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City to Host Two Open Houses on Stormwater Utility Ordinance and Fee

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg continues working to educate and inform its citizens and business community about polluted runoff, stormwater management, and the responsibility that is shared by the entire community.

On November 11, 2014, the Stormwater Advisory Committee (SWAC) and city staff will present an update to City Council on the proposed stormwater utility ordinance and fee structure. To follow are two Open House Meetings where citizens, property owners, and business owners are invited to learn about the stormwater utility fee, how the fee will be calculated, and how it will be invested locally on projects to filter, control, and treat polluted runoff before it reaches our waterways.

The two Open House Meetings will be held on:

Weds. November 12 from 5:30pm until 7:30pm at Thomas Harrison Middle School

Tues. December 2 from 5:30pm until 7:30pm at Spotswood Elementary School

A public comment period will be open from November 12 through December 20, 2014. Citizens are encouraged to attend the Open House Meetings where SWAC members and city staff will be available to discuss and answer questions. Information shared at the Open Houses will also be posted at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/stormwater-utility following the November 12 meeting.

It is anticipated that City Council will make a final determination on the proposed ordinance and fee structure in early 2015, and it would become effective at the start of the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2015.

A public discussion has also been posted to www.BeHeardHarrisonburg.org where citizens can comment and provide ideas related to the stormwater utility fee.

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