N Dumbarton Culvert Replacements

Community Meeting

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AGENDA

- Objectives of this meeting
- Project area location
- Existing culverts
- Why are we doing this project
- Project description
- Related activites
- Anticipated schedule for plan and construction
- Review of the FEMA letter recipients will receive
- Floodplain Map & ordinance Updates
- Questions and contact information



Objectives of this meeting

- Explain overall project
- Explanation of FEMA letter that will be mailed to you
- Describe the information included in the FEMA letter
- Discuss the FEMA floodplain map & ordinance updates

Project Area location





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Why are we doing this project?

- The culverts have reached the end of their useful life. They have been repeatedly repaired and are at risk of failure.
- Culverts are under capacity. They have overtopped, flooding the road multiple times.
- The existing culverts are nearly structurally deficient with a condition rating of 4.
- There is severe corrosion of the barrel inverts with areas of 100% section loss and undermining.
- The stone headwalls are cracked with missing mortar and stones.
- The fill on top of the culverts is settling around the headwalls creating open cavities.
- Continued erosion adjacent to the stream.

Why are we doing this project



Site Constraints

- Limited and Narrow Existing Right-of-Way
- Floodplains
- Proximity of Existing Homes to Floodplains
- The presence of other utilities

Project description Upstream culvert



Upstream project includes:

1- Proposed precast arch culvert measuring 27'W x 9.4'H x 40.1' L 2- proposed wing wall **3- install riprap along the** eroding areas of the channel 4- Install proposed 15-inch **RCP** with an inlet. **5- Replace handrail** ountry



Project description Downstream culvert



N. DUMBARTON ST. AT STR. 940 - ROADWAY

Related Activities

The culvert replacement project includes the following tasks:

FEMA Analysis

- Before replacing the culverts, we prepared a FEMA analysis called a conditional letter of map revision (CLOMR)
- The analysis includes updating the floodplain map and ordinance and demonstrating impacts to base flood elevations

Easements

 We require temporary and permanent easements for some properties adjacent to this project

Related Activities:

Replacement of utilities

• We will need to replace the water main and gas lines.

Temporary relocation of power poles

 In some areas, we may need to temporarily relocate the power poles and Verizon communication lines

Tree Removal

- We will need to remove some private and public trees in the project area
- Replacement of driveways, aprons, or temporary relocations of mailboxes is necessary in some areas affected by the project.

Federal Funding

- The upstream culvert has been deemed eligible for federal funding, which will be overseen by the Virginia Department of Transportation. An application for the downstream culvert has been submitted under a different program but has yet to receive a response.
- What does federal funding entail for upstream properties?

Federally funded projects receive compensation for both temporary and permanent easements, as well as for any landscaping work. Additionally, property owners have the option to hire their preferred landscaping professional to complete the work.

Anticipated schedule for plan and construction

Construction Schedule is still being determined

- >VDOT has a lengthy process to comply with due to grant funding
- Expect more clarity within the next six months as the project progresses

Separate Construction Schedules

- The upstream and downstream culvert projects may be constructed separately.
- The decision was made in order to minimize traffic congestion and because of project funding
- Downstream culvert may start earlier, depending on Federal funding

Review of the FEMA letter recipients will receive

- As part of the CLOMR process, we are required to send certified letters to any property owner who is impacted by the changes to the floodplain and floodway.
- The purpose of the letter is to <u>inform</u> property owners about the project.
- One of the objectives of this meeting is that those who are about to receive the letters understand what the letter means and what changes will affect their property.
- The Engineering hydraulic analysis of the proposed culverts and resulting water surface elevations has been accepted by FEMA.
- Certified letters are not sent prior to the acceptance by FEMA of the Engineering hydraulic analysis because too many changes to the analysis occur during its review.
- Final approval of the CLOMR will occur after we send the certified letters.
- Letters will be sent soon after this public meeting.
- You will still be able to ask staff questions about the project and the impacts to your property.

Sample Letter

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Office of Sustainability and Environmental Management

2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 705, Arlington, VA 22201 TEL 703-228-4488 FAX 703-228-7134 TTY 703-228-4611 <u>www.orlingtonvo.us</u>

Draft copy of Individual legal notice to all impacted property owners

{Date} {Affected property owner name} {Affected property owner mailing address}

Re: Notification of increases in 1% (100-year) annual chance Special Flood Hazard Areas and/or water-surface elevations

Dear Mr./Ms./Mr. & Mrs. {Affected property owner}

The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for a community depicts the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) land which has been determined to be subject to a 1% (100-year) or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The floodway is the portion of the floodplain that includes the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land area that must be reserved in <u>order to</u> discharge the 1% annual chance (base) flood without cumulatively increasing the water-surface elevation by more than a designated height. The FIRM is used to help the community with floodplain management.

Arlington County is applying for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA) to revise FIRM 51013C0017C for Arlington County, Virginia along Little Pimmit Run and Little Pimmit Run Tributary. Arlington County is proposing to use <u>a</u> 80.2 feet length 27²x10.3² PRECAST ARCH CULVERT to replace the downstream existing structure which consists of two corrugated steel pipe culverts and to also use a 40.1 feet length 27²x9.4² PRECAST ARCH CULVERT to replace the upstream existing structure which consists of two corrugated steel pipe culverts. Both culverts are located at North Dumbarton Street in Little Pimmit Run.

The proposed project will result in increases in the 1% annual chance base water-surface elevations for Little Pimmit Run and Little Pimmit Run Tributary.

Once the project has been completed, a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) request should be submitted that will, in part, revise the following flood hazards along Little Pimmit Run and Little Pimmit Run Tributary.

- 1. The floodway will be revised from the Fairfax/Arlington County border to just upstream of Little Pimmit Run Tributary along Little Pimmit Run. The floodway will increase slightly in some areas and decrease slightly in other areas. Overall, the changes are minor.
- 2. Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) will increase and decrease along Little Pimmit Run and will increase along Little Pimmit Run Tributary.
- 3. The SFHA will increase and decrease. The changes are minor.

This letter is to inform you of the proposed changes in the 1% annual chance water-surface elevations and SFHA areas on your property located at {insert physical address}.

If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed project or its effect on your property, you may contact Mrs. Elizabeth L. Thurber of Arlington County at 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 705, Arlington, VA 22201 from 8:00am to 5:00 pm between Monday and Friday, or email at Ethurber@arlingtonva.us.

Sincerely, Desclicht Thurles

Elizabeth L. Thurber, P.E.

Floodplain Administrator Department of Environmental Services Office of Sustainability and Environmental Management Stormwater Infrastructure Arlington County 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 705 Arlington, Virginia 22201 703-228-3363 <u>Ethurber@arlingtonva.us</u>

Note that the letter states that:

- 1. Base Flood Elevations will both increase and decrease
- 2. Floodway will both increase and decrease.

Following slides will explain the statement that there will be both increases and decreases in base flood elevations and the floodway.

Everyone gets the same letter. 17

What impacts to the floodplains does the CLOMR depict:

Some impacts may be on parcels owned by the County and will not impact any private property.

Two County Parks parcels are already mostly floodplain parcels.

Right-of-way for N Dumbarton St. May have some impacts, but this isn't private property.



Process for Analysis

- Begin with effective FEMA data (maps and models)
- Duplicate that information using up-to-date software versions
- Correct cross sections and stationing
 - Add, remove or adjustscross sections if appropriate & correct vertical datum
 - Geo reference (change stationing for more accurate stream geometry)
- Create Existing Conditions Model
 - Incorporate better/more recent topography
 - Incorporate new stream geometry (erosion or migration)
 - Account for changes in friction coefficients
- Analyze the proposed culverts
- Compare results from Duplicated, corrected effective model to Existing conditions = some slight increases, but they are due to updated stream geometry not the proposed culverts
- Compare results from proposed culverts model to: Existing Conditions model = no increase in BFE's

As the analysis moves through each step, computed base flood elevations change somewhat from model to model based on differences in software versions and the computational methods used, changes in topography, adjustments to stationing and cross section locations and geo referencing of all the data.

> The process is used to determine the size of the culverts that will fit in the available physical space and minimize impacts to adjoining properties

Comparison showing no increase in BFE's for Proposed Culverts v. Existing Conditions

There is no increase in BFEs due to this proposed project. Please see the detailed map with comparison table showing on For 316AD02_Exhibit for 65.12s.pdf

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	PROPOSED CONDITIONS					E	EXISTING CONDITIONS					DIFF. (PROPOSED - EXISTING)				
		REGULAR 100YR.		FLOODWAY			REGULAR 100YR.		FLOODWAY			REGULAR 100YR.		FLOODWAY		
	River Sta	W.S. Elev	Top Width	W.S. Elev	Top Width	River Sta	W.S. Elev	Top Width	W.S. Elev	Top Width	River Sta	W.S. Elev	Top Width	W.S. Elev	Top Width	
		(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)		(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)		(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	
	1275	223.21	144.09	223.21	140.29	1275	223.21	144.09	223.21	140.29	1275	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	1306	225.03	251.46	225	120	1306	225.03	251.46	225	120	1306	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	1321	Bridge		Bridge		1321	Bridge		Bridge		1321	Bridge		Bridge		
	1348	225.95	323.31	226.73	120	1348	225.95	323.31	226.73	120	1348	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	1418	225.62	141.15	226.38	44	1418	225.62	141.15	226.38	44	1418	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	1485	225.99	85.99	226.07	43	1485	225.99	85.99	226.07	43	1485	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	1558	227.83	179.31	227.82	93.29	1558	227.83	179.31	227.82	93.29	1558	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	1566	227.8	144.06	227.77	100	1566	227.8	144.06	227.77	100	1566	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	1609	Bridge		Bridge		1609	Culvert		Culvert		1609	Culvert		Culvert		
	1655	228.94	126	229.71	107	1655	230.28	176.79	230.65	107	1655	-1.3	-50.8	-0.9	0.0	
	1714	230.65	169.36	230.68	145	1714	230.79	172.19	231.17	145	1714	-0.1	-2.8	-0.5	0.0	
	1747	230.58	165.71	230.6	150	1747	230.73	169.48	231.12	150	1747	-0.1	-3.8	-0.5	0.0	
	1803	230.51	162.17	230.53	130	1803	230.67	164	231.07	130	1803	-0.2	-1.8	-0.5	0.0	
	1876	230.42	150	230.47	119.78	1876	230.58	164.23	231.01	119.78	1876	-0.2	-14.2	-0.5	0.0	
	1961	231.78	185.35	231.8	178.71	1961	231.78	185.35	231.8	178.71	1961	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	2008	232.94	194.45	232.93	185.91	2008	232.94	194.45	232.93	185.91	2008	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	2022	Bridge		Bridge		2022	Bridge		Bridge		2022	Bridge		Bridge		
	2031	233.11	178.95	233.1	174.57	2031	233.11	178.95	233.1	174.57	2031	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	2098	233.1	139.97	233.1	137.5	2098	233.1	139.97	233.1	137.5	2098	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	2124	233.3	110.4	233.3	109.25	2124	233.3	110.4	233.3	109.25	2124	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	2133	233.64	98.1	233.64	95	2133	233.64	98.1	233.64	95	2133	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	2175	234.54	73.65	234.56	71.16	2175	234.54	73.65	234.53	71.46	2175	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.3	
	2264	234.7	52.68	234.71	52	2264	234.7	52.68	234.69	52.3	2264	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.3	
	2282	235.7	41.48	235.69	41.39	2282	235.7	41.48	235.69	40.89	2282	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	
	2304	Bridge		Bridge		2304	Culvert		Culvert		2304	Culvert		Culvert		
	2325	241.55	98.29	242	58	2325	243.78	152.14	244.48	75	2325	-2.2	-53.9	-2.5	-17.0	
	2356	241.56	127.55	242.09	101	2356	243.76	141.85	244.51	101	2356	-2.2	-14.3	-2.4	0.0	
	2385	241.59	107.29	242.15	92	2385	243.76	122.73	244.54	92	2385	-2.2	-15.4	-2.4	0.0	
	2469	241.5	101.77	242.05	86.38	2469	243.78	120.59	244.53	86.38	2469	-2.3	-18.8	-2.5	0.0	
	2575.37	241.42	97.44	241.9	60	2575.37	243.8	132.34	244.42	60	2575.37	-2.4	-34.9	-2.5	0.0	
	2640.81	243.33	61.82	243.29	37.5	2640.81	243.96	72.28	244.86	37.5	2640.81	-0.6	-10.5	-1.6	0.0	
20_	2747.48	245.44	27.78	245.43	26.38	2747.48	245.44	27.78	245.43	26.38	2747.48	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Overview of Floodplain Impacts







Slight shift in SFHA boundary compared to effective. ²²



Slight shift in SFHA boundary















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Proposed Floodplain ZONE AE, FLOODWAY ZONE X(0.2%Floodplain) ZONE AE(1%Floodplain) 🗹 🚉 Effective Flood Zones Effective Base Flood Plain 0.2 % Annual Chance Flood Hazard Slight shift in SFHA boundary compared to effective.



Slight shift in SFHA boundary, proposed BSF will be lower than the Existing Conditions









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Preliminary Flood Zones						
	A,					
	AE,					
	AE, FLOODWAY					
	X, 0.2 PCT ANNUAL CHANC	E				
PROPOSED_REVISED_LN						
	FLOODWAY					
	1 PCT ANNUAL CHANCE	FLOOD				
	HAZARD					
	0.2 PCT ANNUAL CHANC	e flood				
	HAZARD					

Floodplain Map & Ordinance Updates

- FEMA is in the process of updating the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Arlington County
- Process has been a long one first preliminary maps were issued in 2020
- Changes to this watershed are minor
- Letter of Final Determination (LFD) expected May 16, 2023.
- New building permit applications after that date will be reviewed in light of the preliminary maps.

FEMA Floodplain Map Update

Detail of Preliminary floodplains compared to Effective – changes are small





ACMaps (arlingtonva.us)

Blue circles are areas where the preliminary maps differ from the current effective maps.

Overall, changes are minor and many are related to the 500-year flood zone.

500-year flood zone is mostly **not** regulated in Arlington County*.

*The updated floodplain ordinance will regulate the storage of government and medical records in the 500-year flood zone. Such storage will be prohibited.









Tentative Schedule for updated FIRM and Floodplain Ordinance:

Step / Milestone	Start Date	End Date	Notes				
Revised Preliminary Issued	<mark>04/29/2022</mark>	n/a	County received / downloaded files				
30-Day comment period	04/29/2022	05/29/2022	County provided comments to FEMA				
Prep work for Appeal Start	June 2022	July 2022	FEMA's contractor will begin prep work for the Appeal Period*				
FR notice prepared, submitted, and	July 2022	<mark>08/02/</mark> 2022	FEMA's contractor will prepare and submit the Federal Register notice for				
published	(submitted)	(published)	publication				
Newspaper publications (2)	09/29/2022	10/06/2022	FEMA's contractor will contact local newspaper and arrange for 2 publicat				
	(tentative)	(tentative)					
Appeal Period (90 days)	10/06/2022	<mark>01/06/2023</mark>	FEMA's contractor will mail out the Appeal Start letter				
			There was no appeal for Little Pimmit Run				
Prep work to ready the study for LFD	Jan. 202 <mark>3</mark>	Mar. 2023	FEMA's contractor will begin prep work for completing the study*				
Study is independently reviewed by	May 2023	June 2023	Independent contractor has 60 days to review and approve the study				
another contractor							
Letter of Final Determination	May 2023	Nov 2023	Independent contractor has 60 days to review and approve the study				
New Study Effective Date	Nov 2023	n/a	County will receive new products				

Floodplain Ordinance Update

- Required due to FIRM updates
- Must be approved by DCR and FEMA
- Must conform to model ordinance
- Must be adopted within 6 months after Letter of Final Determination (LOD) or approximately November 16, 2023

Overall, proposed changes are minor



Proposed changes to Floodplain Ordinance

- Increase in required freeboard (distance above base flood elevation) from 12 to 18 inches, or
- Buildings in 100-year floodplain must be watertight 2 feet above the base flood elevation (previous requirement 1 foot)
- Accessory structures cannot be larger than 600 feet
- No emergency service records, medical records or government records can be stored in 500-year floodplain





Project Team

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