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News Release

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Arlington and Alexandria Partner to Improve Four Mile Run Watershed Using Federal Funds Moran Secured

WASHINGTON, July 7th - An historic project teaming Arlington County with the city of Alexandria to clean and improve the Four Mile Run watershed is using federal funds that Congressman Jim Moran, Virginia Democrat, was able to secure.

"This project will improve an environmentally-sensitive area that is home to a wide array of plant and animal life in addition to the joggers and bikers who use Four Mile Run park," Moran said.

The 20-acre Four Mile Run watershed spreads across Fairfax County, the city of Falls Church, Arlington County, and the city of Alexandria.

In 2000, citizens from Arlington and Alexandria began looking at ways to improve flood control, clean up the watershed in their area and enhance and beautify the appearance of the park.

Moran was able to secure one million dollars in funding in fiscal year 2001, available through the Environmental Protection Agency, for "the

demonstration of environmental improvements to the Four Mile Run."

Both localities applied for and were accepted to receive the EPA grant funds. A citizen task force was then created to work with the city and county to study, design, and complete a project that will greatly improve the Four Mile Run for generations to come.

Moran was also able to secure another \$900,000 under the EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant program for the city of Alexandria to begin work on a sanitary and storm water sewer reconstruction and extension project that will reduce sanitary overflows into Four Mile Run.

Much of the sanitary sewer system in the northeastern part of the City was installed more than 75 years ago. This old system is experiencing significant infiltration and inflow problems, which increase the volume of storm water entering the sewers during wet weather periods.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is also helping with the Four Mile Run restoration and Moran was able to direct \$100,000 to the Corps in fiscal 2002 and \$200,000 in fiscal 2003 to be used for the project.

"Four Mile Run and its adjacent park is an example of how nature and an urban environment can co-exist," Moran said. "But it is up to us to ensure that Four Mile Run is healthy. We must be good stewards of our resources."

Moran applauded the teamwork Arlington and Alexandria have demonstrated as they focus on the restoration of the Four Mile Run watershed.

"These two communities have come together for a common good - protecting and improving Four Mile Run," Moran said. "They should be commended for their commitment to the environment."

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