

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 21-15

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

DATE: February 25, 2021

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A FLOOD EDUCATION AND PREVENTION GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

WHEREAS, floods are one of the most common natural hazards in our region and have historically resulted in significant damage; and

WHEREAS, floods that damage infrastructure such as roads and culverts can present a serious public safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, flooding events can be local, impacting a neighborhood or community, or very large, affecting entire river basins; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of heavy downpour events can quickly overwhelm stormwater conveyance systems resulting in rapid rises in creeks and streams and ponding in poor drainage areas that are outside of mapped flood zones; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan determined that most of the Northern Virginia jurisdictions have a 'Highly Likely' probability of continued flood risk due to 'High' vulnerability to flood hazard; and

WHEREAS, communication with the public about flood risk, education about overland relief encroachments, how to get flood insurance, and ways to prepare for floods are becoming a necessary government function; and

WHEREAS, well-informed citizens are less likely to be caught off guard by a flood and more likely to take steps to protect themselves from flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation has grant funding available to conduct flood education and prevention activities; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to apply for a grant of \$45,000 from the Department of Conservation and Recreation in support of furthering a regional flood education and outreach plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, 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 25, 2021.


ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER