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February 2, 2026

The Honorable Dr. Mark C. Downey
Virginia General Assembly
General Assembly Building
201 North 9th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Dr. Downey:

Per our conversation today, February 2, 2026, I have attached information regarding the Queens Lake Dam and dredging project in York County. We are awaiting additional information from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and would appreciate the Commonwealth's support, including any available state funding assistance for the dredging effort.

Sincerely,

Douglas R. Holroyd, Chairman
York County Board of Supervisors
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Enclosure

Copy to: York County Board of Supervisors
Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., County Administrator

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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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June 4, 2025

Colonel Sonny Avichal
United States Army
Commander and District Engineer
U.S. Army Engineer District, Norfolk
803 Front Street
Norfolk, VA 23510

Attention: Section 510 Program Manager, Civil Branch, PPMD

Dear Colonel Avichal:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 510 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, the County of York, Virginia is requesting U.S. Army Corps of Engineers assistance in addressing the sedimentation of a de-facto BMP within the Queen's Lake Community that has diminished aquatic habitats and decreased the effectiveness in retaining and mitigating stormwater runoff.

We are fully aware of the non-Federal requirements associated with projects under the Section 510 authority. We understand that all project costs in excess of those associated with the project scoping phase will be cost shared 75% Federal and 25% non-Federal.

We understand that the non-Federal sponsor is responsible for costs of all lands, easements, relocations, and disposal areas. If this amount is less than our 25% share of the total project cost, we will provide in-kind services and/or a cash contribution to achieve the 25% cost share. We understand that the non-federal sponsor will be responsible for Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement & Rehabilitation (OMRR&R) of the Section 510 project.

We are aware that this letter is not a contract obligation but serves as an expression of our intent to cooperate on this project and sign a cost share agreement in the future. We understand that either party may discontinue this effort prior to execution of the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) or Design Agreement (DA).

The Department of Public Works has already received conceptual cost-estimates and ideas regarding dredging of the sediment-laden area, this area will produce a large amount of dredge spoils that would need further mitigation and could be put toward another beneficial use. In addition, the dam/spillway of the lake is being rehabilitated to comply with the Virginia

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Department of Conservation and Recreation and multiple ravines throughout the community are being stabilized through stream restoration techniques to help prevent future issues of sedimentation.

My Points of Contact for this project assistance request are Robert L. Krieger, III and Robert Walters, reachable at (757) 890-3750.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Bellamy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Mark L. Bellamy, Jr.
County Administrator

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Ms. Kimberly Koelsch
Continuing Authorities Program Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Norfolk District
803 Front Street
Norfolk, VA 23510

Dear Ms. Koelsch:

We have identified a potential opportunity for Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration in the area of Queens Lake in Williamsburg, Virginia. We request that the Corps investigate the possibility of preparing a feasibility study under the Continuing Authorities Program (Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, as amended) to formulate a restoration plan for the site.

Queens Lake was initially established prior to state stormwater regulations. It covers a large surface area and also receives flow from many areas outside of the community it was intended to serve. Since its establishment, it has come to serve as both a sizeable aquatic habitat as well as a de facto BMP, containing stormwater runoff and pollutants before they reach Queens Creek. However, due to construction within upstream areas over the years with possible lack of proper protections, much of the upper reach of the lake has been filled with sediment, losing significant aquatic habitats as well as diminishing the lake's efficiency. We believe this project would be able to restore aquatic habitats within the lake, improve the lake's efficiency in managing stormwater runoff volume, and allow the lake more efficiency in trapping pollutants prior to entering the natural waterway at its outfall.

We understand that the study will investigate alternative solutions to identify a restoration plan for implementation. We also understand our obligations as local sponsor under the Section 206 Program, including the cost-sharing requirement of 50 percent of the feasibility cost after the first \$100,000 in federal expenditures and 35 percent of the project implementation costs if a feasibility plan is identified. We intend to pursue budgetary action so that funds will be available to meet our cost sharing requirements at the time needed by the Corps of Engineers.

We understand that the non-Federal sponsor is responsible for costs of all lands, easements, relocations, and disposal areas. We understand that the non-federal sponsor will be responsible for Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement & Rehabilitation (OMRR&R) of the CAP 206 project.

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We are aware that this letter is not a contract obligation but serves as an expression of our intent to cooperate on this project and sign a cost share agreement in the future. We understand that either party may discontinue this effort prior to execution of the Federal Cost Share Agreement.

The County of York has designated Robert L. Krieger, III and Robert Walters as the points of contact for this project. Both contacts can be reached at (757) 890-3750.

Sincerely,



Mark L. Bellamy, Jr.
County Administrator