

## **Resolution on Stormwater from the Arlington County Civic Federation**

**Whereas**, Arlington County is implementing the Virginia Stormwater Management Program within its jurisdiction to preserve the general health, safety and welfare of Arlington residents and to protect the quality and quantity of local and state waters from the potential harm of unmanaged stormwater; and

**Whereas**, Arlington County has, in furtherance of those goals, devoted substantial program and financial resources to improve stormwater management and protect and preserve the quality of Arlington streams; and

**Whereas**, despite these efforts, the urban nature of Arlington's land use and drainage continues to present substantial challenges to effective stormwater management; and

**Whereas**, compliance with increasingly stringent federal, state, and local laws and regulations will make stormwater management even more challenging in the decades to come;

**Therefore, be it resolved that** the Civic Federation supports and endorses the Arlington County's efforts to improve and enhance stormwater management and compliance; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Civic Federation supports increased stormwater assessment and monitoring, as necessary, to ensure compliance with stormwater requirements and to improve stormwater management; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Civic Federation supports the development and implementation of a new stormwater ordinance by Arlington County as soon as possible and at the latest by the July 1, 2014 implementation date of the 2011 Virginia stormwater regulations, as required by those regulations; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Civic Federation supports the County's efforts to continue and enhance its outreach, education, and technical assistance to Arlington residents to promote sensible water use and reduce stormwater runoff, including its efforts to develop innovative programs to improve stormwater management, including water conservation projects, waterwise landscaping, stream restoration, rain barrels, and other measures; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Civic Federation urges Arlington County to complete its ongoing work to update, with full Civic Federation and citizen participation, its Stormwater Master Plan (1996) and Watershed Management Plan (2001) to renew its commitment to best practices in stormwater management and to develop a comprehensive approach to pollution reduction in Arlington streams.