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In 2019, the Stormwater Management Act (Code of Virginia § 62.1-44.15:24 *et seq.*) was amended to require 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 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 in the near future.

The data obtained from this survey will be used 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 and will be included in the Chesapeake Bay and Virginia Waters Clean-up Plan and Report submitted annually by the Secretary of Natural Resources to the Governor and the General Assembly pursuant to § 62.1-44.118. For this first annual survey, **your submission must be received by July 3, 2019** in order for DEQ to include your information in these related reports that are subject to other deadlines of their own. Leading into next year's survey, we intend to gather additional stakeholder input on this process and conduct the survey earlier to provide more time for responses.

Questions about this survey should be directed to Mike Crocker with DEQ's Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program at 804-698-4012 or cwfap@deq.virginia.gov.

We thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

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