

RESOLUTION NO. 178

WHEREAS, the Occoquan Reservoir is now the principal source of water supply for approximately one-half million persons in Northern Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, the Occoquan Reservoir and its tributaries are now being used, and may have the potential for even greater use, for other water-related activities (recreation, wildlife, flood control, etc.); and,

WHEREAS, growth of population, growth of industry and numerous other interrelated activities have a significant bearing on the present and potential water quality problems and uses of the Occoquan Creek and Reservoir; and,

WHEREAS, studies have revealed that as a result of the activities referred to above the Occoquan Reservoir may be subject to an increasing water quality (pollution) problem in the near future; and,

WHEREAS, the project to develop a regional interceptor system and advanced wastewater treatment plant in the Upper Occoquan Watershed, in compliance with State Water Control Board policy, addresses itself to the (1) expeditious solution of the immediate problem of pollution in the Occoquan Reservoir caused primarily by the effluents from existing treatment plants and (2) reduction, to a limited extent, of the potential water shortage problem by reclaiming and returning wastewater back into the system; and,

WHEREAS, a comprehensive water resources management study would deal with all of the complex forces at work in the Watershed and would, thereby, provide a sound basis for short-range and long-range decisions which involve or affect water resources management; and,

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the Occoquan Coordinating Committee be activated with the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission (NVPDC) acting as secretariat, mainly for the purpose of organizing the initiation of a comprehensive water resources management program; and,

WHEREAS, there are several jurisdictions which have their territories, wholly or in part, within the Watershed, and many agencies which conduct or have responsibilities for water-related activities within the Watershed; and,

WHEREAS, the work plan proposal developed by NVPDC, and approved by SWCB, envisions water quality management planning for the Occoquan Watershed of the same general nature, but not in the same depth, as the comprehensive study now proposed to be undertaken by the Occoquan Coordinating Committee; and,

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that unbudgeted costs of approximately \$12,000 will be incurred by NVPDC to provide project directorship to the Committee, the services to include preparation of the work program, acting as secretariat, providing liaison with local jurisdictions and regional agencies, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, all possible avenues will be explored to obtain Federal and State Funds, including those being made available to NVPDC for water quality management planning to finance the actual program development costs,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the City of Alexandria, Virginia acknowledges and endorses the need for a comprehensive water resources management program for the Occoquan Watershed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Alexandria, Virginia agrees that the management for development of such a program will be provided by the Occoquan Coordinating Committee with NVPDC acting as secretariat; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT formal membership in the OCC will consist of representatives of the following jurisdictions and agencies:

Northern Virginia Planning District Commission,
Fairfax County,
Fauquier County,
Loudoun County,
Prince William County,
City of Alexandria,

Town of Manassas,
Town of Manassas Park,
Town of Warrenton,
Fairfax County Water Authority,
Loudoun County Sanitation Authority,
Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority,
State Water Control Board,
State Department of Health,
Washington Area Interstate Task Force,
Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority,
Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT representatives of the following agencies will be invited to attend OCC as active observers:

Environmental Protection Agency;
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
U. S. Geological Survey,
U. S. Census Bureau,
U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers,
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; a d

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Alexandria, Virginia agrees to participate, on an equitable basis to be determined later at a cost not to exceed \$1000, in providing an estimated \$12,000 to NVPDC for costs incurred to function as secretariat and also to provide project directorship during the time required to organize the initiation of a comprehensive water resources management program.

Adopted January 9, 1973

Mrs. Helen Vickers, City Clerk
and Clerk of Council