

## RESOLUTION

### A Resolution Regarding Local and Regional Water Supply Planning and Application for a FY2025 Water Supply Planning Grant

Whereas, the Virginia General Assembly has mandated the development of regional water supply plans throughout the Commonwealth and the State Water Control Board has developed regulations to implement this planning process; and

Whereas, based upon these regulations the Town of Warrenton is required to contribute towards a regional water supply plan that fulfills the regulations by deadlines established in 9VAC25-780-50.A, specifically:

“Each locality in a regional planning area shall assist its regional planning unit in developing and submitting a single jointly produced regional water supply plan to the Department within **five years from October 9th, 2024**”

Whereas, regional planning areas are designated by 9VAC25-780-45.B, and a local government may request that the Department change its designated regional planning area to an adjoining planning area in accordance with 9VAC25-780-45.C.

Whereas, the following elements must be included in regional water supply plans in accordance with 9VAC25-780:

- A description of existing water sources in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-70;
- A description of existing water use in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-80;
- A description of existing water resource conditions in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-90;
- An assessment of projected water demand in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-100;
- A statement of need for the regional planning unit in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-100;
- An alternatives analysis to address projected deficits in water supplies in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-100;
- A description of water management actions in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-110 and 9VAC25-780-120;
- A description of drought response and contingency plans for each local government in the RPU, in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-120;
- An identification of water supply risks and regional strategies to address identified risks in accordance with the requirements of 9VAC25-780-125; and
- A map identifying important elements discussed in the water supply plan that may include existing environmental resources, existing water sources, significant existing water uses, and proposed new sources, and

Whereas, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has announced the availability of grant funds to assist Regional Planning Units and offset some of the costs related to the development of these Plans and are encouraging RPUs to submit applications for grant funds; and

Whereas, for purposes of this DEQ water supply grant fund program, the Town of Warrenton will participate within the Northern Piedmont 1 Regional Planning Unit, and

Whereas, the Regional Planning Unit, through the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission wishes to apply for and secure DEQ grant funds to help offset the cost of regional water supply plan development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Warrenton agrees to participate with all local governments and water authorities within the Northern Piedmont 1 Regional Planning Unit in the development of a regional water supply plan that will comply with mandated regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission is authorized to develop an application for water supply planning grant funds to offset to the extent feasible the cost of developing said regional water supply plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission agrees to manage all grant funds received and allocate these shared funds towards the tasks and deliverables proposed in the grant application for the benefit of the entire Regional Planning Unit, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission is authorized to sign the DEQ contract and other appropriate documents related to the water supply planning grant and the regional water supply plan.

Upon the Motion of \_\_\_\_\_ and second by \_\_\_\_\_, this RESOLUTION is hereby approved on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.