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## **Open House for Stormwater Improvement Plan**

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg's Public Works Department, along with the Stormwater Advisory Committee (SWAC), will host a final public meeting for the stormwater improvement plan.

On **Wednesday, October 18, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** an open house will be held, where citizens are invited to learn more about the updated stormwater improvement plan and ask questions. This event will be held in Council Chambers at City Hall, 409 S. Main St., and will be in an open house format with no formal presentation.

Throughout the past year, the city has undergone extensive research on how to best invest stormwater utility fee funds to filter, control, and treat polluted runoff before it reaches local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay.

"We have developed a plan that, when implemented, will improve local water quality through stormwater projects to meet the federal and state requirements," explained Kelley Junco, Public Works Department's environmental compliance manager.

Input from citizens was first received at an open house in March. The plan was revised based on these comments and now the community is invited back to review the final proposed plan, view maps of potential projects, and learn more about programs that will help the city meet its pollutant reduction goals.

Residents are welcome to share their thoughts and ideas through a discussion that will be posted on the same day as the meeting (October 18) at <a href="https://www.BeHeardHarrisonburg.org">www.BeHeardHarrisonburg.org</a>. The public comment period will be open from October 18 until November 1.

After the public comment period ends, the stormwater improvement plan will be presented to Harrisonburg Planning Commission and then to Harrisonburg City Council.

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Additional information is always available at <a href="https://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/stormwater-improvement-plan">www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/stormwater-improvement-plan</a>.

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