

E&R 2012-02

Resolution in Support of Funding for Stormwater Management and Parks

1. WHEREAS, Fairfax County is not fully in compliance with the federal Clean Water Act, and its Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit expired in 2007, with an administrative extension issued while the Commonwealth and the federal government agree to new permit requirements; and
 2. WHEREAS, major expenditures will be required to meet the increasing federal and state regulatory requirements of the MS4 Permit, meet State and Federal mandates associated with the Chesapeake Bay, as well as repair aging and failing dams and pipes and implement watershed management plans;
 3. WHEREAS, funding for the Fairfax County Park Authority from the General Fund has been reduced 25% since 2008, and has declined from 1.195% of the County's General Fund in 1990 to 0.656% in 2011;
 4. WHEREAS, aging and deteriorating park infrastructure (including buildings, park equipment, trails and damage from invasive exotic species) requires preventive maintenance;
- A. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MVCCA strongly supports the advertised budget's proposed Stormwater Service increase to a total of \$0.025 per \$100 of assessed real estate value (or \$45 for the average homeowner) in FY2013, with the fund being used to support the stormwater regulatory program, dam safety and facility rehabilitation, conveyance system rehabilitation, stream and water quality improvements, emergency and flood control program, and stormwater related contributory program;
- B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed budget cut of \$658,964 be restored to the Fairfax County Park Authority General Fund budget for 2013.