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MEMORANDUM

To: Michael S. Rolband, Director of DEQ
Through: Alvie Edwards, Director of Administration 
From: Kelly Ward, Deputy Director, Clean Water Financing and Assistance
Date: January 30, 2025
Subject: Authorization of FY 2025 SLAF Project Funding List

Purpose

The Virginia General Assembly created and set forth specific parameters for the administration of the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in 2013. The SLAF program provides matching grants to local governments for the planning, design, and implementation of stormwater best management practices in order to reduce water quality pollutant loads. In accordance with legislation, the State Water Control Board (Board) approved guidelines for the implementation of the SLAF program in 2013, with those guidelines revised most recently by the Board in June 2022. The guidelines call for an annual solicitation of applications, an application review and ranking process, and the authorization of a Project Funding List by the Director of DEQ.

To date, 357 projects totaling approximately \$212 million have been authorized. The tenth solicitation for SLAF applications was conducted for fiscal year (FY) 2025, and the applications received by DEQ have been evaluated in accordance with the approved guidelines. This memorandum provides the results of the evaluation and DEQ staff recommendations for approval.

Applications Received

On August 1, 2024, DEQ solicited SLAF applications from all local governments in the Commonwealth with an October 1, 2024, deadline for submission. DEQ received applications from 22 localities totaling \$37,073,245 for 27 stormwater projects and 4 nutrient credit purchases. In addition, the General Assembly appropriated \$10,000,000 for eight projects within two localities that were reviewed during this evaluation.

Funding Availability for FY 2025

In FY 2024, no additional SLAF funding was provided to DEQ and the remaining unobligated balance totaled \$58,663,103, with \$10,000,000 restricted based on General Assembly appropriation to the City of Falls Church (\$9,000,000) and York County (\$1,000,000). As a result, \$48,663,103 is available for the FY 2025 award cycle.

Application Evaluations

All 35 stormwater projects and 4 nutrient credit purchase projects were evaluated in accordance with the program's eligibility requirements and priority ranking criteria, with the funding amount requested totaling

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\$47,073,245. After review of the applications, it was determined that several projects did not meet eligibility requirements and staff recommend denial of the projects noted in Table 3.

In accordance with the SLAF Guidelines, the project funding list was drafted to provide the greatest financial and environmental benefit to as many communities as possible. Staff recommends waiving the maximum grant amount of \$5,000,000 per locality due to adequate funding for the FY 2025 SLAF projects, resulting in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties receiving \$7,959,800 and \$5,453,790, respectively.

Conclusion and Staff Recommendation

Following a thorough evaluation of eligibility, priority ranking, funding availability, and site visits several projects, the proposed Project Funding List for the tenth round of SLAF funding includes 22 stormwater projects and 4 nutrient credit purchases as noted in Table 1, along with 8 projects specifically funded by General Assembly appropriations as noted in Table 2. The total FY 2025 grant award authorization request is \$41,988,162 for 34 projects across 19 localities. Without further appropriation or changes to obligations, the amount remaining for the FY2026 SLAF Solicitation is \$16,674,941.

DEQ staff recommend the Director of DEQ authorize the enclosed Project Funding List which includes localities and projects for SLAF matching grant assistance, subject to compliance with the program requirements and the receipt of construction bids.

Authorized by:

☒ Approved as recommended

☐ Not approved as recommended



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Director of DEQ

STORMWATER LOCAL ASSISTANCE FUND FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECT FUNDING LIST

Table 1: Project Funding List 1/30/25						
Grant Recipient	Project Name	Total Phosphorus Cost Per Pound	Point Total	Total Project Cost	Proposed Grant Amount	Grant Percentage
City of Petersburg	Project A Stream Restoration	\$ 24,926.36	553	\$ 1,370,950	\$ 685,475	50%
	Project C Stream Restoration	\$ 11,307.69	477	\$ 1,176,000	\$ 588,000	50%
	Subtotal (Project Cost & Proposed Grant Amount)			\$ 2,546,950	\$ 1,273,475	50%
City of Harrisonburg	FY25 Permanent Water Quality Credit Purchase	\$ 9,388.60	514	\$ 2,909,340	\$ 1,454,670	50%
Prince William County	Upper Dewey Creek Stream Restoration	\$ 32,329.22	476	\$ 9,957,400	\$ 4,978,700	50%
Loudoun County	Westpark Passive Park	\$ 11,711.99	472	\$ 8,280,380	\$ 4,140,190	50%
	MD1745 Stormwater Pond Retrofit	\$ 20,544.89	401	\$ 1,380,000	\$ 690,000	50%
	Potomac Greene Stream Restoration	\$ 37,954.96	327	\$ 1,247,200	\$ 623,600	50%
	Subtotal (Project Cost & Proposed Grant Amount)			\$ 10,907,580	\$ 5,453,790	50%
York County	Brightwood Stream Restoration	\$ 9,852.22	458	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 500,000	50%
City of Waynesboro	Constructed Wetlands and Extended Detention	\$ 13,833.17	457	\$ 1,518,000	\$ 759,000	50%
Chesterfield County	Debonair Acres Nutrient Bank	\$ 9,800.00	455	\$ 1,647,282	\$ 823,641	50%
	Buffalo Junction Nutrient Bank	\$ 13,498.58	439	\$ 352,718	\$ 176,359	50%
	Subtotal (Project Cost & Proposed Grant Amount)			\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	50%
City of Manassas Park	Pond 1 Retrofit	\$ 20,816.26	454	\$ 889,895	\$ 444,947	50%
City of Portsmouth	Green Lake Level II Wet Pond Retrofit	\$ 19,778.67	454	\$ 1,867,304	\$ 933,652	50%
City of Falls Church	FY25 Nonpoint Source Nutrient Purchase	\$ 8,648.65	451	\$ 640,000	\$ 320,000	50%
Town of Warrenton	Pond C Retrofit	\$ 39,815.80	424	\$ 650,192	\$ 325,096	50%
	Rady Park Cattail Branch Stream Restoration	\$ 22,859.23	397	\$ 959,402	\$ 479,701	50%
	Subtotal (Project Cost & Proposed Grant Amount)			\$ 1,609,594	\$ 804,797	50%
City of Charlottesville	Rivanna Restoration - Riverview Park	\$ 8,391.24	414	\$ 1,215,220	\$ 607,610	50%
Fairfax County	Pinmit Run at George C. Marshall High School	\$ 40,967.08	403	\$ 3,609,200	\$ 1,804,600	50%
	Dead Run at Georgetown Pike	\$ 22,531.53	387	\$ 6,646,800	\$ 3,323,400	50%
	Schneider Branch 2 at Lee Road	\$ 86,203.96	222	\$ 5,663,600	\$ 2,831,800	50%
	Subtotal (Project Cost & Proposed Grant Amount)			\$ 15,919,600	\$ 7,959,800	50%
City of Richmond	Broad Rock Creek Stream Restoration	\$ 22,624.37	396	\$ 4,353,607	\$ 2,002,659	46%
Town of Herndon	Sugarland Run North Stream Restoration	\$ 55,732.68	371	\$ 1,166,485	\$ 583,242	50%
City of Manassas	Sills Warehouse Pond Retrofit	\$ 159,698.76	355	\$ 1,030,057	\$ 515,028	50%
James City County	Landing Circle Stream Restoration	\$ 47,722.90	400	\$ 739,705	\$ 369,852	50%
Arlington County	Gulf Branch Stream	\$ 26,056.71	352	\$ 3,069,481	\$ 1,471,190	48%
City of Virginia Beach	Salem Village Park Water Quality Improvement	\$ 92,625.00	202	\$ 1,111,500	\$ 555,750	50%
Total Funded SLAF Applications				\$ 64,451,718	\$ 31,988,162	

Table 2: Project Funding List from General Assembly Appropriations 1/30/25						
Grant Recipient	Project Name	Total Phosphorus Cost Per Pound	Point Total	Total Project Cost	Proposed Grant Amount	Grant Percentage
York County	Queens Lake Erosion Control	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 500,000	42%
	Queens Lake Wetlands Restoration	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,033,947	\$ 500,000	48%
	Subtotal (Project Cost & Proposed Grant Amount)			\$ 2,233,947	\$ 1,000,000	45%
City of Falls Church	Greening of Lincoln	N/A	N/A	\$ 8,192,192	\$ 3,035,192	37%
	Hillwood East	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,155,192	\$ 870,014	75%
	Sherrow Avenue	N/A	N/A	\$ 2,127,949	\$ 1,599,234	75%
	Harrison Branch	N/A	N/A	\$ 3,585,000	\$ 3,285,000	92%
	Roberts Park	N/A	N/A	\$ 450,000	\$ 105,280	23%
	City Hall Parking	N/A	N/A	\$ 300,000	\$ 105,280	35%
	Subtotal (Project Cost & Proposed Grant Amount)			\$ 15,810,333	\$ 9,000,000	57%
Total Funded SLAF Projects from General Assembly Appropriations				\$ 18,044,280	\$ 10,000,000	

Table 3: Ineligible Project List 1/30/25			
Grant Recipient	Project Name	Reason for Ineligibility	Total Project Cost
Prince George County	Birchett Reach 1 Phase 2	No soils bulk density or nutrient concentration data provided	\$ 1,066,975.00
Town of Leesburg	Tuscarora Creek Stream Restoration	No soils bulk density or nutrient concentration data provided	\$ 6,678,000.00
James City County	Westmont Drive Stream Restoration	No soils bulk density or nutrient concentration data provided	\$ 1,057,600.00
Town of Rocky Mount	Unnamed Tributary to Furnace Creek Stream Restoration	No soils bulk density or nutrient concentration data provided	\$ 447,590.00
York County	Larkin Run Stream Restoration and BMP Facility	Improper application submission	\$ 920,000.00