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Moran Announces Federal Support for Cleanup of Arlington's Four Mile Run

Washington, D.C., December 19 — Congressman Jim Moran announced today the awarding of an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant totaling close to \$1 million to improve Four Mile Run in Arlington. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Moran requested the inclusion of this grant in the FY2001 VA-HUD Appropriations bill. The grant will go towards preparing a design and engineering study for the restoration of the Lower Four Mile Run stream, developing strategies and policies for growth, and establishing a project to monitor environmental improvements in the area.

Moran was also successful earlier this year in securing an additional \$1 million in FY2002 Appropriations for Four Mile Run cleanup efforts: \$100,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a flood control and hydrology study and \$900,000 in EPA grants. The EPA funds will go to assist the City of Alexandria in its work on sanitary and stormwater sewer reconstruction and extension project that will benefit Four Mile Run. Much of the sanitary sewer system in the northeastern part of Alexandria was installed more than 75 years ago and is experiencing significant infiltration and inflow problems. The volume of stormwater entering the sewers can cause sanitary sewer overflows into Four Mile Run during wet weather periods. The funds will be used to construct a connection from the Four Mile Run Pumping Station to the Potomac Yard sewer, thus greatly reducing or eliminating sanitary sewer overflows into Four Mile Run.

Moran stated, "Four Mile Run is a major watershed for our region, and maintaining its health and monitoring its growth is vital for the environmental stability of Northern Virginia. These funds will greatly benefit the environmental health of our community."

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