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Here is some information on the NDZ process which may be helpful for our meeting on Thursday.

The costs associated with applying for an NDZ are the time needed to do the research and put the application together. It includes research time, literature review, talking to people in the community, talking with people from EPA and DNR, etc. Since the Chester River Association (CRA) has completed the process and created a template, it might not take as long as originally expected.

The City could use CRA's literature review as supporting material as to why the Annapolis waterways needs a NDZ designation. The City would have to take CRA's outline and fill in the parts for our waterway: background, it's impairments, who uses it and for what, it's economic value (find numbers on tourism, boating, waterfront homes, etc), how many boats use the Annapolis harbor and creeks, how many marinas, how many pump out stations (seek DNR input for those numbers), etc.

Of course, we would then need to gather letters of support from groups in the area (CBF, Conservancies, River keepers and Associations, etc.). This could take 3-6 months, depending on who's working on it. Once the City has the application written, it will have to edit and finalize it with DNR, which could take a couple more months.

So the cost is going to come from who is doing the research/application. We hope that you can budget or amend the budget to allow for a \$ 5,000 funding level.

I look forward to our meeting.

Thanks

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