

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 21, 2011

TO: WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF
MARKETING, PUBLIC RELATIONS & SPECIAL EVENTS
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: JUNE 21, 2011 WATERFRONT COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

NON-EMERGENCY/NUISANCE COASTAL FLOOD ADVISORY MANAGEMENT PLAN

RPCA and TES staff have formed a management team to develop a Non-Emergency/Nuisance Coastal Flood Advisory Management Plan based on the City's existing snow emergency system that would: (a) clarify forecasted Coastal Flood Advisory conditions for the public and (b) guide the appropriate City response. It is important to emphasize that this effort would not be intended to supersede National Weather Service or Office of Emergency Management alerts regarding coastal flooding. Instead, like the snow plan and under non-emergency conditions, it would provide general guidance and clarify expectations for staff and the public regarding the City's operations during forecasted Coastal Flood Advisories that may impact the Potomac River waterfront.

CITY MARINA SCHEDULES VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

Staff have coordinated with Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron personnel to conduct Vessel Safety Checks for marina slip license holders on Saturday, June 25. Inspections are scheduled on 30-minute intervals between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Inspections are free to slip holders.

PERMIT GRANTED TO REPLACE DAMAGED AND MISSING PILINGS

The City of Alexandria has received the permit to initiate the replacement of missing and damaged pilings at the City Marina. Work to remove nine damaged pilings and install eleven pilings will be coordinated to begin this summer or early fall.

CITY MARINA SECURITY CAMERAS

The Agency Purchase Order has been issued and the purchase and installation of security

cameras at the City marina will occur this summer. All four major piers will be monitored, and lease holders will have the opportunity to monitor vessels via a URL with password.

APRIL 16 WATERFRONT FLOODING AFTER ACTION REPORT

On Saturday, April, the City of Alexandria experienced high winds and significant coastal flooding resulting from long periods of heavy rain. As result, the City Marina, and parks north and south were littered with driftwood, five boats in the City Marina were damaged, and an observation deck at Oronoco Bay Park needs rebuilt.

At the time of the storm, twenty-four pleasure boats were docked at the City Marina. Staff monitored the weather throughout the day on Saturday, April 16. Per standard operating procedure, staff regularly checked vessels in the marina and secured lines as appropriate. At approximately 5 p.m., the City Marina has hit by a powerful wind gust. As a result, five vessels sustained varying degrees of damage when their lines stretched and contact was made with the marina piers. One vessel sustained major damage and began to take on water. The City's Dockmaster and Fire personnel stabilized the vessel after several hours of constant attention. In addition, minor damage was sustained to pier decking.

Cleanup activities in City parks and marina began on Sunday, April 17 and continued for almost two weeks. The City Marina was cleared of debris, and normal operations were available by 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 17. Staff from the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, and work release personnel was involved in cleanup activities.

In summary, nine City staff spent 171 regular work hours, 12 staff spent 131 overtime hours, and 17 work release personnel dedicated 136 hours on waterfront cleanup activities. In total, personnel cleared approximately 68.6 tons (137,200 lbs.) of debris.

The resulting cleanup activities cost the Department \$3,137.65 in overtime and \$7,893 in contractual services. In addition, the Department has initiated work costing approximately \$22,000 to repair the Oronoco Bay Park observation deck.

The Department supplemented City staff with work release personnel as stated above. The equivalent labor support of the work release, based on a Laborer position, is \$1,822.40 (strait time) and \$2,733.60 overtime).

Erosion from increased flooding intervals and the removal of debris from park trails with large equipment will result in the need to resurface park trails in shorter intervals. Refurbishing park trails with existing stone dust in Waterfront, Oronoco Bay and Founders Parks will cost \$45,000 to \$50,000.

WATERFRONT SPECIAL EVENTS – JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2011

For additional information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation.

Jul 9, 2011	Sat 4:00 PM	Alexandria Birthday Celebration Alexandria Birthday Celebration Oronoco Bay Park
Jul 15, 2011	Fri 7:45 PM	Comcast Outdoor Film Festival Movies on Alexandria's Historic Waterfront at dusk. Waterfront Park
Jul 16, 2011	Sat 7:45 PM	Comcast Outdoor Film Festival Movies on Alexandria's Historic Waterfront at dusk. Waterfront Park
Aug 13, 2011	Sat 12:00 PM	City of Alexandria Irish Festival Slainte mhath! (Good health!) The music, food, and culture of Ireland will be featured as the City of Alexandria hosts its annual Irish Festival. Waterfront Park

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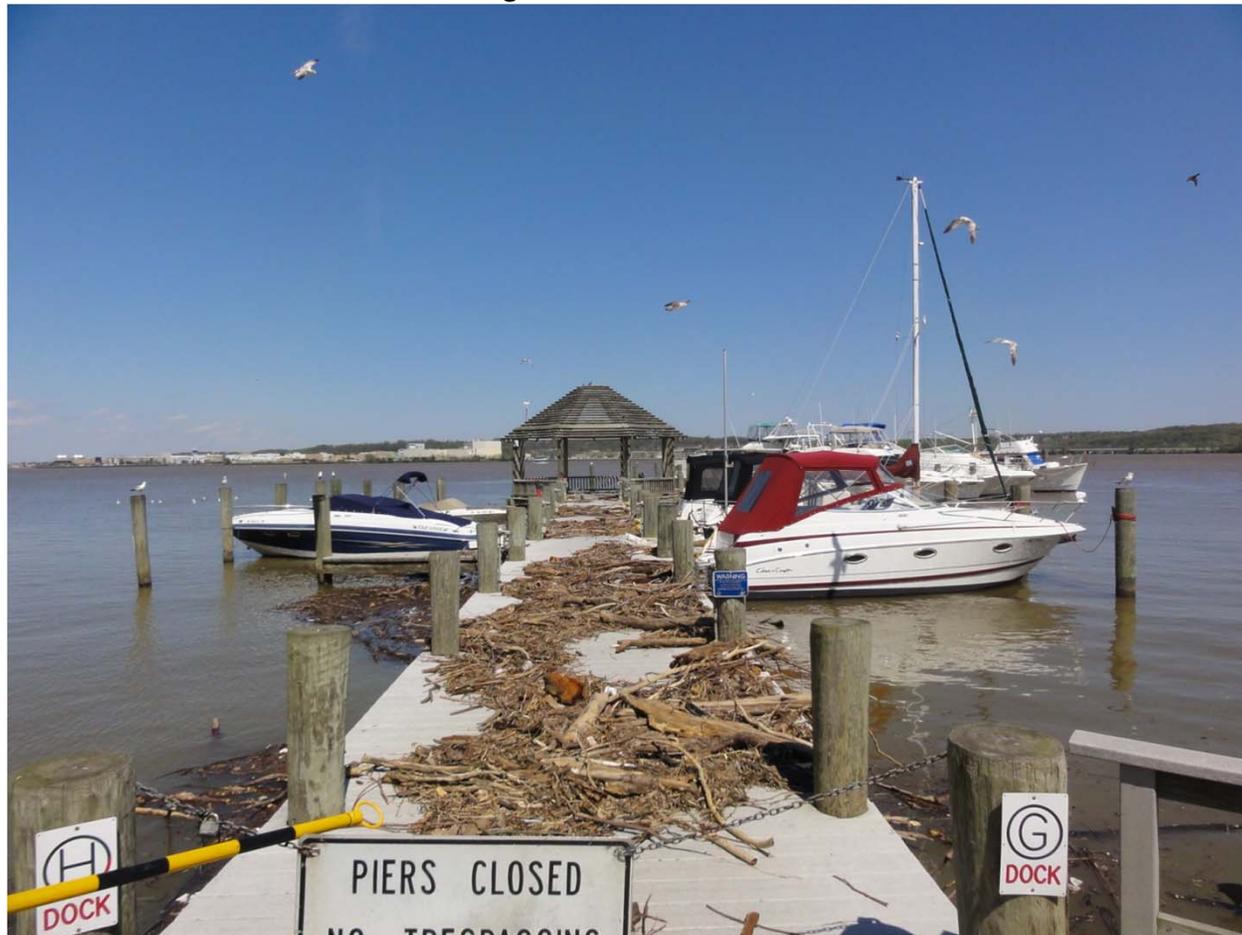
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