General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 7 pm
Noman Cole Water Treatment Facility Auditorium
Lorton, VA 22079

Summary

The South County Federation held its September 2026 General Membership Meeting at the Norman Cold Water Treatment Facility, where members received a comprehensive facility tour and heard updates from various county departments and representatives. The meeting featured a detailed presentation about the wastewater treatment plant's operations, including its master planning, odor control programs, and capital improvement projects totaling approximately $500 million over the next decade. Supervisor Storck provided updates on local projects including the groundbreaking for Overlook Ridge Park, the closure of Fairfax County Animal Shelter Michael R. Frey Campus for renovations, and various transportation improvements across the district. The meeting also included legislative updates from federal and state representatives, committee reports from Parks and Environmental, Education, Public Safety, and Transportation committees, and discussions about local land use developments including proposals for a Shell gas station conversion and new housing developments in the area.

ATTENDANCE	
Barrington	
Beechwood	X
Crandall Run	
Crosspointe	X
Estates of Roseland	
Gunston Cove	X
Gunston Manor	
Hallowing Point	X
Highlands at Gunston	
Hollymeade	
Laurel Highlands	
Laurel Hill	
Mason Collar	X
Mason Neck	X
Newington Civic	
Newington Commons	X
Newington Forest	X
NonAligned Caucus	X
Occoquan Glen	
Occoquan Overlook	X
Overlook Pointe	
Pohick Estates	
Saratoga	
Shepherd Hills	X
Shirley Acres	
South Run Oaks	
Spring Hill	X
Terrace Town Homes of	
The Highlands at Gunston	
Townhouses of Saratoga	
Wildwood	X
Williamsburg Square	

Call to Order- Mr. Keith F. Shovlin, President

Mr. Shovlin called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and thanked all those in attendance. Thirteen attendees took part in a tour of the facility prior to the meeting & the beginning was delayed as they filed in. The meeting was originally to include a presentation by Delegate Kathy Tran but she was unable to attend.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the Minutes (Secretary position vacant)

Larry Clark motioned to approve the July minutes, James Fenton seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report- Mr. James Fenton

Mr. Fenton shared the financial report.

Truist Checking	$2379.99
CD	$3000.00
Total	**$5379.99**

- Expenses of $477.28 (Annual SCC Filing, Website hosting, Zoom account)

Membership Drive - Peter Weyland

Mr. Weyland noted that no candidate for the Intern position has stepped forward. Outreach will continue until a candidate is found.

Vision Statement
Mr. Shovlin presented Administrative Resolution 2026-02 establishing a vision statement for the Federation:

"The South County Federation grows with people,
engaging & fostering a lively community,
welcoming diverse ideas & connections,
to promote a safe & healthy environment,
& opportunities for everyone to flourish."

Motion to approve the resolution by Mr. Shovlin, seconded by Mr. Weyland. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentation
Update from Director Sajana Chitrakar, Noman Cole Water Treatment Facility
Director Chitrakar presented on the recent & ongoing enhancements to the facility to allow greater capacity. **The full presentation was provided after the meeting & has been posted on the Federation Website.**

County Reports
Animal Shelter - Gina Lynch
Ms. Lynch shared updates on the renovation of the Michael R. Frey Campus of the Animal Shelter causing the Lorton Campus to take on all animal care until the renovation is completed. The facility held a Clear the Shelter event & is seeking foster homes to help.

Board of Supervisors - Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck
Supervisor Storck shared updates on Overlook Ridge Park's groundbreaking and the opening of Sport Rock Lorton, while also announcing South County Church's move to Liberty Chapel and inviting attendance at their grand opening on September 20th. He announced several updates including Fairfax Water's customer focus groups and a Solid Waste Management request for expressions of interest on waste management solutions, with responses due by October 30th. He reported that the Tree Commission and Environmental Quality Advisory Council have been merged into a new Environmental Commission, with Larry Zaragoza expected to chair the transition. Supervisor Storck also discussed the high school crossing guard program, free native tree distribution for residents and community groups, and concerns about the upcoming Mordor Drive gate closure at the I-95 Landfill Complex that will restrict U-turns starting September 26th. He discussed VDOT's bidirectional traffic study for I-95, highlighting the need for alert and exit features, and reported on the completion of the Snowden Ashford Road project with new walking and cycling paths. Supervisor Storck also mentioned ongoing pedestrian improvements at Pohick Road, new traffic signals at Newington and Cinder Bed Roads, and plans to remove a railroad bridge that will require road closure for about two years. The conversation ended with updates about the annual Tour de Mount Vernon event and a successful Back-to-School Day giveaway, along with a discussion about tree relocation on Snowden Ashford Road.

Legislative Updates
U.S. House of Representatives - 11th District, James Walkinshaw
Represented by Fatima Malik, District Director
Ms. Malik reported support for constituents resulting in 1,036 resolved cases and $11.5 million in monetary benefits, with two bipartisan bills passed and an upcoming event on October 31st for federal workers.

Virginia State Delegate - 19th District, Rozia Henson
Represented by Temujin Choijilsuren, Chief of Staff
Mr. Choijilsuren discussed state services including road issues and Medicaid changes from HR1, announced DMV's new driver's license feature for Apple Wallet, and reminded attendees about early voting starting September 18th at 1 PM.

Committee Reports

Parks and Environment Committee, Co-Chairs Larry Clark & Dale Rumberger
Mr. Rumberger covered the Overlook Ridge Park groundbreaking and flushable wipes issues

Education Committee, Chair James Fenton
Mr. Fenton provided updates including new bus policies requiring student IDs and the reinstatement of crossing guards at 10 high schools including South County.

Public Safety Committee, Chair Jonathan Kiell
Mr. Kiell discussed public safety in the South County area, which is currently covered by three police stations with West Springfield and Franconia having patrol officers while Lorton Police Station only has desk officers. He announced the upcoming West Springfield CAC meeting on October 6th at the Lorton Police Station starting at 6 PM, encouraging community members to attend and show support for the new police commander Maj. Justin Palenscar. He also addressed concerns about police technology, particularly drones and facial recognition, explaining that Fairfax County has strong controls in place to prevent privacy invasions and emphasizing the successful use of these technologies in crime prevention.

Transportation Committee, Co-Chairs Keith F. Shovlin & Peter Weyland
Mr. Shovlin presented one resolution for action, seeking the addition of a multi-use trail as part of the Interim condition plan for the new Newington Road Railway bridge.
Motion to approve the resolution by Keith F. Shovlin, second by James Fenton, passed unanimously.
Mr. Shovlin & Mr. Weyland reviewed updates on various transportation projects including I-95 bi-directional hot lanes, utility relocations on Richmond Highway, and upcoming construction work. They also noted that Amtrak and VRE will be shut down for 10 days in October for infrastructure upgrades.

Land Use Committee, Co-Chairs Frank Diallo & Nick Firth
Mr. Shovlin, in absence of Mr. Firth & Mr. Diallo, provided updates including discussions about a proposed Shell station redesign and a new development plan for 49 single-family homes near Pohick Church.

Open Forum

James Fenton: Reminded attendees that vehicle assessments are due at the beginning of October & the Workhouse Arts Center will be hosting Fall Fest on Oct. 7th.

Adjournment

President Shovlin thanked everyone for attending and reminded attendees that they are always welcome. He again asked for volunteers to serve as Secretary, Adopt a Highway Coordinator, and the paid intern position. The Adopt A Highway cleanup is scheduled for September 28th at 8 am at Laurel Hill Central Green. Dale Rumberger volunteered to serve as coordinator. He thanked Director Chitrakr for hosting us & providing a tour for our members.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Clark, Second by Mr. Kiell, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is on October 13th, 2026 at 7 pm on Zoom.

Action Items

- **Keith F. Shovlin:** Send out information on the Adopt a Highway cleanup on September 28th at 8 am.
- **Jonathan Kiell:** Meet with Major Justin Palenscar, new commander of Lorton Police Station.
- **Supervisor Storck:** Send information to Delegate Henson and Delegate Tran regarding the South Carolina lawsuit on flushable wipes for potential action in Virginia.