



**Park and Recreation Commission**  
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 414  
Arlington, Virginia 22201



March 2, 2023

Honorable Christian Dorsey  
Chair, Arlington County Board  
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 300  
Arlington, VA 22201

RE: Stormwater Management Zoning Study

Dear Chair Dorsey,

The Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) endorses the proposed the Stormwater Management Zoning Study being undertaken by staff. As our community experiences the increasing impacts of climate change, it has never been more critical to shore up our flood resilience.

One reason that Arlington experiences so much environmental damage and economic loss from stormwater events is that, as an older suburban community, its historic zoning allowed the construction of dwellings close to (and even on top of) waterway runoff areas- a reality that is worsening with heavier storm events. As some of these dwellings are severely damaged by flooding, or as others are voluntarily and proactively sold to the county, we would like to see the land restored to parkland. This would be a double win for the County as it would help achieve the parkland acquisition goals of the Public Spaces Master Plan.

The PRC also encourages continued collaboration with Arlington Public Schools (APS) since many potential projects in the study scope will be on school grounds.

We look forward to seeing the study results and eventually seeing the impact of these revised standards at meetings with our colleagues on the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shruti Kuppa".

Shruti Kuppa  
Chair – Park and Recreation Commission

cc: Members, Arlington County Board  
Mark Schwartz, Arlington County Manager  
Jane Rudolph, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation