City of Alexandria

MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM TO INDUSTRY NO. 02-14

DATE: **AUGUST 19, 2013**

TO: **DEVELOPERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS**

FROM: **WILLIAM J. SKRABAK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

SUBJECT: **PUBLIC OUTREACH FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VIRGINIA STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

ISSUE: To identify opportunities to provide input and engage the public in amending the City's Stormwater and Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinances to meet the new State requirements which are more stringent.

The Virginia Stormwater Management Act was amended and re-enacted in September of 2011 for the purposes of creating more universal and stringent stormwater standards and to provide the framework for localities to assume the responsibility for the Virginia Stormwater Management Program. To accomplish this, localities are required to amend local ordinances to conform to the state laws and promulgated regulations, with some allowances for individual municipal needs. The City is initiating a process to amend the City's ordinance which will include public outreach to allow public input into these new changes.

Below is a schedule to conduct outreach to key stakeholders, receive input and guide ordinance development leading to adoption by Council. We encourage your participation in this process. Please note that the effective date of the new ordinance is anticipated to be July 1, 2014.

The Stormwater regulations can be found at: http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+reg+4VAC50-60. For updates on the City process see the Watershed Management page: http://www.alexandriava.gov/tes/oeq/info/default.aspx?id=3844

VSMP Outreach Factsheet see the Watershed Management page:
http://www.alexandriava.gov/tes/oeq/info/default.aspx?id=3844

Schedule

Internal Stakeholder Meetings:	January through September, 2013
External Stakeholder Meetings (e.g. Northern Virginia Building Industry Association (NVBIA), Chamber of Commerce, and other groups):	September through November, 2013
Draft Ordinance to VA Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ):	December 15, 2013
Ordinance to Planning Commission:	January/February, 2014
Ordinance to Council:	January/February, 2014
Final Ordinance to DEQ:	March, 2014
Implement Ordinance:	July 1, 2014

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