

**Stormwater Advisory Committee – DRAFT Recommendations to City Council -  
1/28/2019**

- **Water affordability is a priority issue for City residents – Council and DPW need to communicate on this topic**
- **DPW and nonprofit partners should implement an education campaign on the stormwater remediation requirements imposed by regulators**
- **DPW should update residents on progress toward required stormwater remediation goals**
- **DPW needs to keep the Council informed as to whether the permit schedule is being met**
- **DPW needs to be transparent with residents and businesses about fee dollars received and how those dollars are being used to remediate stormwater runoff**
- **Education on the negative effects of impervious surfaces is needed for residents**
- **Lack of equity in the regional water system – ie. City residents are charged more than county residents – needs to be addressed**
- **City should explore a fee for service model as a means of accomplishing more remediation with existing dollars (Anne Arundel model)**
- **City should explore purchase of stormwater credits from remediated acreage outside the City**
- **The residential/community credit program needs to be overhauled to become more timely, accurate and effective**
- **The administrative function within the credit program requires better staff training, timeliness and accountability**
- **The community grants program should be expanded to be comparable to other large jurisdictions in Maryland**
- **Education on various practices for stormwater remediation is needed for residents – ie. trash management**
- **Funding for various practices needs to be re-evaluated to ensure maximum return on dollars spent – ie. street sweeping vs. impervious removal**

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