

Approval of Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District Budget

§ 10.1-626. Levy of tax or service charge; when district in two or more counties or cities; landbooks certified to treasurers.

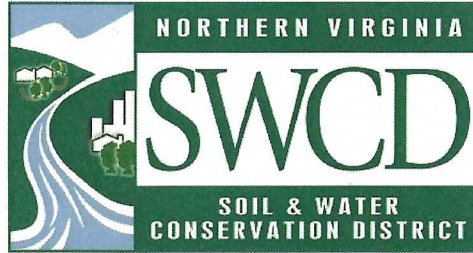
A. On or before March 1 of each year, the trustees of the watershed improvement district shall make an estimate of the amount of money they deem necessary to be raised for the year in such district (i) for operating expenses and interest payments and (ii) for amortization of debt, and, after approval by the directors of the soil and water conservation district or districts, and the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board, shall establish the tax rate or service charge rate necessary to raise such amount of money. The tax rate or service charge rate to be applied against the amount determined under subsection C or D of this section shall be determined before the date fixed by law for the determination of the general levy by the governing body of the counties or cities in which the district is situated.

Recommended Motion:

The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board approves the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District FY2024 budget as submitted by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District and presented by the Department.

Board of Directors

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January 25, 2023

Charles A. "Chuck" Arnason
Chairman, Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board
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Blackstone, VA 23824

Dear Mr. Arnason,

At its board meeting on January 24, 2023, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) Board of Directors voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District (LBWID) Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024). Please find a copy of the LBWID's FY 2024 Budget enclosed for approval by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board.

At the beginning of FY 2024, the LBWID anticipates a balance of \$1,451,981 distributed among four reserve funds (operations, dredging, general capital, and general reserves). The LBWID expects to collect property taxes of \$1,382,000 (a 3.5% increase over FY 2023, which is within the 3.5% inflation rate expected by the community) and identifies other available modest income sources, which will provide \$2,845,981 in available funds.

The planned FY 2024 budget expenditures of \$1,548,200 include \$945,700 for operating expenditures (personnel, administration, overhead, environment, maintenance, and equipment), \$425,000 for dam renovation projects (including ingress and egress improvements to the WID operational facility), \$135,000 for dredging and silt removal, and \$42,500 for general capital expenditures (including the biennial recertification of the dam). An ending balance of \$1,297,781 is expected.

The Lake Barcroft WID maintains a 10-year plan to anticipate the capital expenditures necessary to maintain the integrity of the dam and waterbody, as well as establish a reasonable reserve to address emergencies. In FY 2023, resources were expended to purchase important equipment necessary to conduct WID dredging operations. Throughout the remainder of FY 2023 and into FY 2024, the LBWID will focus on the six-year recertification plan for the dam, evaluate the impacts of increased stormwater runoff on the lake and dam, and continue their efforts to secure a long-term location for dredge spoil disposal.

In accordance with Section 10.1-626 of the Code of Virginia, the NVSWCD Board is submitting this budget for approval by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board. Should you have any questions, please contact NVSWCD's Executive Director Willie Woode at willie.woode@fairfaxcounty.gov or LBWID Trustee and Treasurer Jerry Mendenhall at gmenden636@aol.com

Sincerely,



Gerald "Jerry" Peters, Chairman

Cc (via email):

Gerald "Jerry" Mendenhall, Trustee-Treasurer, LBWID
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George McLennan, Trustee-Secretary, LBWID
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Michael Fletcher, Board and Constituent Services Liaison, DCR
James Martin, Director, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, DCR
Debbie Cross, Conservation District Coordinator, DCR
Willie Woode, Executive Director, NVSWCD

January 24, 2023		Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District BUDGET - FY2023 PROJECTED & FY2024 PROPOSED			
	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Approved	FY2023 Projected	FY2024 Proposed	
Reserve Funds-Beginning Balance					
Operations	\$150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	
Dredging	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
General Capital	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
General Reserves	1,372,881	1,372,881	1,095,181	1,261,981	
Reserve Funds-Beginning Balance	\$1,562,881	\$1,562,881	\$1,285,181	\$1,451,981	
Plus: Revenues					
Real Estate Property Taxes	1,305,104	1,335,000	1,335,000	1,382,000	
Brokerage Account Interest	10,973	5,000	5,000	10,000	
Reimbursements	(6,823)	1,000	35,000	0	
Misc. Income	0	1,000	2,000	2,000	
Total Revenue	1,309,254	1,342,000	1,377,000	1,394,000	
Total Available	\$2,872,135	\$2,904,881	\$2,662,181	\$2,845,981	
Less: Expenditures by Major Function					
Operations	834,000	907,200	890,200	945,700	
Dredging and Silt Disposal	57,549	105,000	85,000	135,000	
General Capital	37,227	32,500	50,000	42,500	
Dam and Lake Management Projects	17,432	575,000	185,000	425,000	
Total Expenditures	946,208	1,619,700	1,210,200	1,548,200	
Reserve Funds-Ending Balance	\$1,925,927	\$1,285,181	\$1,451,981	\$1,297,781	
Reserve Funds-Ending Balance Allocations					
Operations	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Approved	FY2023 Projected	FY2024 Proposed	
Dredging and Silt Disposal	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	
General Capital	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
General Reserves	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
General Reserves	1,735,927	1,095,181	1,261,981	1,107,781	
Reserve Funds-Ending Balance	\$1,925,927	\$1,285,181	\$1,451,981	\$1,297,781	

January 24, 2023		Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District Statement of Expenses			
OPERATIONS EXPENDITURES STATEMENT		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Approved	FY2023 Projected	FY2024 Proposed
Personnel					
Staff Base Pay	484,654	525,000	500,000	530,000	
Staff Overtime, Hazard Pay & Bonus	23,152	35,000	45,000	45,000	
Part-Time Employees	2,112	0	5,000	0	
Fringe - FOAB	38,719	52,500	25,000	53,000	
Fringe - Retirement	48,092	52,500	50,000	53,000	
Fringe - Health Plan	73,340	75,000	75,000	80,000	
VRSA Workers Comp	13,337	13,500	15,000	15,000	
COVID Paid Leave	0	0	0	0	
Total Personnel	683,406	753,500	715,000	776,000	
Administration					
Accounting	7,500	9,500	9,500	10,000	
Auditing	7,800	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Computer Expenses	2,109	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Postage	128	200	200	200	
Public Information	0	500	500	1,500	
Public Meetings	0	1,000	15,000	1,000	
Office Supplies	668	1,000	1,500	1,500	
VRSA Insurance	21,820	25,000	25,000	25,000	
Legal	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Misc Administrative	12,105	10,000	12,000	13,500	
Total Administration	52,130	55,200	71,700	60,700	
Utilities					
Electricity	9,448	12,000	12,000	12,500	
Security System	5,308	3,000	4,000	4,000	
Telephone/Internet/Web Site	11,329	12,000	12,000	12,000	
Water	375	500	500	500	
Total Utilities	26,460	27,500	28,500	29,000	

January 24, 2023		Statement of Expenses			
	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Approved	FY2023 Projected	FY2024 Proposed	
Environment					
Debris Control	273	0	500	500	
Environmental Engineering	12,215	10,000	12,000	12,000	
Natural Resources	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Woman's Garden Maintenance	6,173	5,000	5,000	6,000	
Water Quality Monitoring	0	0	0	0	
Tree Removal	6,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Waste Disposal	3,860	3,500	3,500	4,000	
Total Environment	34,021	28,500	31,000	32,500	
Maintenance and Equipment					
Aeration System	437	2,500	5,000	5,000	
Dam Corrosion	0	4,000	3,000	3,000	
Fuel	8,741	7,000	7,000	8,000	
Landscaping	0	500	500	500	
Maintenance of Equipment	18,281	18,000	18,000	20,000	
Equipment Rental	128	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Maintenance of Facilities	1,442	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Miscellaneous	8,954	7,000	7,000	7,500	
Total Maint. & Equip.	37,983	42,500	44,000	47,500	
Total Operations	\$834,000	\$907,200	\$890,200	\$945,700	

January 24, 2023		Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District Statement of Expenses			
DREDGING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE STATEMENT		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Approved	FY2023 Projected	FY2024 Proposed
Silt Disposal		52,925	85,000	85,000	85,000
Equipment		0	20,000	0	50,000
Facilities		4,624	0	0	0
Other Items		0	0	0	0
Total Dredging Expenditures		57,549	105,000	85,000	135,000
GENERAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE STATEMENT		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Approved	FY2023 Projected	FY2024 Proposed
Engineering - Dam					
Inspection and Recertification		16,203	0	10,000	10,000
General Engineering		0	10,000	0	10,000
Dam Hydraulic Control System		2,082	2,500	5,000	2,500
Computer Control System		13,681	5,000	30,000	5,000
Construction		0	2,500	0	2,500
Equipment (From Capital Items)		5,261	10,000	5,000	10,000
Facilities		0	2,500	0	2,500
Total Capital Items		37,227	32,500	50,000	42,500
DAM & LAKE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS EXPENDITURE STATEMENT		FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Approved	FY2023 Projected	FY2024 Proposed
Concrete restoration		0	0	0	0
Bascule gate painting		0	0	0	0
Install Bascule Gate Access Platform		0	0	0	0
Hydraulic cylinder replacement		0	0	0	0
Hydraulic pipe protective shield replacement		0	0	0	0
Replace PLC control		0	0	0	0
New bascule gate side seals		0	0	0	0
Catholic Protection System		0	25,000	0	0
Storm Water Management		0	50,000	25,000	0
Land Purchase-new access road		17,432	400,000	85,000	25,000
DCR Regulatory Requirements		0	100,000	75,000	0
Total Dam & Lake Management Projects		17,432	575,000	185,000	425,000
Total Dredging+Capital+Dam/Lake Management		112,208	712,500	320,000	602,500
Total LBWID Expenditures		\$946,208	\$1,619,700	\$1,210,200	\$1,548,200