



COUNTY OF LOUISA
Office of the County Administrator

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The Honorable John McGuire
U.S. House of Representatives
1013 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative John McGuire,

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for the FY27 Community Project Funding request submitted by the Lake Anna Advisory Committee (LAAC) titled “*Lake Anna Phosphorus Remediation Program*”. Many of our citizens have witnessed firsthand the critical importance of addressing nutrient pollution in the Lake Anna watershed to improve water quality in the upper areas of the reservoir. Nutrient remediation activities in the Lake Anna watershed will not only reduce a major source for the growth of cyanobacteria that cause Harmful Algal Blooms in the lake but will also have positive effects on the flow of nutrients into the York River Basin and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. The proposed project aligns perfectly with our shared community goals of protecting water quality and preserving our natural resources.

Remediation of extremely high levels of phosphorus, a nutrient that fuels potentially toxic Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB) at Lake Anna, has been a legislative priority for the past several years. As noted in the submission, Lake Anna is an economic engine that fuels community growth in all the surrounding counties. The local community has demonstrated its support of the mitigation and remediation efforts through generous donations to address the matter and the General Assembly has appropriated several million dollars to study the issue and to implement mitigation measures. All these efforts demonstrate strong community, local government, and state interest and support for the efforts to be undertaken through the requested funding.

The Lake Anna Advisory Committee (LAAC) established a contract, based on a competitive process, to remediate phosphorus levels in the upper lake over a five-year period. The five-year period was chosen to spread treatments out over a long period of time to ensure we do not “shock” the environment with a single treatment that could have negative effects on local wildlife or the fishery. Year 1 of the project was successfully completed in 2025. Funding for year 1 came from a FY25 \$750,000 appropriation from the Virginia General Assembly. We intend to implement Year 2 of the effort during the 2026 recreational season with funding provided by the General Assembly in the FY27 state budget. Funding received from the Community Project request will allow us to continue work in Year 3 of the project. The goal is to make meaningful progress in reducing nutrient pollution and restoring balance to the

ecosystem in the upper lake reservoir. The county has full confidence that the LAAC has the expertise, dedication, and resources necessary to successfully implement the proposed project and achieve its objectives.

In conclusion, the Board of Supervisors wholeheartedly endorse the funding request submitted by the LAAC and urge you to give it your full consideration. Investing in this project is not only an investment in the health and resilience of Lake Anna and its watershed but also an investment in the well-being and economic prosperity of our community.

Sincerely,

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County Administrator