

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 9, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Ellen Cook, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: Initiation of Consideration of Amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances to Address Protections for the Public Water Supply and Areas of Public Health and Water Quality Sensitivity

At the Board of Supervisors Work Session on May 22, 2018, the Board of Supervisors expressed interest in examining and discussing regulations to protect the drinking water supply and areas of public health and water quality sensitivity. Such regulations could enhance the consistency of the County's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances with the water quality goals, strategies and actions found in the Environment Chapter of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2015. Examples of regulations in adjacent localities that address these issues are the Reservoir Protection Ordinance in Newport News and the Watershed Management and Protection Area Overlay District in York County.

In order to more fully consider possible protection approaches to best fit James City County, staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution to formally initiate consideration of such amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances and refer this matter to the Planning Commission's Policy Committee.

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Attachment:

1. Initiating Resolution