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**Board Matter**

**Recognizing Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division  
for the Miller Heights Outfall Restoration Project**

Members of the Board,

The Outfall Restoration Project along the Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail (GCCCT) in Miller Heights was completed earlier this year. The project area is located northwest of the Miller Road and Miller Heights Road intersection in the Park Authority's Difficult Run Stream Valley Park.

There was extreme erosion with falling trees and the trail was in danger of collapsing in some areas. Due to the early outreach of the Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division (MSMD) and my office to the Miller Heights Neighborhood Association regarding this project, the community was able to effectively facilitate with MSMD, clarify misconceptions about the project design, and receive community support for the project. The MSMD team, led by Jack Meritt and Rachael Holland, had a collaborative approach, was in continuous communication with the neighborhood, and was willing to make modifications and concessions based on community input. This maintenance project restored a degraded outfall channel by using natural stream design techniques. On behalf of the community, I would like to thank the team for improving the area and making it safer for everyone.

Therefore, I ask that we recognize the efforts and great work that the MSMD team, led by Mr. Merritt and Ms. Holland. They truly deployed a collaborative community process throughout the planning and construction phases of the project, which led to a very successful outcome.