

Fairfax County Watershed Planning Goals and Objectives

Fairfax County has developed three main goals applicable to all watersheds during the planning process:

Goals
1. Improve and maintain watershed functions in Fairfax County, including water quality, habitat and hydrology.
2. Protect human health, safety and property by reducing stormwater impacts.
3. Involve stakeholders in the protection, maintenance and restoration of county watersheds.

Fairfax County has also developed five categories of objectives that relate to the goals above:

Categories/Objectives	Linked to Goal(s)
CATEGORY 1. HYDROLOGY	
1A. Minimize impacts of stormwater runoff on stream hydrology to promote stable stream morphology, protect habitat, and support biota.	1
1B. Minimize flooding to protect property and human health and safety.	2
CATEGORY 2. HABITAT	
2A. Provide for healthy habitat through protecting, restoring, and maintaining riparian buffers, wetlands, and instream habitat.	1
2B. Improve and maintain diversity of native plants and animals in the county.	1
CATEGORY 3. STREAM WATER QUALITY	
3A. Minimize impacts to stream water quality from pollutants in stormwater runoff.	1, 2
CATEGORY 4. DRINKING WATER QUALITY	
4A. Minimize impacts to drinking water sources from pathogens, nutrients, and toxics in stormwater runoff.	2
4B. Minimize impacts to drinking water storage capacity from sediment in stormwater runoff.	2
CATEGORY 5 STEWARDSHIP	
5A. Encourage the public to participate in watershed stewardship.	3
5B. Coordinate with regional jurisdictions on watershed management and restoration efforts such as Chesapeake Bay initiatives.	3
5C. Improve watershed aesthetics in Fairfax County.	1, 3