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MEMORANDUM

To: Prospective SLAF Grant Recipients

From: DEQ – Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program

Date: April 1, 2026

Re: Stormwater Local Assistance Fund – Needs Survey for FY 2026

In 2019, the Stormwater Management Act (Code of Virginia § 62.1-44.15:24 *et seq.*) was amended to require the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to annually determine an estimate of the amount of Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) matching grants expected to be requested by local governments for purchasing certified non-point source nutrient credits and implementing eligible projects related to planning, designing, and implementing stormwater best management practices.

DEQ is seeking input to identify future funding needs for SLAF-eligible nutrient reduction projects in the Commonwealth. This survey intends to capture an estimate of the SLAF funding needed for local governments conducting stormwater projects within the next five fiscal years (FY 2027 through FY 2031).

DEQ will use the data obtained from this survey to prepare the estimate of the amount of SLAF matching grants expected to be requested by local governments. The estimate will be included in the biennial funding report submitted to the Governor pursuant to § 2.2-1504 of the Code of Virginia and will be included in the Chesapeake Bay and Virginia Waters Clean-up Plan and Report submitted annually by the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources to the Governor and the General Assembly pursuant to § 62.1-44.118 of the Code of Virginia.

The 2026 SLAF Needs Survey is available here: <https://forms.office.com/g/v21bAscrD0>.

For the 2026 survey, **your submission must be received by May 15, 2026** for DEQ to include your information in the aforementioned reports. Questions about this survey should be directed to David Taylor at (757) 705-8293 or Lauren Linville at (804) 653-2486 or by emailing cwfap@deq.virginia.gov.

Thank you in advance for your participation.