

# CASE STUDY

## Fairfax County Watershed Planning



Stakeholder group engagement and public involvement and outreach project for two Fairfax County watersheds, Pohick Creek and Lower Occoquan.

### Challenge

Completed in conjunction with prime contractor Atkins (now PBS&J), the project was part of a County-wide watershed planning program undertaken by Fairfax County's Stormwater Planning Division.

### Solution

This public involvement and outreach program involved reaching out to stakeholders across each watershed about the planning effort and to collect supplemental information that informed the plan creation. Following community meetings in two watersheds, Watershed Advisory Groups (WAG) were established that represented a diverse range of community, civic and business stakeholders.

Both WAGs met periodically over a one-year period to provide feedback to the County as the watershed plans were crafted. Once the plan was created, a second wave of outreach shared the draft plan with the public for discussion and review, including a community meeting and an online comment period.

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