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Re: **Occoquan Shoreline Easement Policy**

Dear Property Owner:

Spring is in the air. It's that time of year again when we start to think about cleaning up the yard and doing maintenance on our docks and boats. Please keep the health of the Occoquan Reservoir in mind when taking any actions near the shoreline.

If you are thinking of making changes to your property, remember permission from Fairfax Water is required before any work can be done within our easement. These lands adjacent to the Occoquan Reservoir are also part of the Resource Protection Area (RPA). They have intrinsic water quality value due to the ecological processes they perform and are sensitive to impacts which may result in significant degradation to the quality of the water.

Any disturbance including, but not limited to, construction, vegetation removal, or land disturbing activity within the easement regardless of size requires written approval from Fairfax Water. Additional permits or approvals may be needed from County, State, and Federal agencies.

Fairfax Water's Shoreline Easement Policy explains what is allowed within our easement. The goal of the policy is to maintain the safety and integrity of the public drinking water supply through the preservation of a naturally vegetated stable buffer around the reservoir. Please see the enclosed brochure or visit www.fairfaxwater.org/shoreline-easement-policy for more details.

If you are interested in stabilizing an eroding shoreline, property owners may apply for Fairfax Water's Water Supply Stakeholder Grant Program which supports stabilization projects along the Occoquan Reservoir. Deadline for applications is May 15, 2019. For more information, visit www.fairfaxwater.org/grants.

If you have questions, please contact Nicki Bellezza, Watershed Protection Specialist at 703-289-6303 or nbellezza@fairfaxwater.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Miller".

Susan Miller
Public Affairs Officer