



City of Fairfax, Virginia
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Memorandum

DATE: April 16, 2025

TO: Design Professionals, Developers, Development Consultants, Builders, Contractors, and any others seeking permits in the City of Fairfax

FROM: Office of Code Administration and Departments of Community Development & Planning and Public Works

SUBJECT: Notification to Industry – House Grading Plan Package Updates

This notice is to inform you that the [application package for House Grading Plans](#), for the construction of single-family houses, has been updated to reflect changes to state and City regulations, summarized below, and to better reflect current processes.

- The Commonwealth of Virginia's regulations and new Stormwater Handbook became effective July 1, 2024, consolidating stormwater and erosion & sediment control, as well as some aspects of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Program, including:
 - New water quality review standards
 - Two new BMPs can be used to meet water quality requirements
 - New Construction General Permit
- City of Fairfax updated its ordinances due to the revisions in the state code, including:
 - Revised references to state water quality and quantity requirements, and design standards.
 - Incorporated numerous new and revised definitions from state code
 - All references to the city's Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) have been revised to VESMP (Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program).
 - Climate Change and sea level rise assessment required for any disturbance or development within the RPA
- Updates to clarify the submission and review process

For questions, please contact the Department of Community Development and Planning (703-385-7930).