032). Several individual efforts within this fund are directly related to the Belle Haven Watershed, including:

### 1. Floodwall Solution (community rejected—2023)

- The community declined the previously proposed floodwall solution. At present, DPWES lacks the staffing capacity to revisit this project or explore alternative structural designs.
- FY 2026 proposed expenses: \$0.

### 2. Signalization and Security Camera Enhancements at the Pump Station and Tidegate Structures

- Ongoing investments include approximately \$30,000 for security camera hardware and IT system upgrades (funded in FY2025) and an estimated \$124,000 for upgrade to transitioning to County-managed fiber optic service (anticipated in FY2026).

### 3. Tide Gate Performance Modeling

- An enhanced modeling study is underway to evaluate tide gate performance under various storm events.
- FY 2025 Funding: \$80,000, no funding is needed for FY2026.

### 4. Hollin Hall-Wellington Drainage Study

- A new drainage study is proposed to assess localized flooding issues.
- F2026 Funding: \$100,000.

### 5. Structural Alternatives—Expression of Interest Solicitation:

DPWES recommends issuing a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) to explore alternative structural solutions for the Belle Haven tidal area. However, current staffing limitations prevent DPWES from moving forward with this solicitation at this time.

Under the Dam Safety and Facility Rehabilitation funding source (SD-000033), DPWES has contracted a comprehensive condition assessment of the New Alexandria Stormwater Pump Station, funded in FY2025 at a cost of \$190,000. The results of this assessment will guide planning for future rehabilitation and upgrade needs. The specific scope, cost, and fiscal year for implementation will be determined based on the assessment findings. Additionally, DPWES collaborated with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) to establish the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, which provides reimbursement to property owners for eligible actions taken to reduce flood risk. *See also the response to Question C below.*

**Wellington/Tauxemont/Hollin Hall Village Stormwater Pilot Program:** *What funding has been including the proposed 2026 budget for this project? Under what*

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*40100 - Stormwater Services budget element is the funding addressed?*

See above.

**County Funded/NVSWCD Administered Grants for Flooding Mitigation:** *What level of funding did the county budget make available for flood mitigation grants in budget year 2025? How many grants were made in budget year 2025? What are the total expenditures under the programs to date?*

Fairfax County created the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMAP), effective 7/1/2024. For FY2026, the proposed budget provides funding as part of the \$750,000 NVSWCD grant contributions (2G25-011-000), to be shared equally between three grant programs (\$250,000 each): flood mitigation, stormwater water quality (Conservation Assistance Program), and private stormwater facility maintenance programs. In FY2025, the budget also funded \$750,000 for NVSWCD grant contributions (2G25-011-000), to be shared between three grant programs.

The NVSWCD administers the FMAP program. The NVSWCD reports annually to their Board of Directors and DPWES regarding the grant's program status. To respond to this question, DPWES requested the most recent funding information from NVSWCD. As of March 24, 2025, NVSWCD has administered 24 grants for an approximate total of \$52,400. NVSWCD has six applications for reimbursement pending submittal/work completed and one additional application for reimbursement that requires NVSWCD Board approval. NVSWCD also bears administration costs: program implementation, operation, management, inspection, and technical assistance in the field. More information on the full costs of the first year of the program will be available in Fall 2025.

### **MVCCA Stormwater Committee Meeting Minutes April 3, 2025**

The MVCCA Special Committee on Stormwater met on April 3, 2025 via Zoom. Committee members from Tauxemont, Wellington, and Hollin Hall Village attended.

The meeting's agenda included (1) a review of the Stormwater Committee's budget resolution approved by the MVCCA General Council, (2) a discussion on how to best inform residents on reporting/getting help with stormwater problems, and (3) a discussion of County-funded/Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District (NVSWCD)-administered Stormwater Problem Mitigation Programs.

The first order of business was to review the final version of the Committee's budget resolution as approved by the general Council on March 26. Two items were incorporated during the General Council's meeting: work to be done to improve flood controls in the Belle Haven watershed and the pilot project to be done on in the Wellington/Tauxemont/

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Hollin Hall Village communities. The added language asked the Board of Supervisors to ensure that the proposed funding line is included in the final 2026 budget. These additions were based on information provided by the County on March 25. Other than this addition, the resolution remained as developed by the Committee.

The Committee then discussed the need to improve outreach to the residents of Mount Vernon District about reporting stormwater problems to the responsible State/ County offices and programs available to residents to assist in stormwater problem mitigation. A draft notice was presented with the intent to publish it in the Mount Vernon District Supervisor’s monthly newsletter. Discussions also considered attending community events to promote approaches to mitigate stormwater problems; publishing notices in The Record and local news media; and briefings at civic/community association meetings. The Committee established a group of members to flesh out an approach and report back at the next meeting. Committee members were also encouraged to provide venues/opportunities to be used to promote stormwater education.

The discussion then moved to the funding line in the 2026 proposed budget for grants to residents to address a homeowner’s stormwater problem. These programs are accessed through the NVSWCD. The approved 2025 budget included \$750,000.00, and this amount was maintained in the 2026 budget proposal. The funding line is divided equally across three distinct grant programs. Grants under these programs are 50/50 cost sharing and set a limit of \$5,000.00 per household. When viewed in terms of the County’s estimates of nearly 600 problem areas and a \$600 million dollar price tag, the \$750,000 seems small. However, the subscription rate to date is small, totaling only \$54,000.00 in FY 2025. Details about these grant programs will be briefed at the MVCCA General Council meeting on April 23. Stormwater Committee members were invited to attend to gather information and ask questions with the end focus being to better understand the programs.

The meeting then adjourned.

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**Stormwater**

**Mount Vernon Council Of Citizens’ Associations (MVCCA) Resolution**

Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on 2026 County Budget Item Fund 40100 -Stormwater Services

Whereas: In March 2021, the MVCCA formed a Special Committee on Stormwater to address Mount Vernon District residents’ complaints regarding stormwater problems affecting their homes and neighborhoods and the considerable expense they incurred to remedy stormwater run-off problems they did not cause.

Whereas: Since its inception, the Special Committee has identified residential properties in the Mount Vernon District suffering direct effects of stormwater runoff; challenged planned residential infill development projects that would increase and further aggravate stormwater runoff issues; and examined County ordinances and regulations governing stormwater.

Whereas: In its deliberations, the Special Committee has identified inadequate and aging stormwater infrastructure in many communities; issues related to infill development increasing impervious surfaces without regard to runoff issues; and inadequate ordinances, regulations, and best practices necessary to mitigate existing and future rain-driven flooding problems.

Whereas: In recognition of existing stormwater runoff problem, in a memorandum dated April 23, 2024, the County Executive examined County flooding problems; summarized the nature and extent of the problem countywide, and offered a range of projects, programs, and regulatory actions to address these problems.

Whereas: Under the “Projects” section, and with reference to the County’s Resilient Fairfax plan, the memo cited a need to address “coastal flooding” issues in the Belle View watershed, and under “noncoastal flooding” acknowledged an additional 570 known projects requiring action at an estimated cost of \$600 million above the cost of projects currently in the 5-year capital improvement program.

Whereas: Under the “Programs” section, the memo cited existing steps to understand and mitigate flooding issues, including technical assistance, outreach, and work with the National Flood Insurance Program, as well as additional future programs to address flooding issues.

Whereas: Under the “Regulatory Actions” section, the memorandum acknowledged that changes to existing County regulations could help prevent flooding issues; the memo also examined past changes and recommended additional changes to the regulatory framework, including updates to the Zoning and Stormwater Management Ordinances, Public Facilities Manual, the Comprehensive Plan’s Environmental Policy, and other policy materials, to better ensure flood-resilient and climate-ready communities in alignment with the Resilient Fairfax plan.

Whereas: The MVCCA reviewed the proposed Fund 40100 - Stormwater Services budget and, finding no one-to-one correspondence between the budget and and the County Executive’s April 23, 2024 memorandum, requested clarification from County Staff.

Whereas: In a March 25, 2024 message, the County stated that 9 million dollars were proposed in FY2026 for the Emergency and Flood Response line item from which the following Mount Vernon projects would be pursued in the Belle Haven Watershed and in the Wellington/ Tauxemont/Hollin Hall Village communities:

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1. Security camera improvements and enhanced signalization at the Belle Haven Pump Station and Tidegate Structures: \$124,000 in FY2026.
2. Wellington/Tauxemont/ Hollin Hall Drainage Study: \$100,000 in FY2026.

Whereas: If left unaddressed due to a lack of funding or needed regulatory changes, flooding issues will continue to have a grave and growing impact on residents of the Mount Vernon community as well as other communities in Fairfax County.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: The Board of Supervisors should fund the upgrades at the Belle Haven Pumping Station/Tidegate and the drainage study to alleviate the Wellington/Tauxemont/Hollin Hall Villager stormwater flooding issues.

Be it further resolved: The MVCCA recognizes the importance of the elements outlined in the County Executive's memorandum and asks the Board of Supervisors to move quickly to fund and implement the memorandum's project, program, and regulatory change elements, and more specifically:

1. Explore and encourage environmentally, economically viable solutions to the flooding issues in the Belle Haven Watershed, to include pursuing a partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) to address a structural solution to the watershed's continuing flooding problems on NPS property.
2. Work together with the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association to prioritize flood-related projects in the Mount Vernon District.
3. Begin work on the drainage study in the Tauxemont/Wellington/Hollin Hall Village communities, as well as other communities in the Mount Vernon District, to alleviate stormwater flooding issues.
4. Direct County staff to prioritize and publish the list of the 570 known projects referred to in the County Executive's April 23, 2024 memorandum.

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5. Identify long term funding streams to address those 570 known projects requiring flooding solutions so that residents and businesses will not be adversely impacted by flooding.
6. Continue, through individual grants or other such conveyances, direct financial assistance to homeowners to defray costs of correcting problems, including consideration of higher grant amounts and lower homeowner share ratios.
7. Require Fairfax County offices charged with land-use planning, land-use development, and stormwater management to work together to explore changes to County ordinances, regulations, and policies to reduce damaging effects of stormwater run-off.
8. Recognize and address the impact that infill development has on flooding issues in established communities, regardless of the size of the land disturbance, and ensure the County require stormwater runoff mitigation when risks to downstream residents are identified.
9. Ensure the County consider the impacts of increased impervious surfaces, soil disturbance, grading plans, deforestation, and inadequate stormwater infrastructure when approving infill development plans and address community inputs and concerns when raised.

Be it Finally Resolved: The MVCCA asks the Board of Supervisors to fund priority flood-related needs by examining and re-allocating line-item funding of Stormwater Fee revenue in the proposed 2026 budget; using carry-over funding from previous budget years; aggressively seeking and securing grants from federal, state, and other sources to support stormwater problem mitigation; and pursuing any other available funding mechanisms to correct problems attributable to stormwater.

# ----- Treasurer's Report -----

## Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc. Treasurer's Report, Current Month and Fiscal Year to Date Compared to Annual Budget Periods Ending March 31, 2025

	<u>March</u>	Total July 1 to <u>March 31</u>	2024-2025 Annual <u>Budget</u>	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b><u>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</u></b>				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 120	\$ 3,702	\$ 3,955	
Money Market Interest	0	2	2	
Total Cash Receipts	120	3,704	3,957	\$ (253)
<b><u>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</u></b>				
Administrative	-	555	540	(15)
Insurance Premium	-	707	707	-
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	-	-
"Record" Production	100	660	1,400	740
Web Site	-	354	800	446
Total Cash Disbursements	100	2,276	3,447	1,171
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	20	1,428	510	\$ 918

**Other Sources/Changes in Cash:**

Cash at Beginning of Period	11,303	11,545	11,545
<b>Total Cash at End of Period</b>	\$ 11,323	\$ 11,323	\$ 12,055

**End of Period Cash Balances by Account (adjusted for outstanding items):**

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 5,279
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	6,164
<b>Total Cash</b>	\$ 11,443

Respectfully Submitted,  
William J Kane, Treasurer  
April 1, 2025

Notes:

- 1 This financial statement uses the cash basis of accounting.
- 2 Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 7:00 p.m.  
Virtual**

**AGENDA**

- Call to order
- Guest Speaker
- Minutes Approved
- Committee Reports
- Treasurer Report
- Resolutions
- Supervisor's Time
- Member's Time
- Adjourn

### COMMITTEE CALENDAR

**MVCCA Council—April 23, 7:00 p.m., Virtual  
MVCCA Board—May 13, 7:00 p.m., Virtual**

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	5/5	7:00	Virtual	James Perkins
EDU	5/7	7:00	Virtual	Hosek
E&R	5/7	7:00	Virtual	L. Zaragoza
PL/Z	5/5	7:00	Virtual	Mathur
*PS/TRAN	4/14	7:00	Virtual	Lincoski
*PS/TRAN	5/12	7:00	Virtual	Lincoski
MSCS	5/1	7:00	Virtual	Milanowski

\*JOINT Public Safety/Transportation Meeting

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