

E&R-P&Z-2015-J02: Joint Resolution to support, add date certain and payment schedule to SEA 097-MV-033-02 Mount Vernon Country Club

1. WHEREAS the Mount Vernon Country Club (Club) proposes a **second Special Exception Amendment** (SEA) to complete certain site modifications (5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria, VA 22309) within the 100-Year Floodplain that are intended to improve storm water filtration, store water for on-site irrigation, manage water flows on their property and may also improve downstream flows;
2. WHEREAS this property is a **strategically important green space** (128 acres) serving this area of the Mt. Vernon District and the larger watershed beyond the Club's property boundary;
3. WHEREAS **water quality** studies from 2013-2015 indicate deteriorating water quality as a result of the Club's storm water ponds not functioning properly due to silt and sediment buildup originating from upstream and off-property, reinforcing the need for this work to be done to improve water quality in this Watershed;
4. WHEREAS the project's **environmental impact** would be important and as proposed could, upon completion, positively affect water quality, storm water management, floodplain and sediment management, stream restoration, native plantings, tree cover, and wildlife in the larger watershed;
5. WHEREAS a November 2015 Brookside Laboratories, Inc. **sediment analysis** of the material that is at the pond bottoms shows that there is nothing harmful to humans or wildlife;
6. WHEREAS a **stream will be restored** on the northwestern corner of the property reconnecting natural water flows by installing an artificial stream bed;
7. WHEREAS the Club has established **partnerships** with experts at the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to implement fish relocation prior to dredging, and, with the Virginia Herpetological Society to carry out turtle relocation from the stream and ponds to be dredged;
8. WHEREAS the Club has established a **construction activities schedule** that will minimize adverse impacts on wildlife by de-watering or otherwise affecting only one pond at a time (sequentially, not concurrently) so as to provide wildlife with a safe refuge at the other ponds.
9. WHEREAS the Club's **landscaping plan** uses native trees, shrubs and other native plantings to replace those that have reached the end of their life cycle throughout the property, with special focus on this project's impact areas including perimeter areas of the property where more trees are needed;

10. WHEREAS the Club has transferred to Fairfax County (FC) \$74,500 of the \$100,000 required by the 2003 Development Condition #26 to construct **trails** in the area and if possible along Old Mill Road, and a July 3, 2008 legal agreement between Fairfax County and the Club replaced the 2003 Development Condition #26;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) recommends that the Mount Vernon District Planning Commissioner and Supervisor,

- A. Support the current SEA 097-MV-033-02 including the details described in this resolution; and
- B. Require an annual payment schedule to complete the payment of funds provided for in the legal agreement dated July 3, 2008, between the Club and the Fairfax County Attorney so that the entire amount is due and payable within 5 years or by December 31, 2020, and these funds are to be used for trails in the area near the Club, preferably along Old Mill Road, and in consultation with the MVCCA.