

**AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING**

**ITEM #20: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST**

- A. Letter from Mr. Dwight Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director, to Mr. Lewis Lawrence, Middle Peninsula PDC Acting Executive Director, September 30, 2011.**

Attached is a letter from HRPDC Executive Director Dwight Farmer to Mr. Lewis Lawrence, Middle Peninsula PDC Acting Executive Director, regarding the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan Phase II Planning Assistance – Grant Application.

Attachment 20A

- B. Letter to the Hampton Roads Planning District Committee, from Ms. Joanne Wright, Gloucester County Public Schools, Director of Budget & Finance, September 8, 2011.**

Attached is a letter from Ms. Joanne Wright, Gloucester County Public Schools, Director of Budget & Finance to the Hampton Roads Planning District Committee thanking the committee for the donation of science supplies for Page Middle School.

Attachment 20B

MEMBER JURISDICTIONS

September 30, 2011

CHESAPEAKE

Mr. Lewis L. Lawrence  
Acting Executive Director  
Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission  
PO Box 286  
Saluda, VA 23149

FRANKLIN

GLOUCESTER

RE: Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan Phase II Planning Assistance – Grant Application  
POW:Chesapeake Bay TMDL

HAMPTON

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Dear Mr. Lawrence:

JAMES CITY

The staff of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) wishes to express its support for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan Phase II Planning Assistance joint application submitted on behalf of Virginia's Planning District Commissions. Through eight years of work together on the state's Coastal Zone Management Program, the eight Coastal PDCs have demonstrated the value of the PDC network to themselves and to the state in advancing a number of important initiatives, including support for the various Chesapeake Bay initiatives. This experience and value has been reinforced through the recent Chesapeake Bay land cover and population data review coordinated by the George Washington Regional Commission and the energy conservation work coordinated by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

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The HRPDC and other PDCs have worked to support their member localities as sources of information, critical data analysis, and technical assistance throughout the EPA-state effort to develop the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and Phase I Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP). We have also provided a forum for EPA and the Commonwealth to discuss these programs with both local elected officials and local staff.

SOUTHAMPTON

SUFFOLK

SURRY

VIRGINIA BEACH

As you know, the HRPDC began earlier this year to lead an effort to develop input from Hampton Roads for the Phase II WIP. We determined early on in the process that the technical, research, policy analysis, and information sharing required to support this program exceeds existing HRPDC funding. As a result, we have sought additional grant funding for the effort.

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To continue this important work to aid our member local governments' efforts to meet the TMDL and WIP requirements in a cost-effective manner, additional financial assistance is needed. Funding through this grant will assist the PDCs to conduct effective outreach and liaison activities; continue to act as a liaison between the localities, the state and, where appropriate, EPA; work with the localities and others to develop effective implementation strategies and assist in identifying best practices as implementation goes forward. We believe that the PDC network involved in developing the application and pursuing this project is a cost-effective use of the Commonwealth's resources in achieving the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Goals.

The staff of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the other PDCs and hopes that the Department of Conservation and Recreation will favorably consider this regional approach and approve funding.

Sincerely,



Dwight L. Farmer  
Executive Director/Secretary

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September 8, 2011

Hampton Roads Planning District Committee  
723 Woodlake Drive  
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Dear Committee Members:

On April 16, 2011, the Page Middle School facility sustained major damage from a category EF3 tornado. It was truly a blessing that this event did not occur on a school day and the division experienced no personal injury or loss of life. Property can always be replaced, but not our most precious resources, our students and staff.

We are humbled at the outpouring of support from the community both near and far and wish to express our appreciation for your support. Thank you for the donation of science supplies for Page Middle School.

This donation was presented to the School Board at its July 14, 2011 meeting.

It is further acknowledged that no goods or services were received in exchange for this donation.

Sincerely,

Joanne C. Wright  
Director of Budget & Finance

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