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August 6, 2024

The Honorable Rob Wittman
U. S. House of Representatives
2055 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Wittman:

As you may know, the completion of a project entitled the Queens Lake Dam/Dredging has been an issue of significant importance to York County for some time. Completion of this project is crucial to ensure the protection, preservation, and safety of the citizens residing in this community.

Thus far, \$1 million in SLAF (Stormwater Local Assistance Fund) funding has been allocated by the state towards this important project. In addition, when combined with other project contributions, the resulting total of \$2 million is sufficient to address the associated dam, spillway and ravines included in this project. However, the projected cost of \$16 million to dredge the lake is not part of this funding.

It should be pointed out that the widening of Interstate 64 and the drainage from the National Park Service and the Colonial Parkway have and continue to significantly contribute to the high levels of silt in the Queens Lake. As a matter of fact, the National Park Service encompasses over 40 percent of the drainage area located with the Queens Lake watershed. As such, the County is formally appealing to the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as the Department of the Interior for the balance of funds needed to bridge the gap, and ensure completion of this critical project.

Enclosed you will find a signed copy of Resolution R24-122 which was considered and unanimously adopted by the York County Board of Supervisors on August 6, 2024. We look forward to hearing from you soon regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

G. Stephen Roane, Jr., Chairman
York County Board of Supervisors

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Enclosure

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