

ATTACHMENT 1A
THE DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE, THE
REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE
CHESAPEAKE BAY IMPLEMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
May 3, 2012

1. Summary of the April 5, 2012 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee

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2. Summary of “Opportunities and Constraints for Nutrient Reductions on Private Property” Study

Ms. Shereen Hughes, Wetlands Watch, gave a presentation to the Committee on a study on the feasibility of implementing BMPs on private property. Wetlands Watch partnered with HRPDC to complete the study. Ms. Hughes identified six opportunities and challenges presented by the study:

- 1) find model programs
- 2) interview stakeholders
- 3) identify appropriate practices
- 4) identify feasibility issues
- 5) catalog existing practices
- 6) develop a planning framework

Wetlands Watch identified six model programs: Anne Arundel County, MD; Washington, DC; Arlington County, VA; James City County, VA; Virginia Beach, VA / Lynnhaven River NOW; and Fredericksburg, VA. Practices identified included:

- focus on stormwater managers
- onsite low impact design and green streets retrofits
- focus on whole site
- conservation landscaping BMPs and programs (including training stewards and businesses)
- state programs that promote conservation landscaping

As part of the study, Wetlands Watch conducted a survey of various watershed-interested groups in Hampton Roads (Elizabeth River Foundation members were not included in the study). The report also included discussion of incentives to encourage participation:

- not just financial incentives
- relationship builders
- free technical advice
- accountability and credit
- efficacy/quality control
- more engaged and supportive citizenry
- can lead to more actions

The report also described challenges to implementing successful programs, as well as recommendations. One of the major recommendations was to hold a strategic summit to help develop and plan a program in Hampton Roads. Partners, funding (possibly a NFWF grant), and planning are still needed to make the summit happen.

Following the presentation, Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, stated that the report would be sent out to localities for comments. Comments will be due in time for the June Joint Environmental Committee meeting agenda packet.

Suffolk staff asked whether state and federal agency staff were interviewed as part of the survey or study research. Ms. Hughes stated that there was no guidance from either the state or federal government on how to tract private property BMPs. Several groups maintain their own databases, some of which are done using GIS or have an online reporting requirement. Committee members stated that any program in Hampton Roads should have a way of putting information into VAST. James City County staff suggested that the focus should be on a program that works for the localities' needs. The Committee suggested that NGOs and private businesses should be partnered with to take advantage of their skills.

3. Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Update

Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, and Ms. Katchmark updated the Committee on the status of the Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP). Draft comments on the state WIP have been sent out for review; the deadline for submitting comments is May 4. The final draft of the comments will be sent out next week to localities and then sent to DCR by the end of the month.

There will be a public meeting on the WIP held next Wednesday (May 9) at HRPDC from 6:30 to 8:30. EPA and DCR staff will be giving presentations. This will be an opportunity for both local governments and the general public to ask DCR questions about the WIP. HRPDC staff will follow up with the Committee at the June meeting. Please contact Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC, (jhillegass@hrpdcva.gov) for more information.

4. Great American Cleanup™

Ms. Lisa Hardy, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the results of the region's Great American Cleanup National Action Days events. There were approximately 1,700 volunteers at 71 sites that picked up 124,100 pounds of litter, collected 515 pounds of household hazardous waste and planted 86 trees and 818 shrubs and plants.

Ms. Hardy also discussed the upcoming Drinking Water Week events from May 6 – 12. The askHRgreen.org trailer will be at multiple sites throughout the week. askHRgreen.org is also holding a "Good to Do" video contest through the website.

For more information, please contact Ms. Hardy (lhardy@hrpdcva.gov).

5. Reality Check

Ms. Sara Kidd, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on Reality Check, which is a regional visioning exercise that will be held at the TED Conference Center on May 17. About 300 participants, representing stakeholders from all over Hampton Roads, are signed up to participate. The goal of the event is to develop a consensus regional growth scenario/strategy for 2035. The local chapter of the Urban Land Institute is leading the event; both HRPDC and HRTPO are partners. During the event, participants will be placed into small (~10 participants) groups that will develop guiding principles for development and then allocate new growth (jobs, housing, affordable housing) throughout the region according to those principles using LEGO blocks. More information on the event can be found at www.realitycheckhr.org.

6. Stormwater Regulations and Local Programs Update

Ms. Tribo updated the Committee on developments concerning stormwater regulations and local stormwater management programs. The local government advisory committee held a meeting to discuss the checklist for local program elements. Committee members expressed some concern over the regulations for plan reviewers. Professional Engineers will be automatically certified plan reviews; DCR is developing a training program for others. There will be training for the private sector on how to use the runoff reduction method. The draft model ordinance will be the subject of the May 17 meeting. Ms. Tribo will send out meeting information to the Committee; Committee member asked that the information also be sent to CAOs.

New ordinances will need to be in place by July 1, 2014. Localities should assess how much time will be needed for them to prepare new ordinances and then get them approved by their local boards. Localities can submit the new ordinances to the state board after January 2013. The three coordinated programs (stormwater, erosion and sediment control, Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act) will all need to be updated.

Committee members want more guidance from DCR on what sections need to be updated. Committee members also felt that plan review will take longer.

Comments should be sent to Ms. Tribo.

7. **Sea Level Rise**

Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, reminded the Committee that comments on the FY2010-2011 HRPDC Climate Change Final Report are due May 24, 2012. Poquoson city staff stated that they would be submitting comments.

8. **Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program**

Mr. McFarlane briefed the Committee on available competitive grants from the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCZMP). VCZMP is emphasizing public access projects this year, so localities that are interested should contact HRPDC staff. The total amount of funding available is \$175,000, of which any single PDC will be eligible to receive up to \$60,000 total for a maximum of two projects. A 1:1 match is required. Construction activities (such as for public access projects) must meet Coastal Zone Management Act 306A guidelines. Proposals are due to VCZMP by 5:00 pm June 22, 2012. Interested local governments should contact HRPDC staff prior to the June 7 Joint Environmental Committee meeting. In addition to public access projects, eligible topics include water quality, coastal resiliency, working waterfronts, and habitat restoration.

Interested local governments should contact either Ms. J. McBride (jmcbride@hrpdcva.gov) or Mr. McFarlane (bmcfarlane@hrpdcva.gov).

9. **Status Reports**

A. Hampton Roads Sanitation District

In the absence of a HRSD representative, there was no report.

B. Hampton Roads Planning District

HRPDC representatives had nothing to report.

C. Soil and Water Conservation Districts

SWCD representatives had nothing to report.

D. Department of Conservation and Recreation

DCR representatives had nothing to report.

E. Department of Environmental Quality

In the absence of a DEQ representative, there was no report.

F. U.S. Geological Survey

In the absence of a USGS representative, there was no report.

G. Department of Transportation

VDOT staff reported that water quality regulations for VDOT projects have tightened up over the last month. Now, all new projects will have BMPs on them, so right of way costs are expected to increase.

H. U.S. Navy

In the absence of a U.S. Navy representative, there was no report.

I. Local Programs

York County staff reported that the County received its draft E&S program review from DCR. The County has several issues with DCR's criticisms.

Hampton staff reported that the City also received its draft E&S program review from DCR. The City also has several issues with DCR's criticisms.

Norfolk staff reported that Riverfest was held in the Colonial Place neighborhood on April 28, with over 2,000 people attending.

James City County staff reported that drainage easements in the County are being obliterated by decks. County staff asked if other localities had an easement ordinance or BMP maintenance ordinance that would help address the drainage easement issue. Also, the County is applying for a NFWF local government capacity building grant.

10. **Other Matters**

The next meeting of the Joint Environmental Committee is scheduled for June 7, 2012 at the HRPDC office in Chesapeake, Virginia. Materials will be sent in advance for review.