



**Loudoun County Government
Department of General Services
Administrative Policies and Procedures**

**Title: Water and Wastewater Program
Feasibility Study Repayment for
Type B Communities**

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Purpose:

To provide guidance on the implementation of section 4.B.2).b. of Loudoun County's *Water and Wastewater Projects Funding Policy* (Funding Policy) as it relates to community payback of feasibility study costs.

Background:

On March 4, 2015 the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors adopted the Funding Policy which established the approach and procedures that the County will follow in providing financial support to communities that have been prioritized for water and/or wastewater project assistance.

As part of the Funding Policy, the County established the Water and Wastewater Fund, which, in part, is used to provide feasibility study funding for community water and/or wastewater projects. The Funding Policy requires project repayment, including the feasibility study, to be based on a community's ability to pay.

The County has been accepting water and wastewater program applications since 2016. During this timeframe, communities have asked who is responsible to pay for the cost of the feasibility study if the project is not feasible or not constructed. This community uncertainty may be a barrier that prevents communities from requesting assistance from the County through the water and wastewater program.

Guidance:

Section 4.B.2).b. of the Funding Policy states that "Communities designated as Type B will be required to pay for feasibility studies as part of project repayment." The intent of this policy statement is to recover the cost of the feasibility study if and when the total project costs are recovered. Considering the intent of the Funding Policy and the fact that there is not a mechanism to recover costs from individual property owners if a repayment system is not established, i.e. taxing district or special assessment; staff should communicate to property owners that they will not be responsible for paying back the cost of the feasibility study if the project is not completed.

Compliance:

Department of General Services staff is responsible for communicating this information to interested parties.