

# CASE STUDY

## City of Alexandria, Virginia Stormwater Utility Project

The project goal was to establish and facilitate a stakeholder process that focused on funding stormwater infrastructure costs in support of community safety and wellbeing.

### Challenge

The challenge before the City was to prioritize maintenance of its aging stormwater infrastructure in ways that addressed pressing environmental needs, assured the necessary funding to address capital and operating maintenance needs and structured the funding to support the need in as fair and equitable a manner as possible.

### Solution

As a subcontractor to Michael J. Baker Corporation, Waterford worked with the City of Alexandria to establish a Stormwater Working Group (SWG) representing community/civic and business interests throughout the City.

In conjunction with and City Transportation and Environmental Services staff, Waterford created and implemented a comprehensive process to inform, educate and consult the SWG about the City's existing stormwater projects, its unmet operating and capital program needs and potential funding options.

Waterford's Beth Offenbacher served as co-facilitator for the SWG meetings, and guided the development of preliminary findings submitted to the City Manager, which included a unanimous recommendation for implementing a stormwater fee. The SWG process also included plans for hosting several community meetings with stakeholders as the City's stormwater planning efforts proceed.

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