

Keeping you connected to the projects underway to reduce flood risk and protect Alexandria's waterways.



Project Spotlight

Commonwealth, Ashby, and Glebe Flood Mitigation Project Continues Towards Construction



The City of Alexandria has completed the design phase for the [Commonwealth, Ashby and Glebe Flood Mitigation Project](#) and received the final construction plans. The project will install major new stormwater infrastructure to increase drainage capacity, reduce flooding risks, and incorporate green infrastructure along the project area.

Before the City can move towards construction, several utility companies must complete relocation work needed to clear the way for the new stormwater system. Each utility company is responsible for designing and constructing its own relocation work.

Virginia American Water has substantially completed the first phase of relocating water service lines along Commonwealth Avenue. A second phase of waterline work will take place after construction of the City's stormwater project begins.

The City has received the final relocation design from Washington Gas and is coordinating with the utility to schedule its construction. Verizon is nearing completion of their design to relocate telecommunications facilities away from the planned stormwater improvements.

The City's bid phase for project construction will begin after the necessary utility relocations are completed. Additional information about the bidding and construction schedule will be shared on the [project website](#) as utility coordination progresses.

Flood Action Alexandria at a Glance

The City is currently working on a number of projects to improve infrastructure, public spaces, and community services. Check the dashboard below for notable project updates.

Project Name	Current Phase	Update
Hume Ave Storm Drain Bypass	Design	Utility relocation work on East Raymond Ave is underway. The City is in the process of awarding the construction solicitation to a contractor.
W. Reed Ave & Dale St Storm Sewer Improvements	Design	Utility relocations of water mains and service laterals are underway as the City prepares for construction and coordinates with private property owners.
Cameron Run Sediment Removal	Construction	Erosion and sediment control has been implemented. Sediment removal activities began in July.
Commonwealth, Ashby & Glebe Flood Mitigation Project	Construction	City design was completed in July. Utility relocation design and construction are underway.
Nethergate Sewer Improvements	Design	30% design review completed. Field investigations and utility coordination are underway, with the project advancing towards 60% design.
Four Mile Run and Hooffs Run Inlet Installation and Enhancement	Design	Utility coordination continued through July. Additional field data is required to complete 90% design plans.
Mt Vernon and Edison Dual Culvert Replacement Project	Design	100% design plans are completed. Temporary construction easement negotiation is underway with affected property owners.

Additional information on current projects is available on our Interactive Map Tool.

Capital Projects Map Tool

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Taylor Run 60% Design Community Meeting

The City of Alexandria hosted a Taylor Run Infrastructure Stabilization Project meeting last month to present the 60% design to the community. Residents and businesses heard from City employees about the project, design updates, and ways they can contribute to the conversation. Learn more by visiting the [project website](#).



T&ES Celebrates the City's 277th Birthday

The Department of Transportation & Environmental Services celebrated the City's birthday! City staff participated in Alexandria's 277th birthday celebration by educating the community about current and upcoming programs.



Cameron Run Sediment Removal Moves to Construction

Construction began last month for the Cameron Run Sediment Removal Project. Learn more about the ongoing work on the [project website](#).

Community Maintenance Work

Preventative Maintenance: 79 stormwater hot spot areas inspected and maintained - Removed fallen trees from several culverts and streams - Conducted CCTV inspection of 18,000 linear feet of stormwater lines - Ongoing CCTV inspection and cleaning project in the Four Mile Run Watershed (Area 1) - Construction began on the Hooffs Run Culvert Phase II project from East Walnut St. to East Oak St. in July 2026 311 Service Requests: - Investigated and addressed 73 resident service requests	Best Management Practices: - Inspected 54 Best Management Practices (BMPs) - Maintained 36 BMPs per City MS4 permit Stormwater Inlets: - Cleaned 50 stormwater inlets and catch basins - Replaced tops on 60 broken inlets
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A Letter From the Chair of the Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee

A Workplan for the Committee's Sixth Year

Every September, the Stormwater Advisory Committee develops its workplan for the year ahead. This September, the Committee begins its sixth year of existence – so it's a good time to review the charter given to us by City Council. The committee's charter, contained in Council Resolution 2977 from 2021, gives us four major responsibilities:

- Review and advice regarding the plans, designs, implementations, and costs, of the city's flood mitigation activities
- Assist in disseminating information regarding the city's flood mitigation program
- Produce and present an annual report regarding the city's plans and progress during the spring budget season
- Review and provide recommendations on the proposed operating and capital budgets as well as proposed increases in the Stormwater Utility fee

The committee hasn't met to finalize and vote on our plan for the 2026-27 year – but let me give you a preview of the objectives that will be the framework of our plan:

Create awareness of flood mitigation projects and activities. The committee members were selected by Council to represent the Alexandria neighborhoods and the businesses most impacted by stormwater flooding. Throughout the year, each member will report to their civic association or business contacts about the work that is planned and underway.

Review of the 10-year capital budget for stormwater infrastructure and assess the need for increases in the Stormwater Fee. This is the most important thing we do. Alexandria has a stormwater flooding problem because of inadequate investment in stormwater infrastructure in the past. The Stormwater Fee was instituted in 2021 to create a dedicated funding source. The committee will balance the need for construction projects that are long-overdue against the burden that fee increases place on Alexandria residents. By October, the committee will present its recommendation to City Council regarding changes to the Stormwater Fee for the 2028 fiscal year.

Monitor the progress of flood mitigation activities and recommend improvements. Over the next ten years, Alexandria will spend about \$250 million on flood mitigation. In our annual report to Council in April, we will answer three fundamental questions: Is the investment focused on the most urgent problems? Is the level of investment adequate to solve the problems? And finally, Is the city making adequate progress? While answering these questions, we will propose changes to existing programs to address problem areas where additional funding or attention will have a positive impact.

The average citizen doesn't get excited about stormwater infrastructure. Pipes and culverts are underground and largely invisible. No one thinks about them when the weather is dry. The goal of the Stormwater Advisory Committee is to keep the focus on – and maintain the momentum of – Alexandria's efforts to make the city more flood-resilient. If you want to see the committee's work products from the past five years, please visit: [Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee | City of Alexandria, VA](#)

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