City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM TO INDUSTRY NO. 04-08

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TO: DEVELOPERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND SURVEYORS

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SUBJECTS: WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUND FEE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

REVISED STORMWATER STANDARD MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE FACILITIES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008

Water Quality Improvement Fund Fee Increase

The fee for the Water Quality Improvement Fund was set in 2004 based upon estimates of the cost of actually installing and maintaining onsite Best Management Practices (BMPs) through their life cycle. Since that time, technology has changed and costs of meeting pollution control and maintenance goals have risen. It is for these reasons that the Water Quality Improvement Fund fee shall be modified from $1.50 to $2.00/square foot of impervious area not treated by a BMP. The change will be implemented July 1, 2008.

Water quality performance criteria set out in Article XIII, Environmental Management Ordinance, intend that improvements in water quality shall be accomplished through incorporation of onsite treatment by a BMP. Applicants are cautioned that pursuing the Water Quality Improvement Fund option to comply with water quality improvement requirements must be justified according to considerations outlined in Section 13-110 of Article XIII and should be employed only as a last resort.

Revised Standard Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement for Stormwater BMP Facilities

A "fillable" PDF version of the stormwater management BMP maintenance agreement and instructions on how to complete the document is now available online at the City's webpage under City Departments/Transportation and Environmental Services/Environmental Quality/

Forms and Publications/Water Quality http://alexandriava.gov/tes/info/default.aspx?id=3876 or under City Departments/Transportation and Environmental Services/Environmental Quality/Stormwater Management Regulations at http://alexandriava.gov/tes/info/default.aspx?id=3826#sw_post.

Effective July 1, 2008, this form must be used for all City projects. Submittals of the maintenance agreement using the earlier version will not be accepted for review, and therefore may extend the review period.

The content of this form is exactly the same as the previous word document except for the inclusion by reference of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) guidebook titled Maintaining Stormwater Systems: A Guidebook for Private Owners and Operations in Northern Virginia. Designed for individual property owners, homeowners' associations, and residential or commercial property managers, the guidebook outlines basic maintenance and planning tasks to keep BMPs functioning properly. An electronic version of this guidebook can be found in the same locations as the BMP maintenance agreement. Hard copies may be obtained from this office or the NVRC.

If you have any questions about the Water Quality Improvement Fund, please contact Claudia Hamblin-Katnik, Ph.D, Watershed Program Administrator. Questions about the Standard Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement for Stormwater BMP Facilities should be directed to Jesse Maines, Water Quality Compliance Specialist. Both can be reached in the Office of Environmental Quality at 703-838-4334.