

DATE: May 12, 2026

TO: Town Council

FROM: Carolyn Howard, Director of Engineering & GIS
Jeff Lazenby, Director of Finance

TITLE: Ordinance 2111, Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget by Supplementing the Stormwater Fund with State Community Flood Preparedness Grant Funds and Transferring Stormwater Capital Funds for the Flood Resilience Plan and Watershed Study

Background:

Ordinance 2111 amends the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget by appropriating \$451,012 from State grant funds and \$50,112 from available balance from the Stormwater Quality Improvements project to finance a Flood Resilience Plan and Watershed Study.

The Town was awarded a grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) to develop a Flood Resilience Plan and a Town-wide Watershed Study. The total cost for the Plan and Study is \$501,124. The CFPF grant amount is \$451,012 and the Town's required 10-percent share is \$50,112. Completion of the plan and study will position the Town for future CFPF project implementation grants to address current flooding and water quality concerns in town.

The plan will provide a planning framework to address and alleviate recurrent pluvial and fluvial flooding and drainage concerns within the town, include public engagement regarding these issues, and incorporate the recommendations of the Study for future planning.

The primary goal of the study is to identify areas of concern and recommend specific improvements to the drainage system of sewers, channels, and streams to alleviate recurrent flooding and improve water quality. Although the study is intended to be town-wide, there are three primary areas within the town that will be studied due to high-risk flooding of roads and structures-downtown, Webb Street, and Toms Creek Road. Flood and drainage improvement projects under consideration include stream restoration, floodplain reconnection to adjacent waterways, urban channel widening, and stormwater detention/water quality facilities.

Considerations:

Town staff has accepted the grant funds and has identified available funds in the Stormwater Quality Improvements Project C90201 for the Town's grant match to finance critical flood and watershed planning.

Action:

Approval of Ordinance 2111 is recommended.

Attachments: Ordinance 2111

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 25/26 OPERATING BUDGET
BY ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$451,012 OF DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND RECREATION COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS GRANT
FUNDS TO THE STORMWATER FUND AND TRANSFERRING \$50,112
IN STORMWATER CAPITAL FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Town has received a grant in the amount of \$451,012 from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Community Flood Preparedness Fund to develop a flood resilience plan and a Town-wide watershed study; and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient available balance in the Stormwater Quality Improvements Project to cover the required 10% grant match in the amount of \$50,112.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Blacksburg:

1. That the FY 2025/2026 Operating Budget is hereby amended by accepting and appropriating \$451,012 of grant funding from the Virginia Department Conservation and Recreation to Stormwater Fund 307, with revenue adjusted accordingly in the Operating Budget.
2. That \$50,112 is hereby transferred from Project C90201-Stormwater Quality Improvements to Stormwater Fund 307.
3. That this ordinance shall be effective on and after its adoption.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Introduction: _____

Public Hearing & Action: _____

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Director of Finance

Town Attorney