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Supervisor Storck  
Mount Vernon District Supervisor

Ref: MVCCA Resolution to Support the Stream Restoration Project within Hollin Hills

June 28, 2020

Dear Supervisor Storck,

On behalf of the MVCCA the attached resolution is forwarded for your information and action as required.

Katherine Ward  
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MVCC

Attached: MVCCA resolution (ER 2020-02) Stream Restoration Project Hollin Hills

cc: Kambiz Agazi Director, Office of Environment and Energy Coordination

MVCCA RESOLUTION (E&R-2020-02)

SUPPORT HOLLIN HILLS STREAM RESTORATION PROJECTS

Whereas, Fairfax County's Stormwater Planning Division, in consultation with the Civic Association of Hollin Hills (CAHH), plans projects to stabilize and restore streams in Goodman and Brickelmaier Parks in Hollin Hills;

Whereas, serious and accelerating erosion of these streams has deepened their channels and undermined a lateral sanitary sewer line, endangering public health and safety and sending excessive amounts of sediment into Paul Spring Branch, Little Hunting Creek, the Potomac River and (eventually) the Chesapeake Bay;

Whereas, these restoration projects were among the recommendations of the Little Hunting Creek Watershed Management Plan, prepared with input from a community steering committee, including a member from Hollin Hills, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2005;

Whereas the streams in the Little Hunting Creek watershed in 2005 and still in 2020 are in the lowest 15th percentile in terms of water quality;

Whereas, County staff worked with Hollin Hills parks committee members, walked the properties and held numerous public meetings, presented the plans to Hollin Hills residents, the local community, and the MVCCA, and responded to residents' concerns by scaling back the project to remove fewer trees;

Whereas the county's stream restoration staff examined multiple options and chose the most effective approach to address all the site conditions and concerns;

Whereas, the CAHH, which owns the parks, voted overwhelmingly in favor of granting easements to the county to permit the projects to go forward;

Whereas, the projects will employ natural channel design that will minimize tree loss, establish native vegetation, and reconnect the streams to their floodplains;

Whereas, the projects will repair 50 years of damage and reduce the amount of sediment and pollution discharged into Paul Spring Branch, and will restore the park to a more natural state that will serve the community into the future; and

Whereas, Fairfax County has in-perpetuity maintenance responsibility in the event of a 200- or 500-year flood, or another event that damages the stream infrastructure.

Therefore, be it resolved; the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations supports the implementation of the Little Hunting Creek Watershed Management Plan's recommendations to restore the two streams in Hollin Hills and urges the County to begin the projects without delay.

Be it further resolved, the MVCCA urges the CAHH and the County to implement best practices to capture and reduce stormwater from Hollin Hills residences.

APPROVED BY THE MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS JUNE 24,2020