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Dear Senators Howell, Marsden, Surovell, Ebin and Delegates Krizek, Knight, Austin
VDOT Commissioner Birch and District Leader Lynch,

Ref: Funding for VDOT Stormwater Infrastructure

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) is 53-year-old 501c4 with 14,758 households as members. As a long-standing organization, we pride ourselves on working with local, state and federal elected officials, their staffs and state organizations to identify problems and find appropriate workable solutions.

We are writing to you seeking your support to solve a major problem related to the lack of VDOT funding to upgrade the deteriorated VDOT stormwater infrastructure. This lack of well-maintained VDOT stormwater infrastructure continues to create devastating damage to homeowners.

Our members have approved a resolution that spells out the problems and asks for your assistance to adequately fund VDOT's stormwater maintenance program during the next budget cycle.

Please contact Leo Milanowski, the chair of the MVCCA's stormwater committee. He can provide you with details, photos etc. showing the damage this lack of maintenance continues to cause. specialcommittee@mvcca.org

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Attached: VDOT Funding for Stormwater Infrastructure Resolution 2022-02

**Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (Stormwater Committee)
VDOT Funding for Stormwater Infrastructure Resolution 2022-02**

Request General Assembly recognize the compelling and immediate need to modernize stormwater infrastructure in Fairfax County's Mount Vernon District by legislating new funding in the Commonwealth of Virginia's Fiscal Year 2022 budget.

Whereas: The MVCCA established a Special Committee on Stormwater in March 2021 to investigate reported stormwater issues experienced by Mount Vernon District residents

Whereas: In April 2021, the committee identified and began to pursue high-level and intuitive actions necessary to address Mount Vernon resident's collective stormwater issues, their cause, and remedies

Whereas: Through outreach to MVCCA member organizations, residents reported over one hundred sites with stormwater issues to the committee,

Whereas: Through outreach to Fairfax County, the committee obtained a report from Fairfax County's stormwater complaint system that contained nearly three hundred stormwater complaints in the Mount Vernon District from 2015 to portions of 2021

Whereas: These two data sources revealed a significant number of problem sites, many due to stormwater infrastructure inadequacies

Whereas: The Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Transportation (VDOT) briefed the Committee in June 2021 on its drainage infrastructure and stated:

- 1) VDOT infrastructure is "aging" and "undersized"
- 2) Existing infrastructure in "older subdivisions" were built to "older standards" and are "inadequate systems", and
- 3) "No dedicated funding for Stormwater System Upgrades" exists in the VDOT budget.

Whereas: Many homeowners in the Mount Vernon District report they incurred considerable expense to fix stormwater problems resulting from inadequate infrastructure

Whereas: If left unaddressed, stormwater issues will continue to have a grave impact on the Mount Vernon Community.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association requests the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates include sufficient and dedicated funding in the VDOT budget to upgrade its existing stormwater system infrastructure to current forward looking standards for stormwater management.

Approved by the MVCCA General Council on February 23, 2022