

## RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 23-22

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr  
Executive Director  
DATE: March 23, 2023

### **AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A STORMWATER MAINTENANCE GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION'S CHESAPEAKE BAY STEWARDSHIP FUND**

WHEREAS, stormwater best management practices (BMPs) improve the quality and reduce the quantity of stormwater runoff before it enters local waterways; and

WHEREAS, stormwater BMPs are prevalent throughout Northern Virginia and the effectiveness of stormwater management systems rely on their long term maintenance, which is often overlooked; and

WHEREAS, many Northern Virginia local governments have programs in place to perform routine inspections of stormwater systems, however, the maintenance responsibility often falls to the individual homeowners, homeowners associations, and property management companies; and

WHEREAS, these individuals or organizations do not realize that these facilities exist or how to properly plan for costly maintenance needs in the future; and

WHEREAS, there is an opportunity to update the resource published in 2007 "Maintaining Stormwater Systems: A Guidebook for Private Owners and Operators in Northern Virginia" to support our local governments in the education and outreach for stormwater system maintenance; and

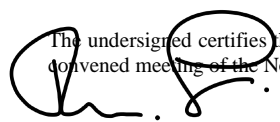
WHEREAS, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has grant funding available through the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund for projects within the Chesapeake Bay watershed that promote voluntary, community-based efforts to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams; and

WHEREAS, NVRC has worked in conjunction with Northern Virginia local government staff in the development of a proposal to bring up to date the sixteen-year-old stormwater maintenance guidebook; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to apply for a grant not to exceed \$75,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in support of updating a stormwater maintenance guidebook to support private owners and operators in maintaining stormwater systems to improve water quality in Northern Virginia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, 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 March 23, 2023.

ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER