



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of July 11, 2009**

DATE: June 25, 2009

SUBJECT: Increase authorized expenditures under contract 206-09 with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. for stream assessment, stream restoration design, and related watershed management services.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Increase authorized expenditures under contract 206-09 with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. for stream assessment, stream restoration design, and related watershed management services to a total of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

ISSUE: County Board approval is needed to add to an existing contract for stream assessment, stream restoration design, and related watershed management services. No issues have been identified.

BACKGROUND: On July 7, 2007, the County Board authorized procurement of services under City of Alexandria contract 06-05034 with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) for stream assessment, stream restoration design, and related watershed management services totaling up to \$500,000. This is a task order-based contract.

At this time, approximately \$370,000 is encumbered under two purchase orders authorized by this task order contract to fund the Little Pimmit Run stream corridor study and the Donaldson Run Tributary B stream restoration project design.

DISCUSSION: Staff has finalized a scope of work for VHB to perform a County-wide assessment of County streams in order to prioritize stream restoration work under the Stormwater Program. This effort will update the stream inventory data collected 10 years ago as part of the development of the County's first Watershed Management Plan in 2001. This stream assessment task will be a key input into the comprehensive update of the County's Stormwater Master Plan – a document that will update and combine the 2001 Watershed Management Plan and the 1996 Stormwater Master Plan. The cost of the stream inventory work will be approximately \$180,000.

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County Attorney: JM SM

Staff: Jason Papacosma, Department of Environmental Services

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With the addition of this stream inventory work, the total cost of work under contract with VHB will exceed the currently authorized amount. This Board action will increase the authorized expenditures under this task order-based contract to \$1,000,000.

As part of the County's new comprehensive stormwater management program, staff also anticipates encumbering additional monies under this contract within the next few years to fund stream restoration design work for priority stream reaches identified through the County-wide stream assessment.

The contract term extends until March 2010, with a one-year renewal allowed through March 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for this work over the next several years are available from the Watershed Management Fund (799.40001), with Stormwater Fund (321.47221) monies to be used as needed to supplement funding.