



# Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee

November 19, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. | Hybrid (Virtual and In-Person) Meeting

Advisory Group Members Present:

A	John Chapman	P	Howard “Skip” Maginniss
P	Dino Drudi	A	Brian Sands
P	John Hill (Chair)	P	Janette Shew
P	Cheryl Leonard	P	Christine Thuot
A	Chris Ferrara	P	Katherine Waynick (Vice-Chair)

Staff Present:

P	Alex Haptemariam, DPI Senior Technical Project Manager	P	Jesse Maines, T&ES Division Chief, Stormwater Management
V	Brian Rahal, T&ES Civil Engineer IV	A	Jessica Lassetter, T&ES Civil Engineer III
P	Dan Medina, DPI Stormwater Program Manager	A	Jonathan Whiteleather, DPI Technical Project Manager
A	Emma Wheeler, T&ES Communications Office	V	Lisa Jaatinen, T&ES Civil Engineer IV
A	Erin Bevis-Carver, Sanitary Infrastructure Division Chief	P	Mitch Dillon, DPI Technical Project Manager
A	Felicia Montoney, T&ES Management Analyst I	V	Lu Zhang, Engineer, Sanitary Infrastructure Division

P = Present      A = Absent      V = Virtual (on call)

Other Attendees Present:

V	Camille Liebnitzky	V	Mujeeb Atefi
V	Ami Cobb	V	Ehsanullah Hayat
V	Haweni Gobena	V	Lydia Durand

## 1. Welcome Remarks

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Drudi: Move to approve minutes as modified with amendments sent forward. Seconded by Waynick. All in favor.

## 3. Program Update from City Staff

### 3a. Large Capacity Project (Haptemariam on behalf of Whiteleather)



## Flood Action Progress Report: Commonwealth, Ashby, Glebe

### Large Capacity - Commonwealth Ave & E. Glebe/Ashby St & Glebe Rd

#### Project Webpage

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/stormwater-management/commonwealth-ashby-glebe-flood-mitigation-project>

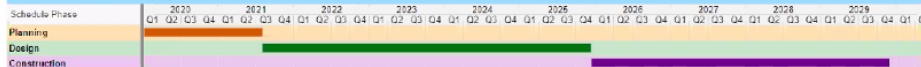
#### Project Description

This project will improve storm sewer system to mitigate flooding for the future 10-year design storm at two problem areas: the intersection of Commonwealth Ave and Ashby St, and at the intersection of Ashby St and E. Glebe Rd

#### Project Information

**Current Phase:** Design  
**Total Planned Budget:** \$47,166,354.00  
**Funding Sources:** SWU, CFFP

#### Schedule - Calendar Year (CY)



- 100% design completed
- Utility relocations to begin next year (utility owners' responsibility)
- Bid phase for culvert construction to start in 2027 (after utility relocations)
- Coordinating with Mt Vernon/Arlington Ridge Road Bridge construction

**Commonwealth, Ashby, Glebe:** Completed 100% design. Received comments from APEX. Utility relocation to begin in 2026. Primarily responsibility of owners (e.g., American Water). Bid phase for construction to start in 2027.

- Ferrara: Who are the owners? Medina: "Owners" refers to utilities. City will hold pre-construction meeting to notify residents.

## Flood Action Progress Report: CSS

- Pitt & Gibbon (\$20-25M) CSO surcharge mitigation. Project team reviewing alternatives to mitigate flooding.
- Nethergate (\$5M) CSO surcharge mitigation. Design consultant NTP in July 2025. Project extended due to estimated National Parks Service (NPS) permitting. Working on permits for utility survey and soil borings. Community meeting 9/29.

### Nethergate Storm Sewer Improvements

#### Project Webpage

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/capital-projects/projects/nethergate-storm-sewer-improvements>

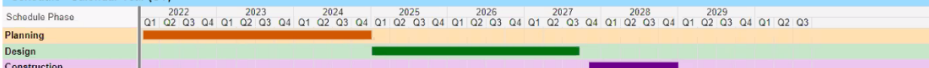
#### Project Description

The purpose of this project is to mitigate flooding in the Nethergate Townhome community based on reports from residents after intense rainfall events. The project area is bound by Bashford Ln to the north, Second St. to the south, Portner Rd to the west and W Abingdon Dr to the east. As part of this project, the design team will analyze hydraulic capacity of the existing storm sewer, and develop alternatives to mitigate flooding.

#### Project Information

**Current Phase:** Design  
**Total Planned Budget:** \$1,587,951.82  
**Funding Sources:** SSF

#### Schedule - Calendar Year (CY)



**Pitt & Gibbon:** Reviewing alternatives. No longer looking at large scale engineering. Lot-size approaches could be considered.



- Thuot: Decided at prior meeting that City didn't have design alternative and would explore opportunities/programs to support residents. Does the bullet-point reflect this?
- Medina: Alternatives means solutions (e.g., program options).
- Thuot: Are we putting together a platform that residents can reference to learn about resources/tools that the City has to offer? E.g., Pitt & Gibbon
  - Medina: Remains as a goal, must understand support options before implement platform.
- Thuot: Moving forward, will Pitt & Gibbon no longer be presented as a mitigation effort?
  - Medina: Will be included as lot-scale mitigation projects.
- Maginniss: Is the City no longer investigating engineering solutions? Medina: Yes. Not looking at large-scale solutions. Maginniss: What about small-scale? Medina: Lot-scale approach is being investigated.
- Drudi: Whiteleather held briefing in which presented cogent slide deck on five engineering alternatives the City was exploring. None of the alternatives would remediate a 3-year storm and all were prohibitively costly.
  - Ask: Share the slide deck with the entire committee. Board of Architectural Board (BAR) has been consulted and will be involved.
    - Thuot: Second request to share slides.
      - Maines: Oct 21 presentation is on project webpage.
  - Maines: Need data to justify exceeding \$5K in certain areas. Criteria must be defensible. BAR and City's attorney office must review.
    - Waynick: Criteria could be used in other areas in future.
  - Hill: Pitt & Gibbon was \$25 million for preliminary design.
  - Thuot: Personal application to grant program included total and program-specific costs. Will email to committee.

Request for January Agenda: Review outline of assistance program/alternative to support residents like those near Pitt & Gibbon as an extension of the Flood Mitigation Grant Assistance program.

#### **Nethergate Storm Sewer Improvements:**

- Combined sewer surcharge mitigation project. Submitted notice-to-proceed in July 2025. Extended timeline due to National Parks Service permitting (for soil borings, utility survey, etc.).
  - Expect to complete design: 2027 (1 year for permits)
  - Hill: Suspect engineering solution. Medina: Yes.

## **Flood Action Progress Report: Hooffs Run Culvert Bypass Project**

- City staff continues evaluation of potential alternatives at parcel scale

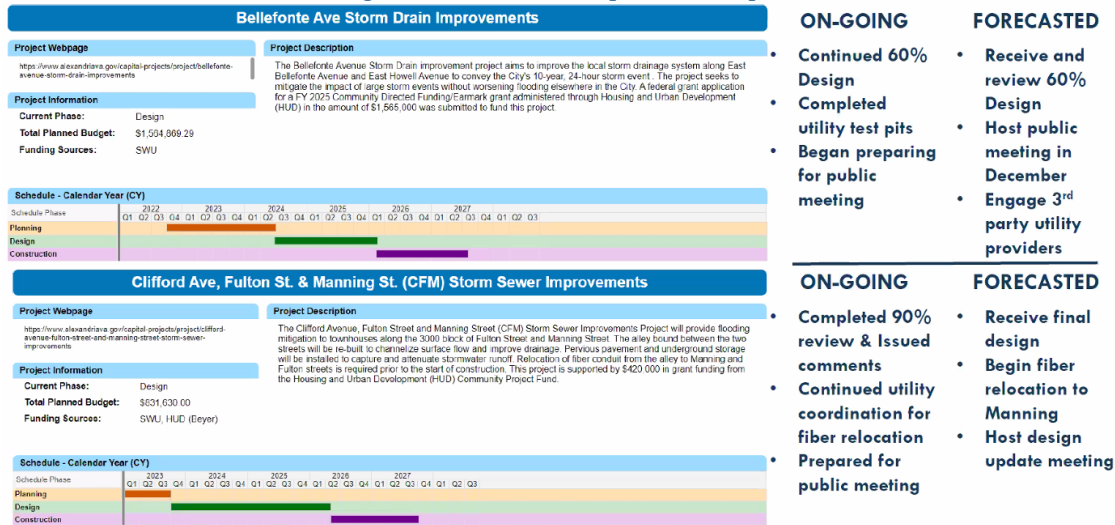
**Hooffs Run:** Arcadis exploring program elements to implement a potential lot-scale approach.

- Hill: \$60 million project, which presents extreme complexities as an engineering solution.



### 3b. Neighborhood Spot Projects (Dillon):

## Flood Action Progress Report: Neighborhood Spot Projects



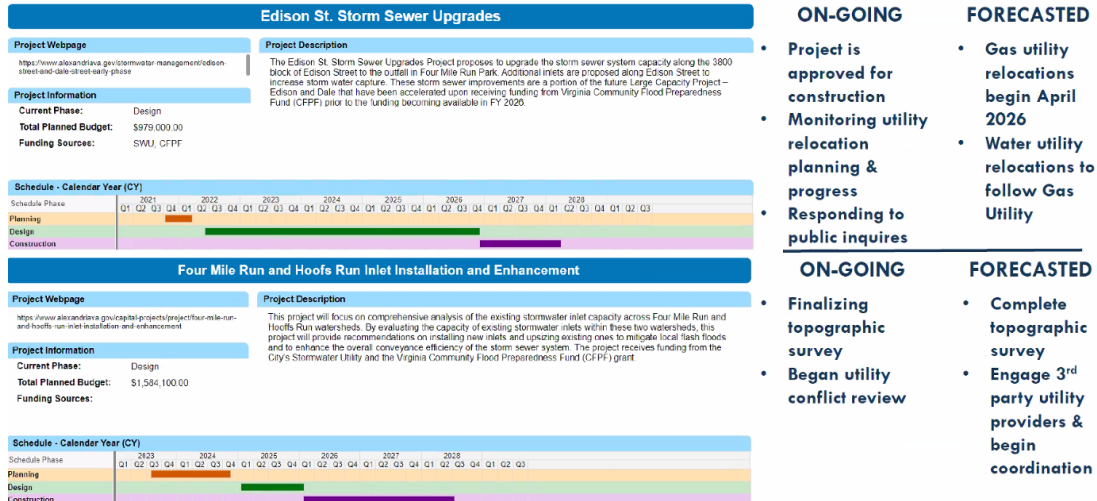
**Bellefonte Ave:** In the middle of 60% design. Completed utility test pits, which inform conflict review. Preparing for upcoming public meeting. Expect to receive 60% design and complete review. Engage utility providers in formulating the relocation strategy.

**Clifford Ave:** Completed 90% design review and issued comments. Moving towards approval and construction. Utility coordination for fiber relocation to start in early 2026. Preparing for public meeting planned for Dec. 2025 or Jan. 2026. City to distribute meeting invites. Expect to receive final design soon thereafter. Fiber relocation from alley to Manning St will begin in 2026.

- Waynick: Dec. public meeting attendance options. Dillon: Will have call-in option.
- Durand: 7PM start time to accommodate religious observances at sundown.



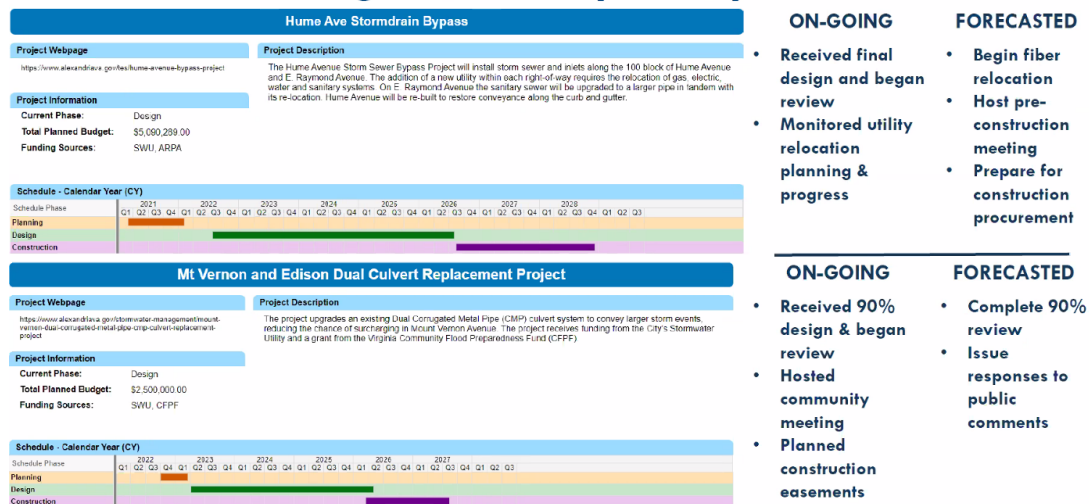
## Flood Action Progress Report: Neighborhood Spot Projects



**Edison St:** Approved for construction, waiting for right-of-way to be cleared. Monitoring utility engagement. Securing permissions; expect no issues.. Gas utility relocation will occur between April-Sept, followed by water utility relocation.

**Four Mile Run and Hoffs Run Inlet Installation:** Consultant finishing topographic survey. City has started utility conflict review. City to then engage utility providers and coordinate utility relocation.

## Flood Action Progress Report: Neighborhood Spot Projects

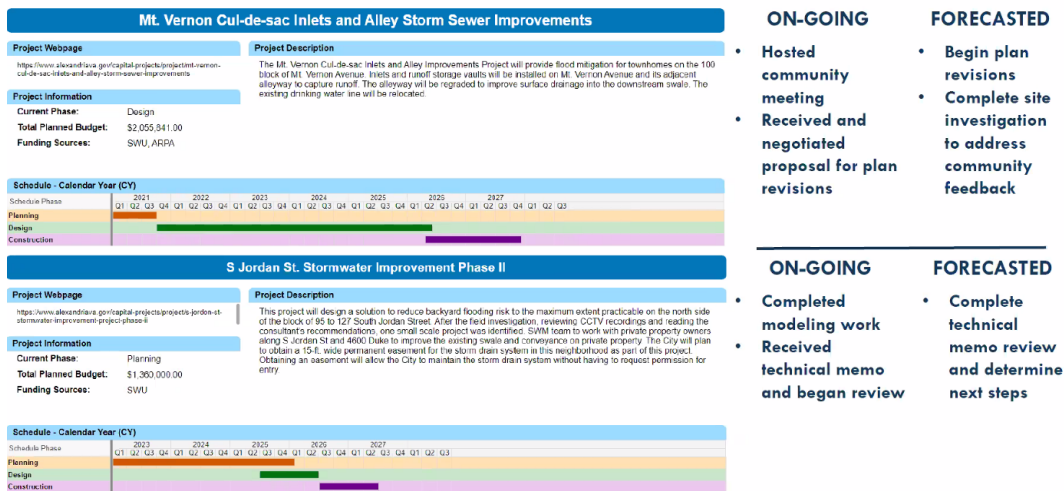


**Hume Ave:** Received final design and began review. City monitoring utility relocation process (e.g., Dominion completed work, fiber relocation to being in Jan. 2026). City will host pre-construction meeting with community in early 2026. Preparing for construction procurement.



**Mt Vernon and Edison:** Started review of 90% design. Presented progress to community. City is planning construction easement acquisition progress. City to monitor for community feedback following meeting.

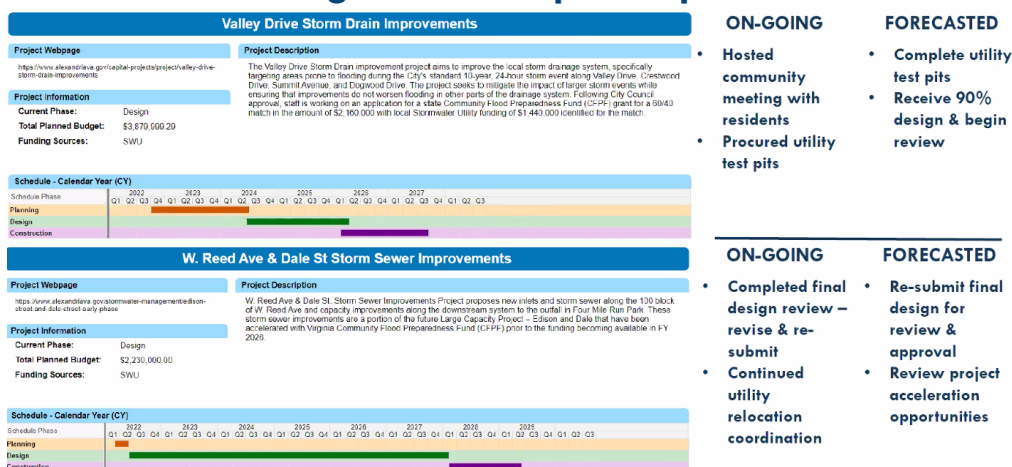
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**Mt Vernon Cul-de-sac:** Hosted community meeting in Oct. 2025, received positive feedback. City negotiated proposal for plan revisions. Will have onsite meeting.

**S. Jordan St:** Completed modeling and received technical memorandum that the City is reviewing.

## Flood Action Progress Report: Neighborhood Spot Projects



**Valley Drive:** Hosted community meeting with residents. Procured utility test pits. Results will inform relocations. Expecting to receive 90% design after utility issues are addressed.





**W Reed Ave:** Completed final design review, contractor will resubmit design to City after comments are resolved. Construction planned for early 2028.

- Maginniss: Why accelerate? Dillon: Opportunity to deliver project sooner by combining with Edison St project work. City working on aligning timelines. Procurement will need to be coordinated as well.
- Maines: Was large capacity project. Ale to accelerate with the help of Community Flood Preparedness grants.

### 3c. Sanitary Sewer Projects (Zhang)

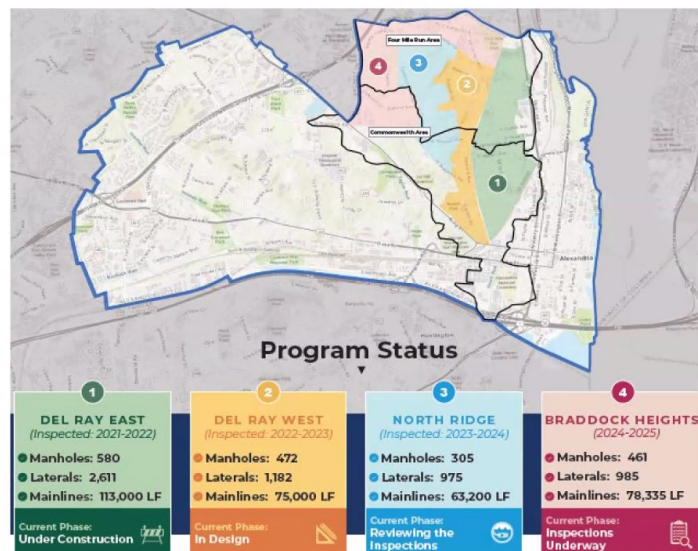
## Sanitary Sewer Projects

- **Del Ray East Lateral Rehabilitation:**

- Construction Invitation to Bid (ITB) issued Nov 4, 2025
- Bid opening Jan 8, 2026
- Total of 413 laterals to be rehabilitated

- **Del Ray West:**

- Manholes, mainlines and lateral sewers in design phase
- Completed 60% Design Oct 2025; design completion January 2026



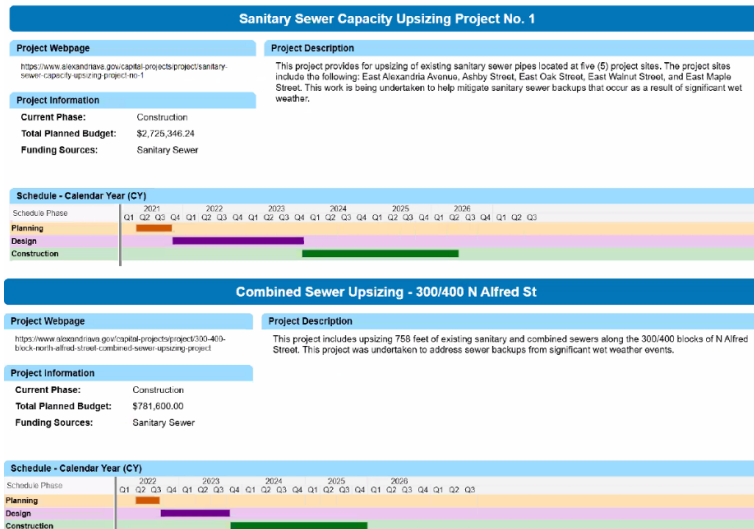
**Del Ray East:** Completed rehabilitation of mainlines and manholes using a Fairfax County on-call contract. Cannot use same contract for all rehabilitation work because the City owns laterals from the mainline to curblin, constructed prior to 1955. Therefore, the City needed a new on-call contract to complete this work.

City issued construction invitation to bid on Nov. 4 and will host opening meeting Jan. 8, 2026. After contract award, City will issue multiple task orders for work across all four areas on the map.

- **Del Ray East:** Completed lateral design. 413 laterals to rehabilitate. Will be first task order.
- **Del Ray West:** Received 60% design in Oct. 2025. City expects 90% design to arrive in Nov. 2025. On track to complete design in Jan. 2026.
- **North Ridge:** Finalizing rehabilitation recommendations.
- **Braddock Heights:** Finishing inspection work.



## Sanitary Sewer Backup Mitigation Projects



### ON-GOING

- All construction completed.

### FORECASTED

- Mill and pave all sites this week except E Oak
- Close-out end of year

### ON-GOING

- Construction completed – on time
- Project closed out Oct 2025

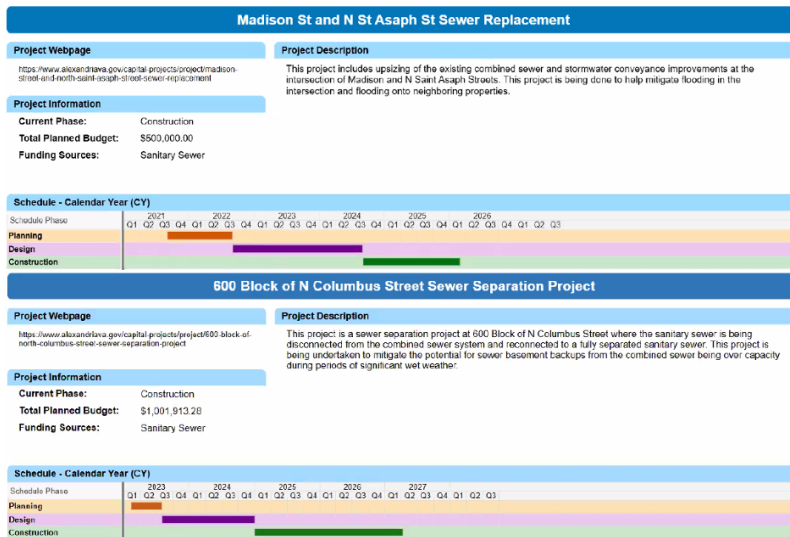
### FORECASTED

- None

**Sanitary Sewer Upsizing Project No. 1:** Completed work in five areas in Del Ray. Construction is complete. Upcoming: Mill and pave sites, followed by project closeout by end of 2025.

**300/400 N Alfred St:** Completed construction and project closeout. No future work.

## Sanitary Sewer Backup Mitigation Projects



### ON-GOING

- Construction Notice to Proceed changed to November 3, 2025

### FORECASTED

- Construction for 120 days

### ON-GOING

- Contract awarded September and Notice to Proceed issued Nov 4, 2025

### FORECASTED

- Construction to begin Dec 1, 2025
- Construction for 120 days

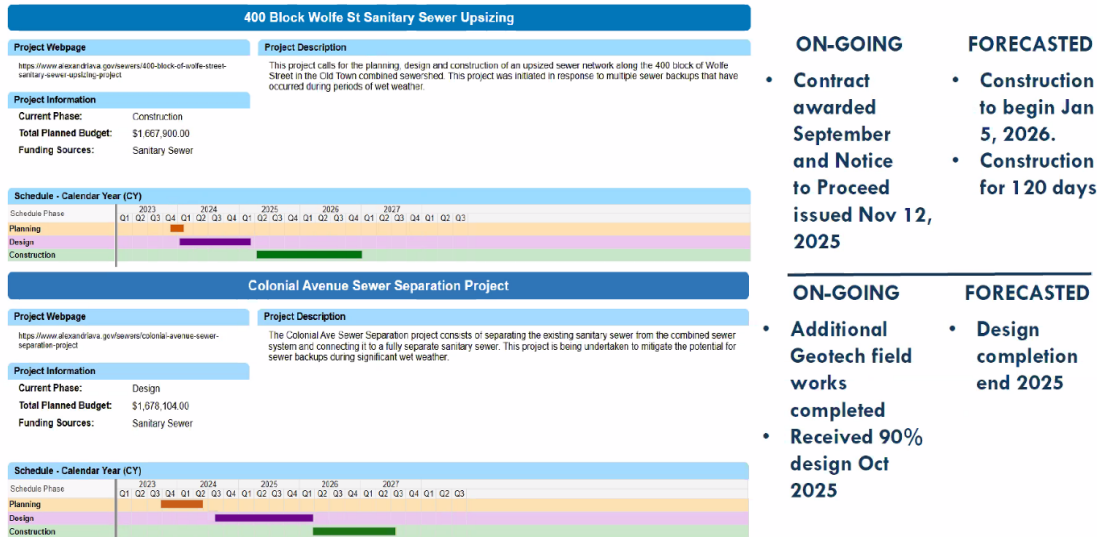
**Madison St:** Issued notice-to-proceed in Sept. 2025 but community requested postponement due to a community event. Notice-to-proceed now set for Nov. 3, 2025. Currently procuring supplies. Expect to complete construction in 120 days.

**N Columbus St:** Awarded contract in Sept. 2025. Issued notice-to-proceed and held public meeting in Nov. 2025. Construction to begin Dec. 1, 2025, and be completed in 120 days.





## Sanitary Sewer Backup Mitigation Projects



**Wolfe St:** Awarded contract in Sept. 2025. Held community meeting and issued notice-to-proceed in Nov. 2025. Community had some questions about start of construction, wants to minimize construction during holidays. Anticipate completion in 120 days.

**Colonial Ave:** Received 90% design in Oct. 2025 and will receive 100% design by end of Nov. 2025. On track to complete design in 2025.

### 3d. Communications

## Communications

October 1 – November 15, 2025

- 5 Total Flood Action/ Stormwater social media posts
  - Coastal Cleanup, MS4 Award, Taylor Run Infrastructure Stabilization Project, Flood Resilience Plan
- Impressions: 32,681 increased by 11.1%
- Engagements: 647 decreased by 44.9%
- Post link clicks: 84 decreased by 6.7%  
\*Compared to October 1 – November 15, 2024
- 2,925 Stormwater Management webpage views  
\*86 total pages under Stormwater Management web group
- Average engagement rate: 53.69%, Average events per session: 3.97
- Most popular stormwater webpages:
  - Flood Map 575 views
  - Stormwater Management 231 views
  - Ben Brenman Pon Stormwater Management Retrofit Project 168 views
  - Stormwater Utility Fee 139 views
  - Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program 137 views
  - Stormwater Utility Fees and Credits for Residential Properties 128 views
  - Resource Protection Areas (RPAs) 96 views

Hill: Good information on website.



## Communications

### Upcoming Communications Priorities

- Stormwater Utility Fee Credit Program – Launching December 1

### 3e. Maintenance (Jaatinen)

## Maintenance Activities

- **Hooffs Run Culvert Top Slab Reconstruction in the Park between East Walnut and East Oak Street – Phase II**
  - Coordination with RPCA.
  - Park and tennis courts will be closed during construction.
  - Notifications will go out two weeks prior to construction.
  - Neighborhood meeting planned prior to construction.
  - Construction anticipated to start in Spring 2026.
  - Project duration: 6-8 months depending on weather.

**Hooffs Run Culvert:** Finished Phase I. Working on design of Phase II. Finalizing plans based on comments from Parks and Recreation. Top slab is 480 ft long and must be replaced. Tennis courts are on top of slab. Park will close while construction of the top slab takes place. With a goal of starting in Spring 2026 using on-call contractor, the plans must be finalized, bids must be reviewed, and a purchase order must be issued to the selected contractor. A pre-construction meeting with the community will be conducted before work starts.

- Hill: Have you found any blockage in culvert? Lisa: Minor sediment, most is near the Maple Street opening. Will remove top slab repair sides and bottom of the culvert, as well as perform concrete repairs and sediment removal down to Maple Street.
- Nov. 20, 2025: Structural consultant to begin inspection of downstream section as part of Federal Highway Bridge Inspection Program – must review all bridge crossings on roadways every 2 years per VDOT, followed by inspection of Phase II section. Will provide better sense of sediment build-up.
- Maginniss: Does construction scope include anything beyond necessary restoration of features disturbed during construction?
  - Jaatinen: Parks and Recreation may change certain walkway alignments and landscaping.
  - Maginniss: Is there an opportunity to see what the restoration will look like? Is that something Rosemont Association would like to do?
  - Jaatinen: Will discuss with Judy Lo at Parks and Recreation.



## Maintenance Activities

- **Citywide Storm Sewer CCTV and Cleaning Program:**
  - Initiated program in June 2025
  - Goal: Complete 1-2 watersheds per year
  - Four Mile Run Watershed – 90% complete
  - Preparing storm sewer repair packages.

**Citywide Storm Sewer CCTV:** Reinitiated program in June 2025. Program will take 5 years to complete. Started in Four Mile Run watershed. 90% complete reviewing. Staff are developing projects based on CCTV footage (e.g., replace pipe, relining, patching).

### 3f. SWU Credit Program (Liebnitzky)

## SWU Credit Program

- The application window opens December 1st and ends February 15th.
  - 2-year Credit Cycle
  - 50% Credit Rebate
  - 20+ different eligible practices
- A webinar focused on businesses will be presented in December.
- A webinar focused on residents will be presented in January.



SWU: Application starts Dec. 1, 2025, and ends Feb. 15, 2026. Residents submit pictures and submit an application to Stormwater Management for review. Each practice is on a 2-year credit cycle with up to 50% credit rebate. Each of the [20 different eligible practices](#) has a different credit amount and residents can implement multiple practices.

- Dry flood-proofing practices can apply for flood mitigation grant as well.
- City is hosting webinar for business on Dec. 11, 2025, at 10AM (in partnership with Climate Action Office's Eco-City Business Program). Will also host webinar for residents in Jan. 2026.

Hill: Request all committee members have Liebnitzky's email ([camille.liebnitzky@alexandriava.gov](mailto:camille.liebnitzky@alexandriava.gov)).

Waynick: Two-year cycle can contribute to people not reapplying. Can we send people reminder emails?



- Liebnitzky: Participants who need to reapply will receive email blast on Dec. 1, 2025. Previously sent mid and end-cycle reminder emails.

### **3g. Flood Mitigation Grant Program (Maines for Montoney)**

## **Update on Flood Mitigation Grant Program**

AGENDA ITEM #6

### **Flood Mitigation Grant Program**

- Reimbursed a total of \$1,177,087.92 since July 2021 inception.
- So far in FY2026: 6 applications, all in various stages of approval.
- FY2025: Approved 85 applications, reimbursed \$186,240.69
- FY2024: Approved 101 applications, reimbursed \$235,145.16.
- FY2023: Approved 73 applications, reimbursed \$167,538.49.
- FY2022: Approved 148 applications, reimbursed \$588,163.58.

Reimbursed \$1.2 million since inception of program. Distributed mailings and shared at events to promote awareness.

### **4. Stormwater Fee (Hill, Medina, Maines)**

## **Support of FY2027 Stormwater Fee**

AGENDA ITEM #4

Hill: Fee is currently \$340 per year for an average single-family home. Varies by property type. Collects \$250 million in projects per year. Given challenges and unexpended balance, should the fee be increased?



B	C	G	H	I	J
	<b>All projects with Approp-to-Date over \$2M:</b>				
1	Floodproofing Grant Program	\$ 3,117,000	\$ 1,207,009		\$ 1,909,991
2	Green Infrastructure	\$ 4,015,193	\$ 846,956	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,668,237
3	Hooffs Run Culvert Maintenance	\$ 5,587,374	\$ 3,399,748	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 687,626
4	Hume Avenue Stormdrain Bypass	\$ 5,580,289	\$ 5,100,000	\$ -	\$ 480,289
5	Inspection & Cleaning CFMP	\$ 4,846,000	\$ 3,802,543	\$ 1,200,000	\$ (156,543)
6	Commonwealth/Ashby/Glebe	\$ 63,807,487	\$ 4,841,630	\$ 79,126,819	\$ (20,160,962)
7	Hooffs Run Culvert Bypass	\$ 18,973,514	\$ 5,961,997		\$ 13,011,518
8	Lucky Stream Restoration	\$ 4,374,688	\$ 4,129,953		\$ 244,735
9	TMDL Compliance Water Quality Improvements	\$ 4,842,169			\$ 4,842,169
10	Mt Vernon & Edison Culvert Replacement	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 448,754	\$ 2,142,873	\$ (91,627)
11	Small & Mid-size Maintenance Projects	\$ 2,344,300	\$ 1,536,452	\$ 800,000	\$ 7,848
12	Mt Vernon Cul-de-sac & Alley	\$ 2,055,841	\$ 57,662	\$ 1,998,179	\$ -
13	Storm Sewer Capacity Projects	\$ 11,314,409	\$ 6,662,469		\$ 4,651,940
14	<b>Storm Sewer Spot Improvements</b>	\$ 22,701,939	\$ 17,834,289		\$ 4,867,650
	Valley Drive 52413463			\$ 1,800,000	
	Phase 1 Four Mile Run and Hooffs Run Inlets			\$ 1,173,000	
	Bellefonte Ave Storm Drain Impr 52413464			\$ 1,000,000	
	Clifford Fulton and Manning 52413440			\$ 976,805	
	Notabene and Four Mile Road 52413542			\$ 750,000	
	Skyhill Rd Storm Drain Extension			\$ 250,000	
	<b>Total Spot</b>			\$ 5,949,805	\$ (1,082,155)
15	Stormwater BMP Maintenance CFMP	\$ 2,684,800	\$ 801,046	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,533,754
16	Stream & Channel Maintenance	\$ 10,671,934	\$ 6,674,718	\$ 3,640,070	\$ 357,146
17	Taylor Run Stream Restoration	\$ 2,508,363	\$ 1,374,537	\$ 2,000,000	\$ (866,174)
	<b>Total</b>	\$ 171,925,300	\$ 64,679,764	\$ 105,157,550	\$ 8,037,791
	**These data are based on the FY27-FY36 CIP and Munis				
	***Planned spending via tracker				

\*Taylor Run Stream Restoration is now called the Taylor Run Infrastructure Stabilization Project.

Maines: Stormwater utility 10-year plan. Data indicated \$100 million balance. Staff reviewed all programs and projects over \$2 million. Pulled public-facing and internal data. Provide rough estimate of upcoming large-scale project (may be more).

- From 2021 to Oct. 2025, committed or spent \$65 million (Column H) of the \$172 million (Column G) appropriated. Through end of FY26, plan to spend/contract \$105 million (Column I). Must have all money available.
  - Remaining: \$8 million (Column J)
    - Equation:  $J = G - (H + I)$
- Thuot: What is City fiscal year timeline? Maines: Capital funds rollover.
- Hill: How will we complete \$105 million by end of FY26?
  - Maines: Commonwealth/Ashby/Glebe is large source. Cost will be \$20 million greater than originally allocated.
    - \$30 million in combined sewer is from sanitary fund.
  - Waynick: Ashby project for sanitary sewer upsizing, Manning floods due to back-up. Could sanitary money be used? Maines: Sanitary fund is separate. Best to look within own fund.
    - Pitt & Gibbon funding is from sanitary fee CIP.
    - Thuot: CFMP stands for Capital Facilities Maintenance Program.





- Maines: Projects 3, 5, and 11 are all maintenance (Jaatinen).
  - Drudi: Why is maintenance funding in CIP and not operating expenditure? Maines: Typically, yes, but large projects included in CIP because maintaining capital infrastructure.
  - Maginniss: Jaatinen projects are funded by CIP or operations/maintenance? Maines: Funded by CIP.
- Hill: Estimate will have \$8 million left in Jun 2026 (original estimate was \$12 million).
- Drudi: Projecting both surpluses and deficits results in the net surplus table total. Maines: Correct.
  - Maines: Fiscal years run from July to June. Adjusted FY26 rate; originally was projected to be 16%. Pushed Hooffs Run Culvert Bypass construction funding to after FY26.
  - Waynick: Current rate yields ~\$20 million annual revenue.
- Drudi: Going forward, ask that staff provide analysis at first meeting after Labor Day every year so that committee can make informed decision about rate. Fiscal responsibility of charge of committee.

Maines: If no rate increase, difference in revenue of ~\$1.3 million.

- Drudi: Do not propose stop collecting fee, but given current situation, need to consider revenue if rate remains the same and with slight increase.
- Maines: Without a 6% increase, expenditures will exceed revenue.
- Hill: When could the committee see a draft of the new CIP? Maines: Jan. to Feb. 2026. Will not include estimate of enhanced flood mitigation grant program.
  - Debt income: \$37 million. Debt service: \$1-2 million

Hill: Questions:

- 1) Does the committee still support the flood action program? Drudi: Yes.
- 2) Does the committee acknowledge that the program is making great progress? All in favor, except Drud who abstained.
- 3) Does the committee support a fee increase to support future plans that will be put forth in the Jan./Feb. CIP?
  - a. Drudi: Dissent. People are losing their jobs. It may not be feasible to ask for an increase in the fee. If fee remains the same, will produce \$21 million. A 6% fee increase will produce an additional \$1.3 million. Given ongoing challenges, the circumstances do not appear positive.
  - Maginniss: Does the Committee make a political recommendation? Or does the Committee recognize that a 6% increase is justifiable? Final say does not rest with the Committee. Suggest creating a data-backed statement supporting the need for the funds. Based on data, the committee could support a 6% increase. Up to Council to decide.
  - Thuot: How would the public perceive an increase in the fee if they see a \$13 million surplus?
  - Waynick: In memo, the committee must explain the projects, bid process, and context. Need to recognize ongoing challenges and not decrease.



- Thuot: City infrastructure should not be a political decision, and this issue could occur every year. Support 5-6% increase.
- Drudi: Difference in revenue if do or do not increase fee is \$20.8 million versus \$22.1 million. Where would the \$1.4M be missed?
- Maginniss: Need simple indication of benefit of program. What is the benefit of money sent to date? E.g., Can expect X decrease in flooding.
  - Shew: E.g., number of streets, number of homes.
- Leonard: The cost to the community of Commonwealth/Ashby/Glebe is far greater than an additional \$20 per household (recently spent \$4 million to waterproof all basements).
- Shew: If don't have enough money, what happens? Are projects pushed?
- Thuot: What is the balance for households that apply for stormwater credits? Maines: \$200,000/year.
- Waynick: How has inflation impacted costs? Dillon: Used 5% inflation increase estimate.

Hill: Memo to City Manager about fee was due Nov 6, 2025. Propose letter including a paragraph about progress to date, followed by a paragraph recognizing the economic hardship faced by the City of Alexandria. Will say that the Committee supports an increase consistent with the CIP. Close with request for additional clarity on CIP and expenditure data to be effective.

- Drudi: Must identify where money would go; do not see in plan where increased spending would go.
- Hill: Increase comes from Stormwater CIP FY26-35 where projects are outlined.
- Waynick: \$8 million of balance does not support future/upcoming projects. Projected funding is based on higher increases. To maintain projects on list, is necessary.
- Maginniss: OMB knows budget includes projected 6%. Does not recommend closing the letter with a request.

Waynick: Make a motion to amend as needed, do 3 votes

- Stormwater utility fee should not drop
- Stormwater should increase
- If need to, propose a value

Waynick: Make a motion to make a minimum of 2 votes. Committee approves in favor

- By a show of hands of the Committee, please raise your hand if you agree with the following statements:
  - The stormwater utility fee should not drop. In favor: 7/7
  - The stormwater utility fee should increase. In favor: 6/7 Abstain: 1/7

Maginniss: Do not need a number. Do not like current language.

- Proposed language: We are in support of an increase that is appropriate to support the stormwater program, up to that projected by staff in FY26.



Hill: Motion to include in letter: “We are in support of an increase in the stormwater utility fee that is appropriate and necessary to support the stormwater flood action program up to what the City staff has projected.” In Favor: 6/7      Abstain: 1/7

Hill: Will omit final paragraph from letter.

## Adjourn

AGENDA ITEM #7



### 5. Meeting Facilitation

Waynick: Proposing meeting facilitation tool to capture issues, decisions, and action in meeting minutes. Remaining issues can be addressed in future meetings. Waynick volunteers to record when present and submit to staff.

### 12/03 Summary

#### Ideas:

- ☐ Discuss projects that are too large for original draft CIP (e.g., Pitt & Gibbon)
  - ☐ Build a sample expansion program (part of Flood Grant Program) to assist homeowners in these situations, that is measurable and can be scaled to other areas.

#### Decisions:

- ☐ In the future, the Committee would like to include an agenda item for the proposed upcoming stormwater utility fee rate increase at the first meeting post summer break with detailed data similar to that presented on Nov. 19, 2025, so that discussions can begin earlier in the process of supporting fee increases.

#### Stormwater Utility Fee Votes

- ☐ The stormwater utility fee should not drop. In Favor: 7/7
- ☐ The stormwater utility fee should increase. In Favor: 6/7      Abstain: 1/7
- ☐ Memo language. In Favor: 6/7      Abstain: 1/7

#### Action Items:

- ☒ Submit 10/22 Pitt & Gibbon slide deck to committee. (Complete: on project page)



- ☐ Staff to draft outline for flood grant expansion program mentioned in the issues section (request made at Nov 19, 2025 meeting).