

Fairfax County 2019 MS4 Program Plan and Annual Report

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Summary of Annual Infrastructure Coordination Meetings with VDOT

VSMP Permit Number VA0088587  
9-30-2019

VDOT/Fairfax County Check-in Meeting

January 10, 2019

Via teleconference

A. Meeting Attendees:

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Scott Crafton (VDOT)           | Craig Carinci (Fairfax SWPD)   |
| Alex Foraste (VDOT)            | Marty Hurd (Fairfax SWPD)      |
| Tracey Harmon (VDOT)           | Matt Meyers (Fairfax SWPD)     |
| Chris Swanson (VDOT)           | Catie Torgersen (Fairfax SWPD) |
| Heather Ambrose (Fairfax SWPD) |                                |

B. Partnership opportunities-

- Fairfax Stormwater Planning Division (SWPD) should have an updated work plan by the end of April and will share with VDOT. VDOT has a 6-year roadway improvement plan but keeps MS4 projects separate from roadway improvement projects. Fairfax SWPD is interested in partnering with VDOT on a stream restoration for the Rt. 7 widening project and are looking for other opportunities on I-66. It was discussed that outfall restorations could also provide opportunities for MS4. VDOT prefers projects on County easements as property acquisitions can be a real deal-breaker. The County agreed that if funds are available, they could partner with VDOT to provide funding if a project goes above and beyond stormwater requirements for both the additional design and construction and that the crediting for each agency could be negotiated. VDOT stated this needs to be determined prior to a public hearing.
  - There is a VDOT culvert at Telegraph Road located in the Pike Branch restoration project. VDOT instructed the County not to touch the culvert. It was discussed how to make sure the project ties together both the VDOT and County parts of the project to ensure fish passage.

C. DEQ's Salt Management Strategy-

- All work groups have met at least once. The Government Coordination work group met on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. DEQ does not anticipate this work group meeting again until June. They have also recommended the Steering Committee should not meet until December. Both VDOT and Fairfax agreed that the Steering Committee should meet before December and that the sooner the better so that they can engage with the different work groups and inform how to bring together individual group's action items. VDOT agreed to reach out to DEQ, most likely in person. The County agreed to support this and participate in any phone calls to further discuss.

D. Annual Coordination Meeting -

- The group discussed combining several locality annual coordination meetings. Fairfax will be scheduling their annual coordination meeting in May (must be no later than June 30) and Fairfax County will reach out to Prince William County to try to combine meetings. This will mean that PWC will have to hold two meetings in the same fiscal year in order to get on the same schedule.

Infrastructure Coordination Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019

Teleconference

A. Meeting Attendees:

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JJ Lightfoot (VDOT)            | Tracey Harmon (VDOT)          |
| Chris Swanson (VDOT)           | Scott Crafton (VDOT)          |
| Alex Foraste (VDOT)            | Takisha Cannon (Fairfax SWPD) |
| Marty Hurd (Fairfax SWPD)      | Emily Burton (Fairfax SWPD)   |
| Heather Ambrose (Fairfax SWPD) | Joe Riley-Ryan (Fairfax SWPD) |

B. Mapping

- i. Web map application collaboration between VDOT and Fairfax County  
VDOT to confirm that Fairfax County has access to Cov Domain web portal
- ii. Updated VDOT basin layer  
VDOT will provide this layer; automated updates to asset work order system make it easier to share this data; working on updating asset mapping to incorporate resiliency and other initiatives; hoping to resolve some of the unaccounted-for areas
  - i. VDOT suggested continuing this conversation off-line
  - ii. Cov Domain accounts provide access directly to VDOT's GIS layers-check to see if we can get access
  - iii. The County mentioned the possibility of developing a crosswalk between the two databases (County & VDOT) for outfall nomenclature

C. Illicit Discharge Detection Elimination

- i. The County only forwarded a handful of IDID notifications and there were no problems using VDOT's IDDEReports email address.
- ii. VDOT's litter outreach campaign (signage and social media campaign)- VDOT is working to improve their adopt-a-highway program, specifically how applications are received and trash is picked up; VDOT has a targeted social media campaign for litter (litter control, illicit discharge, general MS4 information)-VDOT will share more information; wanted to acknowledge from a stream clean up perspective that a lot of good things are already happening locally and trying to incorporate this information into social media posts; VDOT offered to promote county clean ups if we let him know about events
  - i. VDOT explained that VDOT has a story map feature on a crowd sourcing app- allows other parties to enter in information about upcoming events and increase awareness
  - ii. The County briefly explained Fairfax pilot litter campaign – survey-based approach to get a base assessment of why people are littering in the County

D. Chesapeake Bay and Local TMDL Action Plans

- i. The County thanked VDOT for providing action plans last year; there does not appear to be an overlap in counting credits

- ii. Fairfax County will be working on second draft Chesapeake Bay TMDL action plan for inclusion with our reapplication package-this will include FCPS
  - iii. VDOT updated local action plans with more recent TMDLs – only bacteria action plans affect Fairfax County- chose to write a base document with appendices associated with the watershed – Sugarland, Mine and Pimmit Runs- currently in draft form and out for public review on VDOT’s website
- E. Updates from January Meeting
- i. Partnership Opportunities
    - i. I-495 Express lanes from Dulles Toll Road to American Legion Road potential partnership for Scotts Run improvements
  - ii. Credit for TMDL Implementation
    - i. Fairfax to provide access to GIS layers if needed – currently have access to Pike Branch files; can we provide more info to VDOT regarding best partnership opportunities-most likely projects that are further out in the schedule
    - ii. VDOT making progress on Pike Branch at Wilton project-700 feet completed; discovered several unmapped utilities-still hoping to reconnect fish passage
  - iii. Salt Management Strategy- NVRC MS4 meeting on July 23 will be attended by both VDOT and Fairfax County
    - i. Salt certification program- there was a discussion to see if VDOT had suggestions on this.
    - ii. Potential to coordinate to develop outreach material on proper salt application
    - iii. Introduce legislation to require certifications might be a tough approach and very difficult to pursue; a COG sponsored program may make more sense; private applicators only interested if tort reform associated with program; incentivizing program may be a good approach
    - iv. Modifying types of contracts that commercial applicators use to move away from rewarding more salt usage- VDOT trying to promote better contracting methods to communities who contract out snow removal
- F. Water Quality Monitoring
- i. Fairfax happy to provide information to support VDOT’s local TMDL action plans
- G. Annual Coordination Meetings moving forward – NVRC willing to host annual regional meeting- Arlington not obligated to meet with us but would like to be present
- i. Inclusion of information into annual report- VDOT keeps information minimal and reports mostly meeting dates since they meet with so many different localities
  - ii. VDOT will include a statement in VDOT’s annual report that no double-counting of TMDL credits is occurring
- H. Action Items:
- i. VDOT to confirm access to PWWPPL. Once confirmed Fairfax will send more detailed information on specific projects that may be good partnership opportunities upon VDOT’s request.

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- ii. VDOT to confirm that we have domain account access to web portal (Cov Domain)
- iii. VDOT to send information on social media campaign
- iv. VDOT to provide follow up on milestones regarding I-495 express lanes