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Mr. Yon Lambert  
Director, Department of Transportation and Environmental Services  
City of Alexandria  
301 King Street, Suite 4100  
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Dear Mr. Lambert:

I am writing to express the concerns of the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) about the status of stormwater management and landscaping improvements along King Street from Quaker Lane to the I-395 interchange. As you recall, FCA is the civic association that represents the Arlington residents along this stretch of King Street (we also represent the Alexandria residents who live in Fairlington along King Street on the other side of the interchange).

The condition and appearance of King street is understandably important to our residents and the individual condo associations that are along the Arlington side. (I would imagine the concern is shared by some of the businesses in Bradlee Center as well.) The area currently suffers from poor drainage, frequent trash, and damaged trees. It is both unsightly and a potential health hazard. It's not a very welcoming introduction to the City of Alexandria and our community.

Last spring we invited Jesse Maines of your staff to brief us on the types of potential stormwater management improvements that could benefit King Street. He did an excellent job, and we were encouraged by the possibility that this project might well make the City's new priority list for stormwater management. At that time, my sense was that the City would be making some decisions this fall about a plan for stormwater management along King, but it doesn't appear that there has been any movement on this. We understand the logic of deferring landscaping enhancements until stormwater work is accomplished, but delays in addressing the stormwater management issues also result in deferred decisions on landscaping.

I am asking for your help and advice on how best to advance the work on this project. It's important to our neighborhood, and we encourage the City to move forward with it. Please let me know how we can help facilitate this. We appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy Land". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Guy Land  
President