

2017 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 362

Commending the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 10, 2017

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services achieved the high honor of being accredited by the American Public Works Association; and

WHEREAS, the American Public Works Association (APWA) accreditation is a recognition that the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) is a well-run agency that exceeds the public works industry's established best management practices; and

WHEREAS, DPWES is only the 114th department among the 3,000 public works agencies in the country to receive the prestigious designation; and

WHEREAS, DPWES was granted accreditation after a rigorous two-year process and after a site visit in July 2016 determined that the department had achieved all 593 accreditation practices; and

WHEREAS, DPWES received special commendation in four areas: the career management plan, permitting website, permitting flowchart, and the county's recycling program, and each will be used as a model for public works departments throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, DPWES is responsible for all capital facilities, solid waste management, stormwater and wastewater management, and regulating land development in Fairfax County; the department also designs and builds infrastructure such as administrative buildings, police and fire stations, and libraries; and

WHEREAS, increased safety, reduced liability, lower insurance premiums, and better personnel recruitment are just some of the benefits that DPWES is likely to realize due to the APWA accreditation; and

WHEREAS, the APWA accreditation is a tribute to the hardworking and dedicated DPWES staff, whose mission is to provide public works services and programs that contribute to making Fairfax County a first-class community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services hereby be commended on achieving the high honor of being accredited by the American Public Works Association; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James W. Patteson, director of the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the department's commitment to excellence in serving the citizens of Fairfax County.

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