




# County of Fairfax, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 12, 2024

TO: Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Larry Zaragoza, DEnv, Chair   
Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC)

SUBJECT: Support for the County Executive's Update on the Countywide Flood Risk Reduction Policy

EQAC supports the County Executive's Update on the Countywide Flood Risk Reduction Policy. The April 23 Countywide Flood Risk Reduction Policy Update provides recommendations for projects, programs and policies. EQAC is engaged in a number of these activities (e.g., update to the Comprehensive Plan and review of Zoning Ordinance Updates, review of climate action and resiliency work, and review of stormwater infrastructure needs).

EQAC appreciates the need for additional funding and new staff positions to support this work. For example, EQAC has recommended and continues to support increases in the quarter penny increases to the stormwater rate and new staff positions necessary to increase project delivery capacity. The work to address documented structural flood risk is important as climate change, deteriorated county infrastructure, and nearby development with imperious surface is needed to address flood risks to at risk properties.

In addition to the work outlined in the update, EQAC also recognizes that there are multiple grant opportunities that could help provide for resilience.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

cc: Bryan J. Hill, County Executive  
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