



Stormwater Management Implementation Advisory Group

July 18, 2025; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
City Hall, Building 1, Room 1009
2401 Courthouse Drive

Minutes

Attendance

Members Present

Jason Barney (arrived at 10:28 am), Richard “Tuck” Bowie, James “Rick” Boyles, Vice Chair Carol Considine, David Dallman, James “Tallis” Elam, Karen Forget, Michael Gerel, Gavin Gerling, Brad Martin, Michael Mauch, Bryan Peeples, Chair Christopher Pocta, Mark Ricketts, Jon Zaszewski (arrived at 9:29 am)

Members Absent

None

City Staff Present

Emily Archer, Carrie Bookholt, Melanie Coffey, Seth Edwards, Victoria Eisenberg, LJ Hansen, Amanda Jarratt, Kenny Hirsch, Jannelle Logan, Amanda Madson, Pam Matthias, Charlotte Taylor, Michael Tippin, Toni Utterback, Kathy Warren

City Council Liaisons Present

Joash Schulman

Consulting Team Present

Julie Brenman, Laura Gomez-Nichols

Guests Present

William “Billy” Almond

Approval of Minutes

The Stormwater Management Implementation Advisory Group (Advisory Group) unanimously approved the June 20, 2025, meeting minutes.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Karen Forget, Member
SECONDER: Brad Martin, Member
AYES: Bowie, Boyles, Considine, Dallman, Gerel, Peeples, Pocta, Ricketts
ABSENT: Barney, Zaszewski

Discussion Items

Welcome, Agenda, and Objectives

1. Chair Pocta called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and welcomed everyone to the fourth Stormwater Advisory Group meeting. He emphasized the importance of maintaining an attitude of collaboration and openness to healthy discourse, acknowledging that there may be more disagreement as the group begins to define concrete recommendations. Chair Pocta reminded members of the scope of the advisory group as well, noting that they are not tasked with solving all of the stormwater issues that the City faces.
2. Chair Pocta thanked City staff for their attendance, input, and expertise, noting that the Advisory Group will increasingly rely on, and defer to, the City staff expertise as they are subject matter experts.
3. Chair Pocta introduced Mike Mauch, Planning Commission Member, as a new non-voting member of the Advisory Group and the liaison for the City Planning Commission. Mauch replaced George Alcaraz, who recently stepped down from the position.
4. With the addition of a new member, the members took turns introducing themselves and their respective affiliations.
5. Julie Brenman, of Fountainworks, then reviewed the group's scope of work, roles, and expectations.

Presentations: Information Requests

1. William "Billy" Almond, Principal Landscape Architect at WPL, a local landscape architecture, land surveying, and site engineering firm, presented ideas on how the City can incorporate more green infrastructure solutions into stormwater standards, as well as what a recent study by Virginia Tech could inform about the practicality of trees as a stormwater Best Management Practice (BMP).
2. Emily Archer, Economic Development Deputy Director, presented on the Virginia Beach Development Authority (VBDA) business park stormwater facilities.

Rethinking Regional BMPs: Small Groups and Large Group Discussion

Advisory Group members discussed the role of regional BMPs in addressing stormwater management. Participants first discussed in small groups before moving on to a full group discussion. Members discussed appropriate sites for regional BMPs, ownership, funding sources, and environmental benefits and concerns related to BMPs.

Full Group Discussion: Refining Recommendations

As the meeting was behind schedule, members combined the "Temperature Check" activity (see [meeting](#)

[agenda](#)) with the refining recommendations discussion. As a large group, the Advisory Group reviewed each draft recommendation one at a time.

Next Steps

Julie Brenman reminded the Advisory Group that the next meeting will be held on Friday, August 29, 2025, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at City Hall, Building 1, Room 1009, 2401 Courthouse Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Brenman also informed members that Fountainworks would work closely with staff to revise the recommendations based on the day's discussion and share the new drafts prior to the next meeting.

Adjournment

James "Rick" Boyles moved to adjourn the meeting and Brad Martin seconded, with no one opposing. Mr. Pocta adjourned the meeting at 12:58 pm.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rick Boyles, Member
SECONDER:	Brad Martin, Member
AYES:	Barney, Bowie, Considine, Dallman, Forget, Gerel, Peeples, Pocta, Ricketts, Zaszewski
ABSENT:	None

Copies of the proposed plans, ordinances, amendments and/or resolutions are on file and may be reviewed online at <https://pw.virginiabeach.gov/SWAG>. Meeting agendas and minutes from the previous meeting will be available on the webpage five business days prior to the next meeting. Documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the City Manager's Office at the Municipal Center, Building 1, Suite 2107, 2401 Courthouse Drive, VBV 23456. To make an appointment please send an email to stormwater advocacygroup@vb.gov.

If you require a reasonable accommodation for this meeting due to a disability, please email stormwateradvocacygroup@vbgov.com. If you are hearing impaired, you can contact Virginia Relay at 711 for TDD service.

Christopher Pocta
Advisory Group Chair

Carol Considine
Advisory Group Vice Chair