



OPPOSITION TO ALBEMARLE CO. RAIN TAX A/K/A STORMWATER UTILITY FEE

To: Albemarle Co. Board of Supervisors

We the undersigned oppose creation of a stormwater utility fee system for Albemarle Co.

RESIDENTS READ AND SIGN IF YOU AGREE

- We, the undersigned, oppose creating a rain tax a/k/a storm water management utility and utility tax system to fund Albemarle County's storm water management measures. We believe continuing to fund these from the General Fund is more efficient, less costly, less burdensome to residents and to staff, less bureaucratic and more equitable than a storm water utility system.
- We request no more County funds be expended for consideration of the storm water management utility and that the Board of Supervisors vote to cease any further consideration of such utility at their April 11, 2018 meeting. The 2014 study analyzing different funding mechanisms concluded the utility would be the most expensive, least efficient, and administratively burdensome. Why continue to spend dollars pursuing such inefficiency?
- We support the use of the General Fund as the County currently does, to fund mandatory storm water compliance, maintenance and repairs of storm water management infrastructure on County property, especially in the urban ring, which is the source of substantially all of the problem.
- Rural private property owners should continue to be incentivized to observe best management practices in managing their properties as they do currently and to utilize Thomas Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation and other partner cost share programs to provide alternative, more efficient sources to improve water quality.

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