

**NOTICEe Board**  
**Taylor Run Resolution**  
January 13, 2021

WHEREAS:

1. The city of Alexandria plans to restructure 1,900 linear feet of Taylor Run, a city stream at Chinquapin Park and First Baptist Church, to slow downstream flow of phosphorous, nitrogen, and sediment;
2. Taylor Run includes healthy, large trees, a wetland, and rare plants in an Acidic Seepage Swamp; there are irreplaceable natural resources of significant biodiversity; the project will destroy 269 trees, many of which are old-age canopy trees; it is the only forest in the city and city government has a responsibility to properly steward and protect it; stewardship includes the removal of non-native, invasive plants;
3. Science teachers at TC Williams High School use Taylor Run as a classroom and the stream provides significant environmental, psycho-social, and educational benefits to the city;
4. Soil samples from multiple locations along Taylor Run show very low phosphorus levels in all the samples.
5. The Environmental Council of Alexandria, over 11 civic associations, local environmentalists, and concerned citizens are questioning the effectiveness of the project and the likely success of stream restorations in general;
6. Improved scientific analyses and creative thinking are pointing the way to balancing life along Taylor Run as it currently is while the city simultaneously mitigates its impacts on the Chesapeake Bay;
7. The project's cost is \$4.5 million and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has awarded the city a \$2.255 million grant, leaving the city to pay the \$2.250 million balance.

Be it therefore RESOLVED:

8. Given the financial challenges the city is confronting from the pandemic, we disagree with the city's plans to spend over \$2 million on this controversial project. It is not a good use of funds and destroys a natural area.
9. We resolve that ongoing questions about the Taylor Run project make its value questionable. We respectfully request that the project be cancelled and a better alternative be found.