



December 16, 2022

Honorable Katie Cristol, Chair
Arlington County Board
Ellen M. Bozman Government Center
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201

Re: Chesapeake Bay Preservation Plan

Dear Chair Cristol:

The Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (FNRC) supports the adoption of the revised Chesapeake Bay Preservation Plan (CBPP). The update of this plan is mandated by the Department of Environmental Quality in Virginia, and is intended to capture the significant work that has already been accomplished since the last plan was adopted in 2001. The work completed on the Stormwater Master Plan, the update to the Resource Protection Area maps, the update of the Floodplain maps, and adoption of LDA 2.0 will all be captured in this update to an element of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

The Commission appreciates the addition of language to the final draft of the CBPP to recognize and better coordinate the overlapping policy objectives contained in this plan and the draft Forestry and Natural Resources Plan (FNRP). In particular, the FNRC supports language in the "Future Focus Planning" section noting the alignment of policy goals in the two plans:

The FNRP also recommends standards for development that optimize retention or replacement of tree canopy, natural vegetation, permeable surfaces, and biophilic elements through state legislation, changes to the zoning ordinance, and additional permits for increased lot imperviousness. Overall, the key findings and goals of the FNRP are in alignment with the CBPP

These are important issues both for the successful management of our natural resources and for the management of stormwater runoff and mitigation of flooding. The FNRC notes the importance of aligning policy goals in the various elements of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phil Klingelhofer".

Phil Klingelhofer, Chair
Forestry and Natural Resources Commission

Cc: Members, Arlington County Board
Members, Planning Commission
Mark Schwartz, Arlington County Manager
Jane Rudolph, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
Greg Emmanuel, Director, Department of Environmental Services