

## REPORT FROM 2021-2022 PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Committee put on a workshop on February 26, 2022 entitled “Flooding – Plans to Prepare for Climate Change Impacts on Stormwater Management.”

We had three great speakers: Dr. Dan Medina (Alexandria), Frank Dawson (Montgomery County MD) and Catherine Torgersen (Fairfax County). They presented so much great information for League advocacy with great source information, quality of each presentation and greatly inspired questions and answers.

Sarah Matthews did a great job as Moderator during the entire process of managing the introductions, leading to the next Speaker and managing the questions. Cindy Snow from the Montgomery County League put the final flyer together. We also had tremendous help from Barbara Lipsky and Sherry Zachry on flyer distribution.

Deb Wake allowed us to use the LWV-VA Zoom site for the workshop and that worked out well. Joan Porte acted as Administrator and helped with all facets of zoom access and connection. Bill Thomas set up Eventbrite for registration and was integral in getting the zoom access links to all who registered.

We had 69 registration and over 50 people were consistently on line during the entire workshop, a great response.

The workshop has been recorded put on the LWVNCA website by Sherry Zachry. This will allow access to NCA League Committees working on Climate Change Impacts on Stormwater Management, as well as understanding how past Land Use Practices contribute to flooding today. Both concepts should help League advocacy inform future Legislation and Policy on preparing for Flooding Resiliency in this Region.

The committee also reviewed its objective in updating positions and planned to look into this. In its review, it was determined by committee members that there were too many positions to review by this committee. By way of explanation, there were originally 4 members of the committee; 2 took on the task of setting up of a climate change workshop for 2022 (getting speakers and a venue, etc.) and 2 took on position review. One of the position review members was unable to participate fully due to other obligations and this left too few people to complete the task. The committee does not have the members to take this on at this time. We recommend that LWVNCA set up a more comprehensive committee to take this on in the 2022-2023 fiscal year and make a report/recommendation at the 2023 convention.

Respectfully,

Program Committee - Kathy Matusiak, Edna Miller, Sarah Matthews