



## Northern Virginia Regional Commission

# RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 19-19

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Executive Director  
DATE: February 28, 2019

### AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A LITTER REDUCTION GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE VIRGINIA COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE LITTLE HUNTING CREEK WATERSHED

WHEREAS, The Little Hunting Creek Watershed is one of the most developed watersheds in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, The creek flows in a south-easterly direction to its confluence with the Potomac River east of the historic George Washington's Mount Vernon Estates; and

WHEREAS, Little Hunting Creek is recognized as one of Fairfax County's most littered watersheds, draining eleven square miles directly into the tidal Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, Results of water quality monitoring are consistently very poor for this creek, and the trash and dumpsites located in the watershed are highly visible indicators of the lack of watershed stewardship; and

WHEREAS, a consistent and heavy load of trash, including floatable materials, bulk trash, shopping carts, and tires regularly plagues the waterway and is a significant source of land based marine debris; and

WHEREAS, the extremely large load of litter in the creek has also been the subject of several news media articles including one by WAMU American University Radio as recent as February 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia Regional Commission staff in partnership with Fairfax County's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Clean Fairfax Council, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Clean Virginia Waterways, Audubon Naturalist Society, and Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District have met several times in the last few months to formulate a plan to address the litter problems in the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program has reprogramming funding available to address marine debris; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to apply for a grant of \$13,000 from the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program in support of furthering a litter management strategy for the Little Hunting Creek Watershed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, should the proposal be accepted for funding.



#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on February 28, 2019.

  
ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER