



County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 10, 2013

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Stella Koch, Chairman *Stella M. Koch*
Environmental Quality Advisory Council

SUBJECT: EQAC recommendation regarding advertisement of the proposed stormwater management ordinance

EQAC has been carefully following the evolution of the proposed stormwater management ordinance in Fairfax County. We recognize that much of the language being suggested already exists within other regulatory ordinances and has served the county well. We have concerns over what the Board of Supervisors may advertise in regard to the stormwater management ordinance exemption for construction on single family residential lots. Specifically, EQAC recommends that language be advertised that at least mirrors (i.e., doesn't weaken) the county's current approach regarding the threshold for exemption of construction on single residential lots (i.e., an 18% impervious cover threshold). There are enough instances of neighbors being flooded as more infill occurs to warrant not lessening this requirement.

Thank you for your consideration.

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