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Virginia American Water To Hold Public Meeting on March 30 on Proposed Water Line Extension

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (March 20, 2017)—On Thursday, March 30, Virginia American Water will host a public meeting on the details of the proposed South Washington Street water main extension in the City of Alexandria. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Alexandria Library Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch, 4701 Seminary Road.

In order to improve water reliability and fire hydrant flow capacity to Bridgeyard Apartments (formerly Hunting Point on the Potomac) and Porto Vecchio Condominiums, Virginia American Water is proposing to install a 12-inch water line extension. Currently, only one existing 12-inch water main supplies water to these complexes. A water line extension will create redundancy, helping to ensure that the apartment and condominium homes do not lose water in the event of a main break or fire.

The proposed water line extension will be routed around the west perimeter of Freedmen's Cemetery, located at South Washington and Church Streets. Freedmen's Cemetery is a Civil War-era African-American burial ground, and the site of a memorial commemorating the graves that remain there. Due to the location of the apartment and condominium buildings south of I-495, the only feasible solution for extending the water line is the proposed alignment at the perimeter of Freedmen's Cemetery.

In addition, St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery is located on the east side of South Washington Street at the junction where the new 12-inch pipe will connect to an existing pipe.

Virginia American Water proposes to route the water pipe on the west side of Freedmen's Cemetery in order to avoid disturbing graves or other significant archeological materials. AECOM has performed archeological studies on the site, with the guidance of the Office of Historic Alexandria.

For more information or questions regarding the project, please contact Hao Chen, Virginia American Water project manager, hao.chen@amwater.com or 703-706-3889.

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