



County of Fairfax, Virginia

Dear Hillside Area Resident,

My name is Pat Herrity and I represent you on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. As your elected representative I am undertaking an initiative to keep you up to speed on the efforts of VDOT, the utilities and our County government to repair the wash out on Hillside Road. I have provided the information below and **will be providing future updates via email as information becomes available. If you wish to receive these emails please contact Peyton Onks in my office 703-451-8873 or email her at springfield@fairfaxcounty.gov.** Of course if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

VDOT Update

I met with VDOT representatives on Saturday morning on Hillside. VDOT will be using their emergency procurement procedures to hire a contractor to fix the roadway. The current estimate from them to fix the road is 4 to 6 weeks – this estimate is preliminary and will become more reliable once a contractor and the materials are under contract. You may see other washouts fixed earlier, but there are several complicating factors in the Hillside washout that unfortunately will cause repairs to take longer:

- The wash out is 35 feet deep
- Significant utilities are involved (fiber, water, gas etc.)
- 80-90 feet of roadway on both sides will need to be removed and redone due to the depth
- The pedestrian bridge was undermined, washed out at the concrete abutment
- The procurement process - because of the factors above VDOT will be contracting the job instead of doing it themselves – it will be a streamlined (emergency) process but will still involve environmental reviews, utility relocation, special shoring because of the depth and specific bank stabilization. This will be a major construction project and therefore requires more thought and time.

It cannot be stated enough that this is a VERY DANGEROUS AREA that is unstable – residents ARE ADVISED TO AVOID IT.

The good news is the plan is to upgrade the actual pipe to concrete from the corrugated metal pipe.

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Utilities Update

I met with Dominion Power on-site on Friday. They have rerun the electrical lines. Fairfax Water took care of their lines on Friday morning. As I understand the current situation all residents currently have functioning utilities. Please let me know if this is not the case.

Public Safety

The police department has blocked off the road and the footbridge to the best of their ability and have committed to make regular visits (as they have done all weekend) to discourage people from crossing the police lines. They will also be meeting with VDOT later today to address additional protection measures to keep the public safe. However they cannot be there at all times.

I strongly encourage you to remind anyone you see on the wrong end of the police lines just how unsafe the situation is. While the pedestrian bridge looks safe from above the embankment, below the bridge abutment is severely eroded and could give way at any time. In addition, there are large sections of roadway which could collapse into the washout at any time. Fairfax County had three fatalities (including a 12 year old) related to this storm. Please make sure we do not have one on Hillside and help keep people away. Contact 703-691-2131 if you see a situation that needs immediate attention and as always call 911 if there is an emergency.

Again, it is my pleasure to play a small role and help keep the Hillside community informed of the progress and help get your concerns addressed. Please be sure to contact us if you wish to get future email updates.

As always – please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of service.



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