

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
CHESAPEAKE BAY AND WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019**

VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

I. Stormwater

- A. Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) Funding** -- The Administration has proposed \$50 Million for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. Since FY 2014, \$80 Million in SLAF funding has been awarded; \$20 Million is in process, for a total cumulative appropriation of \$100 Million.
- B. SLAF Grant Needs Assessment** -- **HB 1822 (Bulova)** would direct DEQ to conduct an annual SLAF needs assessment, and report to the Governor and General Assembly committees.
- C. SLAF Grants to Non-MS4 Localities** -- **SB 1328 (Hanger)** would allow DEQ to provide matching grants to non-MS4 localities for stormwater management practices.
- D. Local Stormwater Management Funds (Grants)** -- **HB 1614 (Cole), SB 1248 (Reeves)** would authorize a locality to create a Stormwater Management Fund that it could use to provide grant funds to private property owners or common interest communities.
- E. Real Estate Disclosure of Stormwater Management Facility** -- **HB 1879 (Convirs-Fowler), HB 2019 (Murphy)** would require that the seller of residential real property with a stormwater management facility disclose to a buyer the specifications and requirements and schedule of audits for the facility.
- F. Financing Stormwater Management Facilities** -- **SB 1400 (Peterson)** would expand the existing C-PACE loan program (for clean energy improvements) to include loans for stormwater management improvements.

II. Wastewater

- A. WQIF Grants** -- **HB 1822 (Bulova)** would allow the DEQ Director to authorize WQIF grants for design and construction of wastewater conveyance facilities; this approach is a more cost-effective method to achieve nutrient reductions than upgrading the transferring facility. Similar to the requirements for SLAF, HB 1822 would direct DEQ to conduct an annual needs assessment for WQIF point source projects.

III. Other Issues

- A. Environmental Justice** -- **HB 2330 (Keam)** would establish a policy that all state agencies must examine all new regulations or policies for environmental justice impacts before taking any action.
- B. Litter Study** -- **HJ 597 (Krizek)** would request that DEQ study the “economic impacts of litter on fishing, farming, and water quality in urban streams.”
- C. Coal Combustion Clean-Up Costs** – **SB 1534 (Surovell)** would allow an electric utility to recuperate the costs for cleaning up coal combustion residuals in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed over a 25-year period without any carrying costs, compensation for length of reimbursement, or interest or rate of return on funds advanced by the utility.