

September 26, 2018

City of Richmond Public Art Commission 900 E Broad Street, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Letter of Support for JRA Drain Art Stencil Project

The Department of Public Utilities Stormwater division would like to express their support for the Storm Drain Stencil Art Project by the James River Association. JRA is a trusted partner that works in tandem with the city to bring water quality awareness to the public.

The Storm Drain Stencil Art Project has proven to be a successful endeavor in promoting stormwater awareness is various locations around the city. JRS's efforts to include the Richmond Public School system in stormwater education only serves to enhance the city's own efforts to do the same. The department's only request is that the stencils be limited to fin-fish, shellfish, reptiles and turtles that physically live in the water to keep with the existing themes of the RVAH20's Drain Art program installations in place around the city.

The James River Association has been active in the City of Richmond in protecting our watersheds and waterways. We anticipate a continued partnership with them in the Bellemeade neighborhood on various projects and support them in this application.

Kind regards.

Jennifer Hatchett, Acting Deputy Director II

CC: Jonét Prévost-White, Operations Manager Calvin Farr – Director, Public Utilities