

## **AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **ITEM #6: SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There are no recently submitted written public comments. Any new written public comments will be distributed as a handout at the meeting.

### **ITEM #7: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Members of the public are invited to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

### **ITEM #8: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the April 17, 2014 Quarterly Commission Meeting and May 15, 2014 Retreat are attached.

Attachment 8-A1  
Attachment 8-A2

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The HRPDC staff recommends approval of the minutes.

#### **B. TREASURER'S REPORTS**

The Balance Sheets and Statements of Revenue and Expenditure for March and April 2014 activities are attached. These statements reflect the financial status of the HRPDC as a whole.

Attachment 8-B1  
Attachment 8-B2

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The HRPDC staff recommends the Treasurer's Reports be accepted.

#### **C. REGIONAL REVIEWS**

##### **1. PNRs**

The HRPDC staff is routinely involved in the review of applications for grants to support projects involving federal or state funding. To ensure that all Commissioners are aware of projects being reviewed, brief summaries of these projects and anticipated review schedules are included in the Agenda. The HRPDC staff will continue to request comments directly from staff in localities that appear to be directly affected by a project. Review and comment by more than one locality is requested when a project may affect the entire region or a sub-regional area. There were no outstanding comments received as of June 6, 2014.

Attachment 8-C1

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None required.

## **2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT/STATEMENT REVIEW**

The HRPDC staff is routinely involved in the review of environmental impact assessments and statements for projects involving federal funding or permits as well as state development projects. To ensure that all Commissioners are aware of projects being reviewed, brief summaries of these projects and anticipated review schedules are included. The HRPDC staff will continue to request comments directly from staff in localities that appear to be directly affected by a project. There were no outstanding comments as of June 6, 2014 on these projects.

Attachment 8-C2

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None required.

**Hampton Roads Planning District Commission**  
**Quarterly Commission Meeting**  
**Minutes of April 17, 2014**

The Quarterly Commission Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 9:38 a.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Kenneth Wright, Chairman (PO)  
John L. Rowe (PO)  
James Baker (CH)  
Amar Dwarkanath (CH)  
Dr. Ella P. Ward (CH)  
Barry Cheatham (FR)  
Randy Martin (FR)  
John Meyer (GL)  
Mary Bunting (HA)  
Will J. Moffett (HA)  
George Wallace (HA)\*  
Anne Seward (IW)  
Mary Jones (JC)\*

Adam Kinsman (JC)  
McKinley Price (NN)  
Thomas Smigiel (NO)  
J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)  
Michael W. Johnson (SH)  
Barry Porter (SH)  
Selena Cuffee-Glenn (SU)  
John Seward (SY)  
Barbara Henley (VB)  
Louis R. Jones (VB)  
James Spore (VB)  
Thomas Shepperd (YK)

**Executive Director:**

Dwight L. Farmer

**COMMISSIONERS: (ABSENT)**

Brenda Garton (GL)  
Dee Dee Darden (IW)  
Paul D. Fraim (NO)

Tyrone Franklin (SY)  
Clyde Haulman, Vice Chairman (WM)  
James O. McReynolds, Treasurer (YK)

\*Late arrival or early departure.

**OTHERS RECORDED ATTENDING:**

Earl Sorey (CH); Brian DeProfio (HA); Bryan Pennington, Jeff Raliski, (NO); Michael King, Tom Slaughter, Bryan Stilley, Jerri Wilson (NN); Nita Mensia-Joseph, Sherri Neil (PO); Peter Stephenson (SM); Sherry Hunt (SU); Robert Matthias (VB); Diane Kaufman, Senator Kaine's Office; Cathy Aiello, Aiello Enterprises; Jim Oliver, HRCCE; Gail H. Matolla, Lets Open Doors; VADEM David Architzel (ret.), Elizabeth Kersey, Ray Toll, ODU; Ellis James, Sierra Club Observer; Ann-Germaine Dariz, Virginia Ready Mixed Concrete Advisory Council; Angela Bezik, Williams Mullen; Staff: Randy Keaton, Shernita Bethea, Melton Boyer, Rick Case, Rob Case, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Rebekah Eastep, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Jim Hummer, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Robert Lawrence, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Ben McFarlane, Kelli Peterson John Sadler, Tiffany Smith, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur.

**APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA**

Chairman Wright noted the lack of quorum required for a Quarterly Commission Meeting and informed the Commission is meeting as an Executive Committee. He asked for any modifications or additions/deletions to the agenda.

Commissioner Barry Porter Moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Ella Ward. The Motion Carried.

**URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) FUNDING UPDATE**

Mr. John Sadler, HRPDC Senior Regional Homeland Security Planner, explained the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) program began in federal fiscal year 2003 with Hampton Roads being funded due to a classification as a high risk urban area in federal fiscal year 2007. The main purpose of the program is to enhance preparedness in major metropolitan areas to prevent, protect and respond to acts of terrorism through planning and training.

Funds are distributed through the Hampton Roads Urban Areas Working Group (UAWG) and the Region has received a total of \$35.4 million. Completed initiatives due to funding include:

- Emergency Communications Buses
- Overlay Regional Interoperable Network
- WebEOC software
- 45 Member Incident Management Team
- Personal Protective Equipment

In federal fiscal year 2012, the region was removed as a high risk area due to the restructuring of the UASI Program and reduction in funding by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Mr. Sadler indicated although funding had stopped, the UAWG continued to meet as a coordinating body to close capability gaps. Additionally, several efforts were made to engage federal and state decision makers to bring awareness for the increased need of funding. He also noted the Region V Measure, a culmination of previous homeland security planning efforts, had recently been adopted.

For FY 14 Hampton Roads has been reinstated due to policy decisions by the new Secretary of Homeland Security, Jeh Johnson and recognition of risk. Currently the total allocated amount is \$1 million, with the region being eligible for the following additional grants:

- a non-profit UASI grant
- Operation Stonegarden
- State Homeland Security

Although current sustainment needs already identified will be the main recipient of these funds, the UAWG Resource Allocation Subcommittee will review any new submissions.

Mr. Sadler concluded the current UASI allocation will assist the region, but the UAWG is actively working to identify a regional, long-term solution to sustaining capability gaps.

Mr. Dwight Farmer reiterated to the Commission the HRPDC Emergency Management Department worked diligently to get the region reinstated and obtain the UASI grant allocation.

## **SEA LEVEL RISE PILOT PROJECT**

Mr. Ray Toll, Old Dominion University's Center for Coastal Physical Oceanography Senior Project Scientist reminded the Commission of the President of the United States Executive Order on climate change and sea level rise in December, and stated a delegation including Mr. Joe Bouchard, Member of the Recurring Coastal Flooding Subpanel and Mr. Ron Williams, City of Norfolk Assistant City Manager, informed the White House of the region's activities related to climate change and sea level rise.

The White House, Pentagon and ODU have been communicating about a pilot project detailing solutions to the vulnerability of sea level rise in regards to Naval Station Norfolk. He further noted potential results of the pilot would be applied to other U.S. Navy installations around the globe.

Mr. Toll explained the project would continue for up to three years and a regional organization or task force would be created. Additional federal, state and local agencies such as the Virginia Modeling and Simulation Center (VMASC) would be involved to determine the funding needed for implementation.

A new ODU initiative, The Mitigation and Adaptation Research Institute (MARI), and a series of sea level rise forums were created to assist the efforts of the pilot project. Mr. Toll informed the Commission the White House had expressed interest in attending the forums.

Chairman Wright asked for an update in regards to the White House.

Mr. Toll responded Ms. Alice Hill of the National Security Council stated she or a staffer will be attending. He also noted the Chair for the Climate Change Task Force, Navy RADM John White (ret.) will be present.

Chairman Wright reiterated the necessity of the Commission being informed on the status of the pilot project.

Mr. Farmer replied he was going to address the size of the Stakeholders Committee with the City Managers to ensure all parties are involved.

VADM David Architzel (ret). explained the White House selected Hampton Roads due to the high level of regionalism related to climate change and sea level rise.

*Commissioners George Wallace, Mary Jones and Adam Kinsman arrive*

## **FISCAL YEAR 2015 DRAFT BUDGET**

Ms. Nancy Collins, HRPDC Chief Financial Officer, brought attention to the graphs and tables depicting the overall changes of the HRPDC and the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) five year budget.

The FY 15 budget is the lowest in five years at less than \$8 million. The main cause is due to the reduction in federal funding for homeland security programs, such as the UASI and Metropolitan Medical Response System.

Ms. Collins further explained the expenditures would be reduced by 30% to parallel with the decreased funding from FY 14. Reductions include:

- Pass thru activity – 59%
- General expenditures (telephones, printing, travel) – 51.8%

Mr. Farmer clarified the draft budget allows for a 2% merit based salary adjustment. Currently the HRPDC Human Resources Administrator, Ms. Kelli Peterson is collaborating with member localities Human Resources Departments to ensure actions are aligned. He additionally stated the Joint Personnel and Budget Committee will present the budget again to the Commission for final approval in July.

## **TOWN OF SMITHFIELD MEMBERSHIP**

The Town of Smithfield is interested in pursuing membership in the HRPDC. Mr. Peter Stephenson, Smithfield Town Manager, informed the Commission the Town of Smithfield is the only incorporated Town eligible for membership. Smithfield is currently active in HRPDC Committees and initiatives through Isle of Wight County, and until recently was a separate voting member of the now dissolved Hampton Roads Partnership.

Mr. Farmer will be attending the April 28, 2014 Town Council Meeting to review the rights roles and responsibilities of being a voting member of the HRPDC, and if membership was to be approved, it would be effective July 1, 2014.

Chairman Wright questioned if Town membership is already fulfilled by Isle of Wight County.

Mr. Farmer responded Smithfield lies within Isle of County, but is eligible by the Virginia State Code to request membership.

Chairman Wright asked if membership dues would be required.

Mr. Farmer replied affirmatively and stated he would include dues in his presentation to Smithfield Town Council.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Public Comment**

Two people requested to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

#### ***Dr. Gail Motolla***

*I carry two items with me everywhere I go. The first item is this poster, which is an ad that appears in the Senior Advocate. On page 20, it is a picture of my husband Lou Mottola, who passed away in November, November 3rd of last year. We are let's open doors. Our organization is educational in public education and awareness of accessibility issues. We chose one item to concentrate on and that simply is existing buildings, the entrance ways, the doors. This is the culprit. In 2006, the ADA access board put out a guide to small business and in that, on page 8, it shows these door handles as not accessible. When we go to various places, various stores et cetera we find that people are not aware that that is true. We can change these doors. We can make sure that anyone over the age of 50, which numbers right now 498,884, according to the Virginia Economic Report, we can change these doors by simply adopting a policy of coming to the door or going through various solutions that we present at letsopendoors.net. One solution is a the right handle to use, and I've given all the Commissioners a brochure. You can see in that what those handles with like. Also, a doorbell that plugs into a wall. We are asking your support, you as the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, can help us in leading this and getting 500 to 5,000 doors changed this year. We can help in terms of employment. According to the reports of your Commission and elsewhere, there are so many doors that have this need. We are helping the young children, the mothers and fathers with small children in strollers, as well as all our 252,000 who are disabled and their caregivers. That's about 14% of our Hampton Roads community. We have a Hampton Roads flag that has all 16 cities and 7 counties, and there are 252,000 needs that are being ignored. Accessibility is a tremendously important subject, but more importantly, is the fact that we can take two industries, we can take healthcare, which is projected to rise -- excuse me, I want to correct that. Home healthcare, and people -- I'm sorry. I'm a musical conductor and I don't usually get nervous, but the reason I am nervous is because what I am finding is that the veterans in our communities totally understand what I'm talking about. It may take them a half an hour to dress, it may take them a half an hour to get to a store and they can't get in. Businesses need to be aware and they need to change this way of going about. Thank you very much.*

**Ellis W. James**

*Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Ellis W. James. I'm a lifelong resident of Norfolk, Virginia, proudly, and I've got two items that I would like to call to the Commission's attention. There is -- I have just come back from the Virginia Environmental Symposium at VMI. We had 3 ½ days of solid activity and break out sessions and there is obviously a need for this Commission to pay close attention the question of water supply. You heard me last time refer to the fact that we have gotten the agreements and that our water supply should be secure for the future. Now comes the bad news. The push to do fracking east of I-95 could throw a monkey wrench into all of that planning. In my opinion, and I am here to tell you that I was able to get this issue onto the floor of the plenary sessions, as well as in the break-out sessions, and a lot of people were agreeing with my concern. We are starting up the paper plant in Franklin, which demands water. We are now finding out that the water level in the Potomac basin has dropped about a hundred feet and there are the beginnings of saltwater intrusion, which could raise a very serious issue for the drinking water that's involved in that. I want to tell you that I was even surprised at the response that I got during the symposium. It was gratifying and the discussion is now fully underway. The last point that I want to make will be a simple one. In Hampton Roads we're coming up fast on the season of heat and breathing and asthma and pollution, and there is a need in my opinion, to take a close look at the question of how we are monitoring our air. Coal dust is a tough issue that is prevalent both on the Peninsula side as well as on Southside and the monitoring station for our side unfortunately, happens to be at Langley, I believe. That's a little long way from home for us here. This question could increase with the increasing shipments that are being sent overseas to China, India, and other locations. So I would hope that we could take note of that and see if we can do a better job of monitoring exactly what our children and our seniors and the whole population here in Hampton Roads are confronted with. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.*

**Submitted Public Comments**

Chairman Wright indicated there were no submitted public comments.

**Approval of Consent Items**

- A. Minutes of March 20, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Reports of February 2014
- C. Regional Reviews
- D. Fiscal Year 2015 Draft Budget

Chairman Wright briefed the Commission on an Eagle Scout with Scout Troop 200 from Yorktown who was completing his Eagle Scout project of building a swing set for children in wheelchairs at the Edmark Hospice for children in Portsmouth.

Commissioner Porter Moved to approve the consent items, seconded by Commissioner McKinley Price. The Motion Carried.

**HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule**

Mr. Farmer reminded the Commission in May the HRPDC and HRTPO Meetings will be flipped and the HRPDC will hold its retreat starting at 11:00 a.m.

### **Project Status Reports**

Chairman Wright discussed the Project Status Reports section of the agenda.

### **Old/New Business**

Chairman Wright highlighted the Old/New Business section of the agenda.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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Kenneth I. Wright  
Chairman

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Dwight L. Farmer  
Executive Director/Secretary

**Hampton Roads Planning District Commission**  
**Annual Retreat**  
**Minutes of May 15, 2014**

The PDC annual retreat of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 11:05 a.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Kenneth Wright, Chairman (PO)\*  
Clyde Haulman, Vice Chairman (WM)  
James O. McReynolds, Treasurer (YK)  
John L. Rowe (PO)  
James Baker (CH)  
Amar Dwarkanath (CH)  
Dr. Ella P. Ward (CH)  
Randy Martin (FR)  
Brenda Garton (GL)  
John Meyer (GL)  
Mary Bunting (HA)  
Will J. Moffett (HA)  
George Wallace (HA)\*

Mary Jones (JC)  
Adam Kinsman (JC)  
Jim Bourey (JC)  
McKinley Price (NN)  
J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)  
Michael W. Johnson (SH)  
Barry Porter (SH)  
Selena Cuffee-Glenn (SU)  
Tyrone Franklin (SY)  
John Seward (SY)  
Robert Dyer (VB)\*  
James Spore (VB)  
Thomas Shepperd (YK)

**Executive Director:**

Dwight L. Farmer

**COMMISSIONERS: (ABSENT)**

Scott Matheson (CH)  
Debbie Ritter (CH)  
Barry Cheatham (FR)  
Dee Dee Darden (IW)  
Anne Seward (IW)  
Marcus Jones (NO)  
Paul D. Fraim (NO)  
Thomas Smigiel (NO)  
Angela Williams (NO)

Sharon Scott (NN)  
W. Eugene Hunt, Jr. (PQ)  
Linda T. Johnson (SU)  
Amelia Russ-Hammond (VB)  
Barbara Henley (VB)  
Louis R. Jones (VB)  
John Moss (VB)  
John Uhrin (VB)  
Jackson C Tuttle (WM)  
James O. McReynolds, Treasurer (YK)

\*Late arrival or early departure.

## **OTHERS RECORDED ATTENDING:**

Diane Kaufman (Sentara); Sherry Hunt (SU); Mark Osenbaugh (E.V. Williams, Inc.); Jon Nye (NO); Sherri Neil (PO); Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky, (Portsmouth City Watch Dog); Jim Oliver (HRCCE); Ellis James (NEC Observer); Michael King (NN); Brian Deprofio (HA); Nitz Mensia (PO); Cathy Aiello (Aiello Interprises); Jerri Wilson(NN); Bryan Pennington (NO); Staff: Shernita Bethea, Nancy Collins, Kathlene Graubeger, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Jim Hummer, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd, Mike Long, Jai McBride, Kelli Peterson, Camelia Ravanbakht, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur, Felecia Williams.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

Chairman Wright thanked everyone for attending the 2014 retreat. Before starting, Chairman Wright turned the retreat over to Dwight Farmer, who made an announcement concerning the former building superintendent Mr. Rick Case. Mr. Farmer proceeded to give background information on Mr. Case. Mr. Farmer requested a pause for a moment of silence in his memory.

Chairman Wright stated that the agenda showed where we were going to be in the next hour to hour and a half. There were two major discussion items; one before lunch and one just after lunch. Randy Keaton would give an overview of the PDC core programs and Dwight would go over the format of the retreat.

Chairman Wright announced that we had two public comment speakers. First was Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky and he was followed by Mr. Ellis James.

### **Public Comment**

#### ***Mr. Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky***

*Good Morning, Mr. Chair, honorable commissioners, and fellow citizens. Yesterday in Portsmouth, we had one of a series of public meetings regarding Medicaid expansion in Virginia, and the city council of chambers was filled almost to capacity with people interested in the topic. A wide range of speakers came up to talk about what Medicaid expansion would do for the Commonwealth, and in many instances for them personally, but I think summative remarks made by US Representative, Bobby Scott really pinpointed why this is important for us. We have the opportunity to save the Commonwealth a great deal of money and he pointed out that the hundred million dollars a year that we would be saving while the federal government is picking up the full cost of the expansion for the additional folks who qualify could be put into an investment and serve as a trust fund to pay the Commonwealth's share in the years when the federal subsidy percentage changes and the Commonwealth picks up the additional costs. But to me, it is the human face of those who are not covered currently under any form of insurance program that matters the most. We who have insurance, we who have had insurance before the Affordable Care Act, I don't understand how we could deny to our fellow citizens such an essential component of welfare, that is to say, human welfare, and we're looking out for ourselves because disease gets a foothold in those who have the least care, those who have the least resistance to disease, and then spreads to those who are better off.*

*So it is in our enlightened self interest to make this happen, and I want to reach out to my neighbors in Suffolk. You have a very important person, your representative , your delegate Jones, who could be a linchpin in making this happen. I would urge you to encourage your friends and neighbors who live in his district to turn p the heat on him. We need to move this off the dime. We need to get it done. Thank you so much.*

Chairman Wright called for Mr. Ellis James.

***Ellis W. James***

*Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the commission. My name is Ellis W. James , I reside at 2012 Candlelight Place in the city of Norfolk, I'd like to echo some of Mark's remarks. The whole question that is swirling around that issue is extremely important, and I hope that each of the community representatives will take a very close look at what's happening. We're into the warm season, believe it or not and with climate change, probably warmer than we thought. I would like to urge each of the communities on this commission to please close attention to two aspects of the heat. I ask you last year to please pay attention to the seniors, especially and small children, but the seniors, those who are not necessarily having someone at home to monitor their situation. Cooling centers are important . I'm not naïve about the cost, but to have tragic unnecessary deaths is inexcusable in this modern age. I would hope that each of the communities will pay close attention to that. The second thing that's upon us already is the question of water quality and what is going to happen in the next months. For call those of you who don't make a trip across Lesner bridge and don't get to see the wonderful backlog of coal colliers, you may not be fully aware of how much coal and coal dust is passing through and onto the top of our communities. We need in my opinion, a better and closer end to Southside way of monitoring the quality of the air. I know that there is supposed to be an air quality station at Langley. I'm not sure that is, and no disrespect to them over there, it's just that I'm not sure that's giving us an accurate reading for the rest of the communities both on the Southside, as well as around in the counties surrounding our particular location here in Hampton Roads. I hope that you will take those things seriously. We need all the help and we need especially for those small children and seniors who have asthmatic conditions and pulmonary situations they need to be given assistance. They're not to be treated as if they're helpless, but it is important for us to pay closer attention I believe to what it is we're all swallowing and breathing. Thank you Mr. Chairman.*

**APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENGA**

Chairman Wright called a motion to approve the agenda as printed.

Dr. Ella Ward moved to approve the agenda; second by Mayor Haulman.  
The Motion Carried..

Chairman Wright called for the overview of the PDC core programs, presented by Randy Keaton, HRPDC Deputy Executive Director.

Chairman Wright reminded the Commission on the importance of the retreat.

## **Hampton Roads Planning District Work Program**

Mr. Keaton spoke briefly on the PDC work program, prepared each year to be approved by the board. The tasks for approval are as follows:

### A. Economics

- Hampton Roads Data Center
- Regional Benchmarking
- Economic Impact Studies
- Annual Economic Forecast
- Economic Technical Assistance
- Hampton Roads Economic Quarter

### B. Emergency Management

- Ready Hampton Roads
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Hampton Roads Urban Area Working Group
- Health Organizations Emergency Preparedness Seminars
- Information Sharing/Regional WebEOC
- Metropolitan Medical Response System
- Staff Support and Technical Assistance

### C. Housing

- Housing and Human Services – Technical Assistance
- Hampton Roads Loan Fund Partnership Administrative Support
- Development of Regional Housing Service Portal

### D. Public Information Community Affairs

- Public Information and Community Affairs
- askHRgreen.org
- Hampton Roads Watershed Roundtable
- Recycling and Beautification Subcommittee
- Water Awareness Subcommittee
- Stormwater Education Program
- Wastewater Education Program
- Water Quality Advertising
- Hampton Roads H2O – Help to Others
- Native Plants Promotion

#### E. Regional Planning

- Comprehensive Planning Technical Assistance
- Regional Strategic Plan-“Envision Hampton Roads
- Environmental/Conservation Planning
- Recreational Planning
- Regional Solid Waste Management Planning
- GIS Mapping And Management

#### F. Water Resources

- Sea Level Rise Planning and Technical Assistance
- Coastal Resources Management Program
- Drinking Water Program
- Stormwater Management Program
- Water Quality Monitoring Program
- Wastewater Program

Chairman Wright turned the floor over to Dwight for the kickoff of the HRPDC Annual Retreat with instruction and tips for the table discussion. First, each table was asked to identify the top five priorities in which they believe the PDC should be engaged. Secondly, each table was to consider what steps the HRPDC could take to address the identified priorities.

*Breakout Session for discussions.*

After the table discussions, Dwight asked Shernita Bertha, Housing and Human Service administrator, to provide a summary of the discussions.

Ms. Bertha summarized each table’s topics of discussion:

#### Table 1

- Stormwater
- TMDL issues
- Unfunded mandates
- Legislative agenda coordination
- Affordable housing
- Transportation coordination
- Tourism promotion
- Shared services

#### Table 2

- Branding and Economic development, preparation and communication
- Regional lobbying
- Sea level rise
- Housing and economic development
- Unfunded mandates (again)

Table 3

- Infrastructure versus development
- Housing
- Work force, education and training
- Reality check
- Envision Hampton roads
- Coastal resource

Table 4

- Evacuation planning
- Port security
- Economic development planning
- Regional tourism hub
- Regional flood mitigation

Table 5

- Regional competitiveness
- Sea level rise
- Regional forum
- Water quality
- Supplemental services
- Vulnerable population

Table 6

- All the above topics

Ms. Shernita informed the committee that all information that was discussed will be compiled and available for July meeting. Mr. Famer thanked everyone for participating. All the information was helpful.

**Adjournment**

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Kenneth I. Wright  
Chairman

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Dwight L. Farmer  
Executive Director/Secretary

**FISCAL YEAR 2014  
3/31/14  
BALANCE SHEET**

| <b>ASSETS</b>           |                           | <b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>   |                            |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$ 379,967                | Current Liabilities                   | \$ 1,483,540               |
| Accounts Receivables    | 1,347,964                 | Net Assets                            | 5,192,255                  |
| Investments             | 3,640,717                 |                                       |                            |
| Other Current Assets    | 664                       |                                       |                            |
| Net Capital Assets      | <u>1,306,482</u>          |                                       |                            |
| <b>Total Assets</b>     | <b><u>\$6,675,795</u></b> | <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b> | <b><u>\$ 6,675,795</u></b> |

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

| <b>REVENUES</b>                  | <b>Annual<br/>Budget</b>    | <b>Previous<br/>YTD</b>    | <b>Current<br/>Month</b>   | <b>YTD</b>                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Grant and Contract Revenue       | \$ 7,087,983                | \$ 4,875,997               | \$ 252,832                 | \$ 5,128,829               |
| VDHCD State Allocation           | 151,943                     | 113,957                    | -                          | 113,957                    |
| Interest Income                  | 18,000                      | 8,941                      | 90                         | 9,031                      |
| Local Jurisdiction Contributions | 1,339,935                   | 1,339,935                  | -                          | 1,339,935                  |
| Other Local Assessment           | 2,523,267                   | 1,146,998                  | -                          | 1,146,998                  |
| Sales and Miscellaneous Revenue  | 190,488                     | 13,399                     | 7,459                      | 20,858                     |
| Special Contracts/Pass thru      | -                           | 504,000                    | -                          | 504,000                    |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>             | <b><u>\$ 11,311,616</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 8,003,227</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 260,381</u></b>   | <b><u>\$ 8,263,608</u></b> |
| <br>                             |                             |                            |                            |                            |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>              |                             |                            |                            |                            |
| Personnel                        | 4,601,510                   | 2,903,687                  | 379,475                    | 3,283,162                  |
| Standard Contracts               | 199,865                     | 127,024                    | 36,043                     | 163,067                    |
| Special Contracts / Pass-Through | 5,764,362                   | 3,474,207                  | 217,010                    | 3,691,216                  |
| Office Services                  | 745,879                     | 289,008                    | 21,383                     | 310,391                    |
| Capital Assets                   | -                           | -                          | -                          | -                          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>            | <b><u>\$ 11,311,616</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 6,793,925</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 653,911</u></b>   | <b><u>\$ 7,447,836</u></b> |
| <br>                             |                             |                            |                            |                            |
| <b>Agency Balance</b>            | <b><u>\$ -</u></b>          | <b><u>\$ 1,209,302</u></b> | <b><u>\$ (393,530)</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 815,772</u></b>   |

**FISCAL YEAR 2014  
4/30/14  
BALANCE SHEET**

| <b>ASSETS</b>           |                            | <b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>   |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$ 557,592                 | Current Liabilities                   | \$ 1,479,894               |
| Accounts Receivables    | 1,358,439                  | Net Assets                            | 5,573,896                  |
| Investments             | 3,840,307                  |                                       |                            |
| Other Current Assets    | 664                        |                                       |                            |
| Net Capital Assets      | <u>1,296,789</u>           |                                       |                            |
| <b>Total Assets</b>     | <u><u>\$ 7,053,790</u></u> | <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b> | <u><u>\$ 7,053,790</u></u> |

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

| <b>REVENUES</b>                  | <b>Annual<br/>Budget</b>    | <b>Previous<br/>YTD</b>    | <b>Current<br/>Month</b> | <b>YTD</b>                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Grant and Contract Revenue       | \$ 7,087,983                | \$ 5,128,829               | \$ 844,010               | \$ 5,972,839               |
| VDHCD State Allocation           | 151,943                     | 113,957                    | 37,986                   | 151,943                    |
| Interest Income                  | 18,000                      | 9,031                      | 830                      | 9,861                      |
| Local Jurisdiction Contributions | 1,339,935                   | 1,339,935                  | 11,108                   | 1,351,043                  |
| Other Local Assessment           | 2,523,267                   | 1,146,998                  | -                        | 1,146,998                  |
| Sales and Miscellaneous Revenue  | 190,488                     | 20,858                     | 625                      | 21,483                     |
| Special Contracts/Pass thru      | -                           | 504,000                    | -                        | 504,000                    |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>             | <u><u>\$ 11,311,616</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 8,263,608</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 894,559</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 9,158,168</u></u> |
| <br>                             |                             |                            |                          |                            |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>              |                             |                            |                          |                            |
| Personnel                        | 4,601,510                   | 3,283,162                  | 374,245                  | 3,657,407                  |
| Standard Contracts               | 199,865                     | 163,067                    | 5,601                    | 168,668                    |
| Special Contracts / Pass-Through | 5,764,362                   | 3,691,216                  | 96,664                   | 3,787,880                  |
| Office Services                  | 745,879                     | 310,391                    | 36,409                   | 346,801                    |
| Capital Assets                   | -                           | -                          | -                        | -                          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>            | <u><u>\$ 11,311,616</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 7,447,836</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 512,919</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 7,960,755</u></u> |
| <br>                             |                             |                            |                          |                            |
| <b>Agency Balance</b>            | <u><u>\$ -</u></u>          | <u><u>\$ 815,772</u></u>   | <u><u>\$ 381,641</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 1,197,413</u></u> |

# Project Notification and Reviews

**Date** 4/28/2014    **CH #** VA140418-1223760

**Title** VADEQ 2015-17 Wetlands Protection: Building Capacity for Wetland Program Protection of High Ecological Value Aquatic Resources in Virginia

**Applicant** Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality

**State/Federal Program** EPA

**Type of Impact** Statewide

**Project Staff** Sara Kidd

## Project Description

Guided by priorities laid out in Virginia's approved state wetlands plan, this project will extend the current online Virginia Wetlands Condition Assessment Tool (WetCAT) through recalibrating wetlands assessment models. Additionally, DEQ will develop new outreach strategies targeting local government and the public.

|                  |              |                |        |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|--------|
| <b>Federal</b>   | \$828,108.00 | <b>Local</b>   | \$0.00 |
| <b>Applicant</b> | \$34,266.00  | <b>Other</b>   | \$0.00 |
| <b>State</b>     | \$241,821.00 | <b>Income</b>  | \$0.00 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     |              | \$1,104,195.00 |        |

**Date** 5/19/2014    **CH #** VA140516-1323710

**Title** Modeling the impact of water quality on SAV and other living resources in the tidal Chesapeake Bay

**Applicant** ODU Research Foundation

**State/Federal Program** Chesapeake Bay Program

**Type of Impact** Chesapeake Bay watershed

**Project Staff** Sara Kidd

## Project Description

The proposed project aims to develop a hydrodynamic/bio-optical/biogeochemical model that will improve upon an existing water quality model to simulate the dynamics of smaller tributaries and shallower water more accurately.

|                  |             |               |        |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|--------|
| <b>Federal</b>   | \$73,333.00 | <b>Local</b>  | \$0.00 |
| <b>Applicant</b> | \$39,234.00 | <b>Other</b>  | \$0.00 |
| <b>State</b>     | \$0.00      | <b>Income</b> | \$0.00 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     |             | \$112,567.00  |        |

**Date** 5/20/2014 **CH #** VA140520-0923760

**Title** 29th Year VA CZM Implementation Application

**Applicant** Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality

**State/Federal Program** NOAA - Coastal Management Program

**Type of Impact** Coastal Zone

**Project Staff** Sara Kidd

**Project Description**

This grant will allow the Commonwealth to continue funding activities of Virginia state agencies and local governments to improve the management and protection of Virginia's coastal resources. It includes funding for technical assistance from planning district commissions to their local government members and for special projects such as sea level rise studies.

|                  |                |                |              |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Federal</b>   | \$2,512,000.00 | <b>Local</b>   | \$0.00       |
| <b>Applicant</b> | \$943,322.00   | <b>Other</b>   | \$428,746.00 |
| <b>State</b>     | \$619,932.00   | <b>Income</b>  | \$0.00       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     |                | \$4,504,000.00 |              |

**Date** 5/27/2014 **CH #** VA140522-1423xxx

**Title** Composting for Community: A program to expand small-scale, community-based composting in the Mid-Atlantic

**Applicant** Institute for Self-Reliance

**State/Federal Program** EPA - RCRA Solid Waste Program

**Type of Impact** Statewide

**Project Staff** Sara Kidd

**Project Description**

ILSR plans to continue its successful food composting outreach efforts in the Mid-Atlantic to address the priority of strengthening the food composting infrastructure to divert food residuals from the waste stream.

|                  |             |               |        |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|--------|
| <b>Federal</b>   | \$18,796.00 | <b>Local</b>  | \$0.00 |
| <b>Applicant</b> | \$0.00      | <b>Other</b>  | \$0.00 |
| <b>State</b>     | \$0.00      | <b>Income</b> | \$0.00 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     |             | \$18,796.00   |        |

**Date** 5/27/2014 **CH #** VA140523-1523750

**Title** Virginia DEQ DERA3 Project

**Applicant** Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality

**State/Federal Program** EPA - National Clean Fuel Assistance Program

**Type of Impact** Statewide

**Project Staff** Sara Kidd

**Project Description**

This project is a continuation of the Clean Diesel Outreach and SmartWay initiative begun in FY2008. In FY2014, the initiative will continue to provide financial incentives and rebates for participants in the Virginia Port Authority "Green Operators" Program, which encourages truck companies and individual owner/operators serving the Port to install verified diesel retrofit devices to reduce emissions.

|                  |             |               |        |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|--------|
| <b>Federal</b>   | \$94,435.00 | <b>Local</b>  | \$0.00 |
| <b>Applicant</b> | \$0.00      | <b>Other</b>  | \$0.00 |
| <b>State</b>     | \$0.00      | <b>Income</b> | \$0.00 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     |             | \$94,435.00   |        |

**Date** 6/6/2014 **CH #** VA140530-1423760

**Title** National Air Toxics Trends Station (NATTS) Program

**Applicant** Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality

**State/Federal Program** EPA

**Type of Impact** Statewide

**Project Staff** Sara Kidd

**Project Description**

The NATTS program was established to monitor hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) through 27 sites nationwide (including one in Richmond, VA). This project funding will support the collection of a year's worth of data on ambient air toxics measurements for selected HAPs.

|                  |              |               |        |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| <b>Federal</b>   | \$180,000.00 | <b>Local</b>  | \$0.00 |
| <b>Applicant</b> | \$0.00       | <b>Other</b>  | \$0.00 |
| <b>State</b>     | \$0.00       | <b>Income</b> | \$0.00 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     |              | \$180,000.00  |        |

**Date** 6/6/2014      **CH #** VA140530-1523760

**Title** FY2014-17 Chesapeake Bay Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant

**Applicant** Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality

**State/Federal Program** EPA - Chesapeake Bay Program

**Type of Impact** Chesapeake Bay watershed

**Project Staff** Sara Kidd

**Project Description**

These funds will be used to accomplish objectives of the Virginia Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase I and Phase II Watershed Implementation Plans, and Virginia's Milestones, with an emphasis on nonpoint source pollution reduction programs. As Virginia's lead agency for nonpoint source pollution (NPS), the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is responsible for the implementation of this grant.

|                             |                |               |        |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| <b>Federal</b>              | \$3,437,621.00 | <b>Local</b>  | \$0.00 |
| <b>Applicant</b>            | \$0.00         | <b>Other</b>  | \$0.00 |
| <b>State</b>                | \$3,437,621.00 | <b>Income</b> | \$0.00 |
| <b>TOTAL</b> \$6,875,242.00 |                |               |        |

**Date** 6/6/2014      **CH #** VA140522-1423760

**Title** FY 2014 VADEQ Technical Review and Services for Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) Activities at Active DoD Facilities and Environmental Restoration at Base Closure Sites

**Applicant** Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality

**State/Federal Program** US Department of Defense

**Type of Impact** Statewide

**Project Staff** Sara Kidd

**Project Description**

These funds will support the continuation of the Defense States Memorandum of Agreement Program (DSMOA).

|                             |                |               |        |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| <b>Federal</b>              | \$2,522,122.00 | <b>Local</b>  | \$0.00 |
| <b>Applicant</b>            | \$0.00         | <b>Other</b>  | \$0.00 |
| <b>State</b>                | \$0.00         | <b>Income</b> | \$0.00 |
| <b>TOTAL</b> \$2,522,122.00 |                |               |        |

# Environmental Impact Reviews

**Received** 4/8/2014

**Number** 14-054S

**Name** Construct a Consolidated Scientific Research Facility

**Sponsor** Virginia Institute of Marine Science

## **Description**

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) of the College of William and Mary submitted an environmental impact report for the construction of a Consolidated Scientific Research Facility on the VIMS campus in Gloucester County. The project site is approximately 3.2 acres bounded by Great Road to the west and the York River to the east. The project involves the construction of a 32,000-square foot, multi-level building, parking and utilities as well as the relocation of existing utilities within the construction area, as needed. Several existing facilities, including the existing parking lot, Page House, Clayton House, Pollock House, and mobile modular buildings, may be demolished or removed to accommodate the new construction.

**Affected Localities** Gloucester

## **Finding**

Based on this review, the proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies. We recommend that VIMS coordinate with Gloucester County to ensure that the project complies with local historic preservation policies and environmental ordinances, including Gloucester County's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance.

**Comments Sent** 5/5/2014

**Final State Comments Received** 5/30/2014

**Received** 4/16/2014

**Number** 14-059F

**Name** USO Patriotic Festival and Oceanfront Air Show

**Sponsor** DHS/U.S. Coast Guard

**Description**

The Coast Guard intends to establish a safety zone in support of the USO Patriotic Festival and Oceanfront Air Show. The purpose of the zone is to protect mariners and the public from hazards associated with the air show. Access to the area will be restricted during the hours of 12:00 noon to 3:30 PM from May 30 through June 1, 2014. Coordinates of the restricted area are:

36 degrees, 49 minutes, 50 seconds North/75 degrees, 58 minutes, 33 seconds West;  
36-51-46 N/075-58-33 W;  
36-51-52 N/075-57-57 W;  
36-49-56 N/075-57-26 W.

The event sponsor intends to place buoys to mark the race course for a limited duration. The buoys will not display prescribed characteristics for other marker systems. The Coast Guard will establish a safety zone in the table to 33 CFR, section 165.506(c). The Coast Guard states that the proposed activity is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of Virginia's Coastal Zone Management Program.

**Affected Localities** Virginia Beach

**Finding**

The proposed project is consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

**Comments Sent** 5/13/2014

**Final State Comments Received**

**Received** 4/17/2014

**Number** 14-060F

**Name** Broad Creek V, Norfolk

**Sponsor** U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

**Description**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) submitted a federal consistency determination (FCD) for the construction of apartments on Joe Austin Drive and Godfrey Avenue in the City of Norfolk. HUD is providing a grant to The Community Builders, which will construct the project. The project includes the construction of 50 rental units consisting of two-story duplexes and townhouses. The project sites, totaling approximately 2.96 acres, appear to be void of significant vegetation and are covered in grasses. The FCD states that the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP).

**Affected Localities** Norfolk

**Finding**

Based on this review, the proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies. However, page 3 of the consistency determination refers to a combined sewer system in both the section on Point Source Pollution Control and the section on Shoreline Sanitation. Norfolk has separate sewer systems for stormwater and wastewater. Stormwater should be treated through onsite best management practices. HRPDC staff suggests that the applicant contact the City of Norfolk to ensure that all relevant local ordinances and policies related to stormwater management are addressed.

**Comments Sent** 5/23/2014

**Final State Comments Received**

**Received** 4/18/2014

**Number** 14-062F

**Name** Defense Logistics Agency Fuel Pier Replacement Project, Joint Base Langley-Eustis-Langley

**Sponsor** DOD/Army/Army Corps of Engineers

### **Description**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers submitted an environmental assessment (EA), including a federal consistency determination (FCD) as the agent for Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton. The EA describes the proposed action to replace the existing Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) fuel pier at the base along the Southwest Branch of the Back River. The project includes construction of the new fuel pier and service station, demolition of the existing fuel pier and service station, and new work dredging for the proposed fuel pier's turning basin and berthing area. Dredged material will be placed a Norfolk Ocean Disposal Site for ocean disposal. The new pier, constructed approximately 175 feet south of the existing fuel pier, will be a concrete pile supported pier structure with a concrete deck. The pier will be 57 feet long by 50 feet wide and will include one 10-inch diameter carbon steel fuel pipe with one optional 10-inch diameter carbon steel fuel pipe. The project will also include two new fuel loading arms with spill containment. Demolition of the existing pier would take place upon completion of the new pier. Construction of a 20 foot wide boat ramp adjacent to the pier (south) will also be included in the project. The project footprint is approximately 10.87 acres and the dredging area is approximately 6.06 acres. The EA states that wetlands will not be affected. The FCD states that the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP).

**Affected Localities** Hampton

### **Finding**

Based on this review, the proposal appears to be consistent with local and regional plans and policies. However, Hampton City staff has indicated that tidal wetlands may be present on the site (the provided documentation states that none are present). HRPDC staff suggests that the applicant coordinate with city staff to address this issue and any other applicable local ordinance or permit requirements.

In addition, the Draft Environmental Assessment notes that the new pier "will be constructed at a height of 11 feet above mean lower low water (MLLW) to avoid submergence and related equipment damage during extreme storm events." This standard appears to have been determined based on past extreme high water levels. Given that the current pier has been in place for more than sixty years, HRPDC staff suggests that the new pier's design should take projected sea level rise into account when determining the appropriate design height. By 2075, sea level is projected to rise between 1.8 feet and 4.7 feet at the Sewell's Point Tide Gauge, based on the global sea level rise scenarios developed for the 2014 National Climate Assessment and local land movement trends.

**Comments Sent** 5/23/2014

**Final State Comments Received** 6/5/2014

**Received** 4/24/2014

**Number** 14-063F

**Name** Marine Operations Center, Atlantic: Approach and Berthing Dredging Project

**Sponsor** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/NOAA

**Description**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is seeking an individual permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to dredge the approach and berthing area for its Marine Operations Center – Atlantic (NOAA MOC-A) in order to provide necessary depth for nine NOAA ships that draft 21 feet and/or have valuable scientific instruments mounted to the hulls. The proposed depth would be 25 feet below mean low water, plus an allowable 2-foot overdepth. The NOAA MOC-A is situated along the Elizabeth River in Norfolk. Approximately 85,000 cubic yards of material would be dredged hydraulically and pumped into the Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area or mechanically dredged, placed in scows, barged to Craney Island, and dumped into the Rehandling Basin. The estimated top of the dredged cut is about 8.40 acres; the bottom (design improvement) is about 6.7 acres. About 5,000 cubic yards of material is maintenance material, to reach previously permitted depths of about 20 feet; the rest is new dredging work. NOAA has requested approximately 15,000 cubic yards of maintenance dredging for the next ten years.

**Affected Localities** Norfolk

**Finding**

The proposed project is consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

**Comments Sent** 5/23/2014

**Final State Comments Received**

**Received** 4/25/2014

**Number** 14-065F

**Name** Port Messick Breakwater Project

**Sponsor** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Description**

Port Messick Marina submitted a federal consistency certification (FCC) for the construction of a breakwater project since the project qualifies for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers individual permit. The marina, located in the City of Poquoson, proposes to construct the project in the Back River. The project will consist of two 160-foot long sections of vinyl panel breakwater, which will be supported by spaced salt-treated piles. The breakwater will be designed to deter waves that enter Front Cove from the southeast to protect the city's public marina. The breakwaters will be located 250-foot channelward of mean low water and across the cove from the marina. A gap between the sections will provide a channel for the ebb tide waters. The panels will end 12 inches above the river bottom so sand may migrate to and from the submerged aquatic vegetation. The FCC states that the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP).

**Affected Localities** Poquoson

**Finding**

The proposed project is consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

**Comments Sent** 5/28/2014

**Final State Comments Received**

**Received** 4/28/2014

**Number** 14-066F

**Name** Columbia Gas Pipeline Abandonment (VM-132 Abandon)

**Sponsor** DOE/Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**Description**

The Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia Gas or applicant) proposes to abandon Line VM-132 which is owned and operated by Columbia Gas, but located on property owned by DCP Midstream Partners, LP (DCP) at 2901 South Military Highway in the City of Chesapeake. DCP has requested that Columbia Gas permanently abandon the pipeline for safety reasons and to facilitate construction related to proposed facility expansion plans. DCP will assume ownership and responsibility for the abandoned pipeline within the limits of its property. The pipeline abandonment activities will be conducted within four workspaces which are approximately ten feet by ten feet in size. The natural gas pipeline will be abandoned in place by evacuating all remaining product, cutting the ends of the pipeline, filling the pipeline with concrete and then sealing the pipeline. The disturbed areas will be restored to pre-construction conditions. Columbia Gas will comply with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) guidelines for the pipeline abandonment. The NMFS has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed action consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

**Affected Localities** Chesapeake

**Finding**

The proposed project is consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

**Comments Sent** 5/27/2014

**Final State Comments Received**

**Received** 5/1/2014

**Number** 14-068S

**Name** Replace Brown Hall

**Sponsor** Norfolk State University

**Description**

Norfolk State University submitted an environmental impact report for the construction of Brown Hall on its campus in the City of Norfolk. The proposed project site consists of the existing Brown Hall and an asphalt parking lot both of which will be demolished. The proposed facility will be three stories tall with a footprint of approximately 154,000 square feet. It will contain space for classrooms, meeting rooms, student lounges and study areas, a television studio and theater.

**Affected Localities** Norfolk

**Finding**

The proposed project is consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

**Comments Sent** 5/23/2014

**Final State Comments Received**

**Received** 5/8/2014

**Number** 14-077F

**Name** Skiffes Creek Federal Navigation Channel, Maintenance Dredging

**Sponsor** DOD/Army/Army Corps of Engineers

**Description**

The Army Corps of Engineers, as agent for the 7th Transportation Brigade at the U.S. Army Transportation Center at Joint Base Langley-Eustis at Fort Eustis (JBLE-Fort Eustis), has submitted a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (Draft SEA) and federal consistency determination (FCD) for a maintenance dredging project at Skiffes Creek and transporting dredged material for the purpose of ocean placement at the Norfolk Ocean Disposal Site (NODS). This Draft SEA/FCD supplements an EA/FCD prepared in 2003 which covered a project of restoring navigation to Skiffes Creek. Another EA was prepared in 2012 to take account of several changes. These included: Listing of the Atlantic sturgeon as a federal endangered species; De-listing of the bald eagle as an endangered species (the bald eagle is now afforded special protection under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, and a newly active nest is found near the project area); Major efforts by Fort Eustis, to control the common reed (*Phragmites Australia*), including efforts in part of the project area; Alignment of Fort Eustis with the Air Force and the need to follow Air Force policies; and The fact that the Fort Eustis Dredged Material Management Area is nearing the end of its useful life. The proposed action, addressed in the new Draft SEA/FCD involves maintenance dredging of the Skiffes Creek navigation channel and the transport of dredged material for ocean placement at the Norfolk Ocean Disposal Site. Dredged material not suitable for ocean placement will continue to be placed in the Fort Eustis Dredged Material Management Area (FEDMMA). Once that area reaches its limit, dredged material will be placed in appropriate upland placement sites. The Draft SEA also contemplates application of herbicides in the FEDMMA by certified applicators following label instructions. Alternatives considered include the following: No action, which would not accomplish the desired results; Use of the Craney island Dredged Material Management Area (CIDMMA), which would not be viable, because Skiffes Creek is outside the Congressionally mandated service area for the CIDMMA; Overboard placement areas in the James River, which are considered not viable because of area limitations imposed by the Marine Resources Commission and the presence and density of shellfish resources; and Beneficial uses of dredged material in near-shore areas surrounding the Skiffes Creek Channel, which may conflict with other permitted uses and, in any case, are subject to natural constraints because of the fine-grained material.

**Affected Localities** Newport News

**Finding**

The proposed project is consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

**Comments Sent** 5/28/2014

**Final State Comments Received** 5/29/2014

**Received** 5/21/2014

**Number** 14-079S

**Name** New Dining Hall

**Sponsor** Old Dominion University

**Description**

Old Dominion University (ODU) submitted an environmental impact report to construct a new dining hall on its campus in the City of Norfolk. The proposed project site is an existing parking lot. The proposed dining facility will be approximately 39,000 square feet and will be located facing 49th Street.

**Affected Localities** Norfolk

**Finding**

**Comments Sent**

**Final State Comments Received**

**Received** 5/22/2014

**Number** 14-082F

**Name** Fort Norfolk Shoreline Stabilization Project

**Sponsor** DOD/Dept. of the Army/Army Corps of Engineers

**Description**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has submitted an Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed shoreline stabilization activities on the Elizabeth River at Fort Norfolk in the City of Norfolk. The proposed project is located on the southeastern corner of the Fort Norfolk property, in a U-shaped inlet used for occasional docking of Corps and other vessels. The proposed project (preferred alternative) includes two primary components. The first component includes replacement of an existing failing bulkhead with a new bulkhead along the shoreline at the southeast corner of the property. The second component involves the stabilization of the adjacent shoreline, immediately east of the bulkhead. The proposed bulkhead portion of the project on the north shoreline will extend between 4-7 feet channelward of the existing structure. The total length of the existing bulkhead is approximately 126 feet long. On the east shoreline of the project, the shoreline stabilization structure will serve to stabilize the shoreline and promote habitat for oyster development. The structure will also benefit other aquatic organisms by serving as a living shoreline. Riprap will provide some refuge from predators, a substrate for the oysters to adhere to, and add complexity to the substrate in the inlet. In addition, the EA includes a Federal Consistency Determination submitted under the Coastal Zone Management Act that finds the proposed action consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

**Affected Localities** Norfolk

**Finding**

**Comments Sent**

**Final State Comments Received**