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**To:** All Architects, Builders, Developers, Engineers, and Surveyors Practicing in Fairfax County, the City of Falls Church, and the City of Fairfax

**Subject:** Fairfax Water Acquisition of the City of Falls Church and City of Fairfax Water Systems

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Effective on or shortly after January 3, 2014 (the "Purchase Date"), Fairfax Water anticipates that it will acquire all of the water system assets of the City of Falls Church and the water system assets of the City of Fairfax located within the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County. Following the acquisition of these two systems, Fairfax Water will be reviewing all site and subdivision plans within each City as well as the areas currently served by each City within Fairfax County (such areas collectively referred to herein as the "New Service Area"). Fairfax Water will also be performing construction inspections for water system infrastructure in the New Service Area. The following information is provided to assist you with planning for this transition:

- 1) **No Prior Plan Approval by City**. All site and subdivision plans for properties located in the New Service Area that have not received approval for water system construction from the appropriate jurisdiction prior to the Purchase Date must be submitted to Fairfax Water for review and must comply with Fairfax Water design standards, specifications, and policies. On and after the Purchase Date, all such plans must be submitted for review as follows:
  - a. All first submissions of plans for property located in Fairfax County should be made to Fairfax County Plan Control per the standard process.
  - b. All first submissions of plans for property located in the City of Falls Church or the City of Fairfax should be made to the respective City per their standard process. Fairfax Water will be receiving those plans directly from the Cities for review of proposed water system construction. Fairfax Water will be coordinating water system review within the City of Falls Church and the City of Fairfax with each City's respective Fire Marshal.
  - c. All second and subsequent plan submissions for property located in the New Service Area must be made directly to Fairfax Water.
- 2) **Prior Plan Approval by City**. The following requirements will apply to projects in progress in the New Service Area as of the Purchase Date involving plans approved prior to that date by the City of Falls Church or the City of Fairfax, as applicable:
  - a. If construction commences prior to the Purchase Date, then the plans must comply with either: (i) the water system construction standards in effect at the respective City

immediately prior to the Purchase Date; or (ii) Fairfax Water's then-current Approved Products List and Construction Practice Manual.

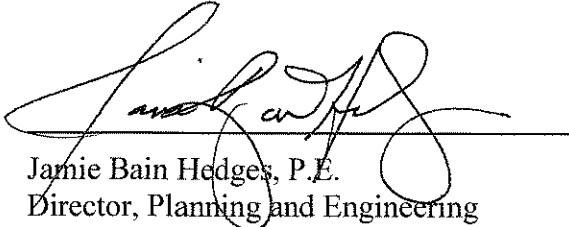
- b. If construction commences on or after the Purchase Date, then the construction must comply with Fairfax Water's then-current Approved Products List and Construction Practice Manual, even if the plans were approved by the City of Falls Church or the City of Fairfax prior to the Purchase Date.

In either such instance, construction will be considered to have commenced if the installation of water main facilities has begun.

- 3) **Plan Modifications.** On and after the Purchase Date, all design revisions and modifications to plans involving water system construction in the New Service Area must also be submitted to Fairfax Water for review and approval.
- 4) **Water Main Easements.** All water main easements recorded on or after the Purchase Date for properties located in the New Service Area must be granted to Fairfax County Water Authority (d.b.a. Fairfax Water) and conform to Fairfax Water standards.

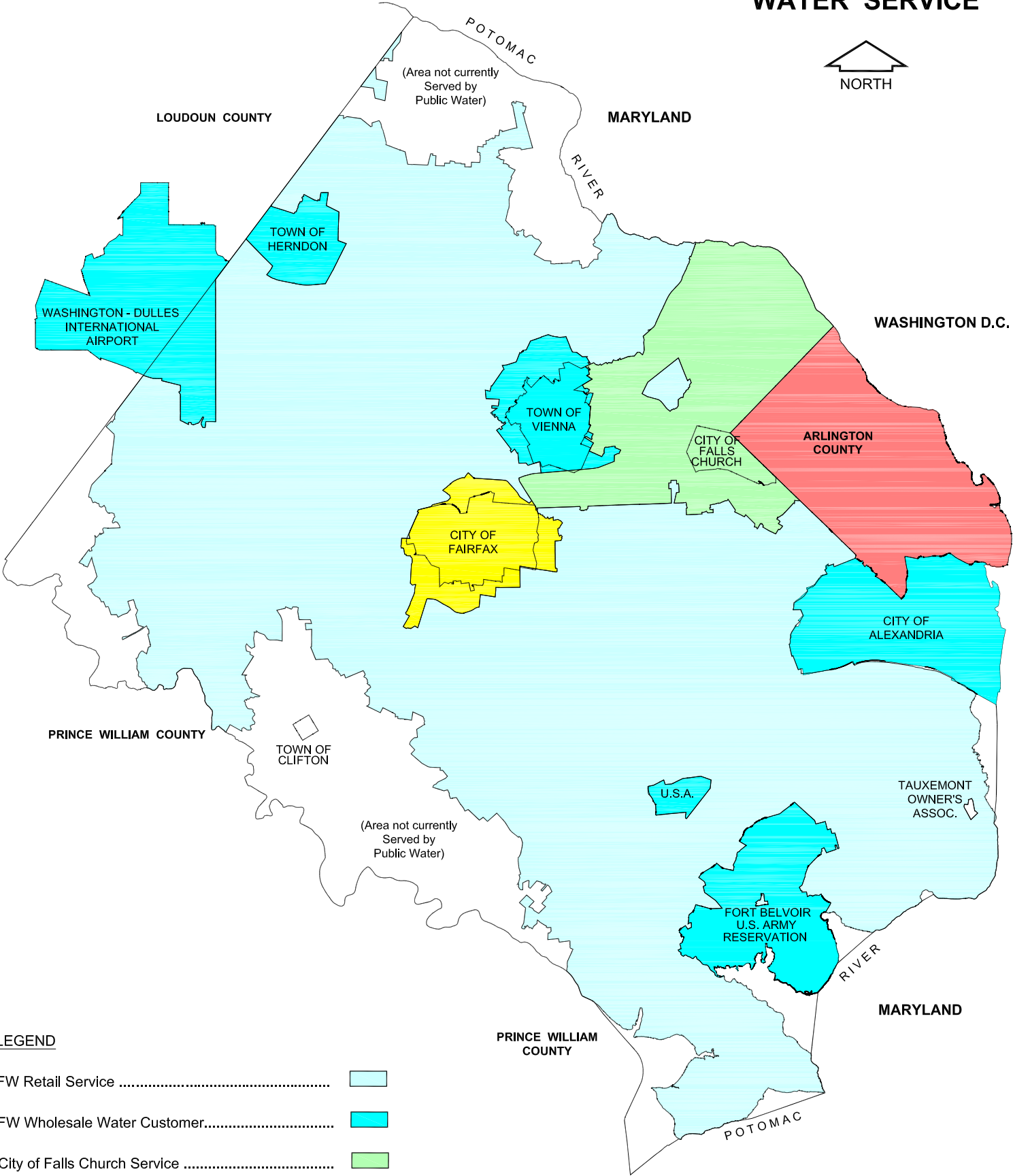
A map showing the areas of Fairfax County where water service is currently provided by the City of Falls Church and the City of Fairfax is enclosed for reference. Fairfax Water's Design Practice Manual, Construction Practice Manual, Approved Products List, Standard Easement Form, and related development information can be found on our website at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/developers>

We hope this information will be helpful to you during this transition. Please contact Fairfax Water's Site Plan Review branch at (703) 289-6343, or Construction Department at (703) 289-6351 if you have any questions or need additional information.



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