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## Members Sought for New Committee

Harrisonburg, VA – On November 26, Harrisonburg City Council adopted bylaws establishing a Stormwater Advisory Committee. The Committee will be comprised of seven to eleven members and one City Council representative serving as an ex-officio member. The Committee will provide guidance, oversight and recommendations to City Council and staff in the implementation of a Stormwater Management Program that will meet the requirements set forth by the Commonwealth of Virginia, namely the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) regulations.

These regulations are in place to protect the nation’s streams and rivers. In urban and suburban areas, much of the land surface is covered with buildings and pavement, which do not allow rain to soak into the ground. Instead, like most developed areas in the country, the City of Harrisonburg relies on storm drains to carry large amounts of stormwater runoff from roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways. The stormwater carries with it pollutants such as oil, dirt, chemicals, and lawn fertilizers directly to streams and rivers, where they harm water quality.

Council is seeking applicants who together will broadly represent many stakeholder interests within the City such as: residents, civic leagues, homeowners associations; institutional and tax exempt entities including colleges and churches; business community including residential, commercial and industrial property owners, malls, and business groups; professional engineers, real estate developers, and construction contractors; and special interest groups that represent economic development, environmental or outdoor recreation.

Applications are available at [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/Boards](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/Boards) and must be submitted to Erica Kann ([Erica.Kann@HarrisonburgVA.gov](mailto:Erica.Kann@HarrisonburgVA.gov)) by January 3, 2014. For more information, visit [www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/SWAC](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/SWAC).

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