

## **AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **ITEM #7: 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 #8: 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 #9: APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the HRPDC Executive Committee meeting of June 20, 2013 are attached.

Attachment 9-A

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The HRPDC staff recommends approval of the minutes.

#### **B. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for May 2013 are attached. This statement reflects the financial status of the HRPDC as a whole.

Attachment 9-B

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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

#### **C. REGIONAL REVIEWS – 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 as of June 4, 2013 on these projects.

Attachment 9-C

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

None required.

**D. REGIONAL REVIEWS – 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 4, 2013 on these projects.

Attachment 9-D

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

None required.

**Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes of June 20, 2013**

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Thomas Shepperd, Chairman (YK)	Selena Cuffee-Glenn (SU)*
Kenneth Wright, Vice Chairman (PO)	Sharon Scott (NN)
Randy Martin (FR)	Marcus Jones (NO)
Christopher Stuart (HA)	John Seward (SY)
Dee Dee Darden (IW)	James Spore (VB)
Mary Jones (JC)	Clyde Haulman (WM)

**Executive Director:**

Dwight L. Farmer

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (ABSENT)**

Dr. Ella P. Ward (CH)	Michael W. Johnson (SH)
Brenda Garton (GL)	Tyrone Franklin (SY)
McKinley Price (NN)	Louis R. Jones (VB)
Paul D. Fraim (NO)	Jackson C. Tuttle, II (WM)
J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)	James O. McReynolds, Treasurer (YK)

**OTHER COMMISSIONERS:**

James Baker (CH)	Will J. Moffett(HA)
Amar Dwarkanath (CH)	Douglas Caskey (IW)
Debbie Ritter (CH)	Cynthia Rohlf (NN)
Barry Cheatham (FR)	John L. Rowe (PO)
Carter Borden (GL)*	Robert Dyer (VB)

\*Late arrival or early departure.

**OTHERS RECORDED ATTENDING:**

Brian DeProfio (HA); Allen Murphy (JC); Jeff Raliski, Ron Williams (NO); Michael King, Steve Klute, Ross McFarland, Jerri Wilson, (NN); Sherri Neil (PO); Sherry Hunt, Eric Nielsen (SU); Sheila Knoll (YK); Cathy Aiello, Aiello Enterprises Inc.; Margaret Cahoon, Cahoon & Cross; Steve Romine, LeClair Ryan; Dennis Heuer, RK&K; Rich Butala, Patsy Napier, McCormick Taylor; Hugh Bassette, Old Hampton Community Org Ellis James, Sierra Club Observer; Peter Huber, Willcox & Savage; Staff: Randy Keaton, Camelia Ravanbakht, Shernita Bethea, Melton Boyer, Rick Case, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Julia Hillegass, Jim Hummer, Whitney Katchmark, Sara Kidd , Mike Long, Jai McBride, Kelli Peterson, Jennifer Tribo, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur.

## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

Chairman Thomas Shepperd recognized Mr. Neil Morgan for his dedication to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

## **APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA**

Chairman Shepperd asked if there were any modifications or additions/deletions to the agenda.

Commissioner Barry Cheatham Moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Robert Dyer. The Motion Carried.

## **WORKSHOP AGENDA**

### **COASTAL ZONE PROGRAM – COASTAL RESILIENCY FINAL REPORT**

Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC Regional Planner briefed the Commission on the Final Report of *Coastal Resiliency and Adapting to Climate Change in Hampton Roads*. The report included research from previous grant funded projects which studied the impact and potential responses to climate change in sea level rise in the region.

The three goals of the report included:

- Incorporating sea level rise into local plans
- Providing recommendations to change planning practices for sea level rise
- Continuing public outreach and coordination

The Report is comprised of the following six sections:

- Sea level rise science update and projections
- Adaptive management and sea level rise
- Incorporating sea level rise into local planning
- Sea level rise mapping
- Public education/outreach and coordination
- Findings and conclusions

Two significant changes of the science of sea level rise documented in this report are the observation of accelerating sea level rise, with the Mid-Atlantic being a particularly active location, and the release of the most recent global sea level rise scenarios of 0.2 and 2.0 meters by 2100.

The Commission was shown a graph illustrating the low, intermediate-low, intermediate – high and high sea level rise global projections.

Mr. McFarlane explained the local projections for sea level rise at Sewell's point are between 1.6 and 7.5 feet by the end of the century.

Several techniques can be incorporated to assist local governments in planning for sea level rise. These include:

- Scenario planning
- Adaptive Management
- Build-out analysis
- Mapping
- Vulnerability analysis
- Safe growth audits

*Commissioner Selena Cuffee-Glenn arrives*

The report features updated sea level rise inundation maps which incorporated LIDAR data as compared to the low accuracy data previously used, and directly corresponds to the newest sea level rise predictions.

Mr. McFarlane provided an example of the map quality and informed the Commission the GIS data used to create these maps has been provided to local government staff for review and use. Additional LIDAR data is expected to be available by the end of the year.

Chairman Shepperd questioned the difference between some of the projections having a linear appearance and others exponential.

Mr. McFarlane explained the historic rate used is linear but global warming is causing the rate of sea level rise to increase faster than expected.

Chairman Shepperd asked the cause of global warming.

Mr. McFarlane answered the causes are not known exactly but the Climate Assessment Reports indicate the reason is mainly man made.

Mr. Dwight Farmer confirmed the particular visual Chairman Shepperd was referencing was for Sewells Point specifically, and Mr. McFarlane's presentation was about sea level rise, which is only a component of climate change.

Chairman Shepperd inquired about the HRPDC providing the State information to assist in finding a solution and noted some insurance companies have stopped writing policies for coastal areas.

Mr. McFarlane stated the HRPDC staff recently attended a Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) and Virginia Municipal League (VML) meeting to address the insurance issue previously mentioned and referenced a partnership with Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) and Old Dominion University (ODU) on implementing recommendations from a recurrent flood study.

Mr. Farmer reiterated the superb quality of the LIDAR data and the ability of using the upgraded maps to further understand the risks and plan more efficiently in the future.

Chairman Shepperd voiced his concern about the time between briefings on certain topics and any action being taken.

## **2013 HURRICANE FORECAST**

Mr. Curtis Brown, HRPDC Regional Emergency Management Administrator, briefed the Commission on the 2013 predictions from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). An active or extremely active season is forecasted with 13 to 20 named storms, 7 to 11 hurricanes with three to six of those being Category 3 and above.

The Commission was shown a series of graphs comparing the discrepancies of the predictions to the actual season and the actual number of storms affecting the east coast.

Ready Hampton Roads (RHR) was formed through the local governments' emergency managers to create a comprehensive website for preparedness information. The HRPDC received \$10,000 through the State Homeland Security Grant which will enable staff to implement the long term strategy which includes:

- Provide year-round preparedness information
- Aggregate event information in one location
- Drive traffic from social media & outreach events to RHR site
- Incorporate social media in cooperative monthly campaigns to build audience and increase traffic
- Develop interactive media rich site
- Develop more accessible information for non-english speakers, deaf/hard of hearing, and low/no vision

Mr. Brown informed the Commission that August is typically the most active time for the region and will arrange a briefing from the regional catastrophic planning team in the near future.

## **askHRgreen.org SURVEY RESULTS**

Margaret Cahoon, partner of Cahoon and Cross stated the most recent survey conducted was the second of three to assist in the implementation of the askHRgreen.org campaign. The first survey results were used as a benchmark to gauge the effectiveness of the askHRgreen.org campaign.

Overall improvement has been seen in target audiences of single females with an income below \$75, 000 and who were aware of the askHRgreen.org campaign.

Although recycling increased to 85% in 2012, individuals are only recycling 60-80% of the time. Common barriers included not knowing what materials qualified and the bins filling too quickly.

In the stormwater sector, fertilizing is still common. The number of people who have the ability to test their soil is 65% and 96% fertilize one to four times a year and 23% more than three times. Respondents did not understand the negative effects of fertilizer on water quality.

Ms. Cahoon stated there was a decrease of 12% of individuals disposing of grease down the drain entirely and people who continue to do it, are less frequent about it. Additionally, minimizing the use of garbage disposals was documented. Individuals who regularly drink tap water increased to 81.8% and an additional 13.7% increase in people who think tap water is a good value. Another significant behavior noted was a 50% increase in respondents drinking tap water and the main reasons people did not drink tap water was taste and health/safety concerns.

The following steps for FY 14 were outlined:

- Use research to guide outreach efforts
- Make the connection between behavior and the effect on the individual
- Adjust target audience selections where necessary
- Continue to build awareness of askHRgreen.org and positive environmental behaviors
- Drive more visitors to the website

Ms. Cahoon noted the askHRgreen.org campaign is successful in beginning change, assists the localities in educating the public, and helps efficiently meet State requirements.

### **CHESAPEAKE BAY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer, informed the Commission the Chesapeake Bay Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) is comprised of members from multiple states, and includes three local representatives. The main purpose of this Committee is to act as a liaison between the localities and the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council and assist in creating proactive and reactive policies which are easy to implement. Membership of the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council includes:

- Governors of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia
- Mayor of the District of Columbia
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator
- Chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Commission

A letter was written to Governor Robert McDonnell voicing the LGAC concerns of lack of communication between the State, localities and the Chesapeake Bay Program, and transition of the Stormwater Program from Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The letter also included possible solutions to these problems.

Ms. Katchmark noted the response letter by the Secretary of Natural Resources did not address any specific points in the original letter. Specific examples the HRPDC desired clarification on included:

- Transparency between the State and the localities.
- Improved process for submitting data
- Better organization and easily available DEQ staff contacts

#### *Commissioner Carter Borden arrives*

The HRPDC staff was scheduled to meet with Russ Baxter, Chesapeake Bay Coordinator, to discuss specific issues important to the member localities and HRPDC staff on June 21, 2013.

Chairman Shepperd reiterated his frustration with the lack of responses contained in the letter and acknowledged the hard work of the HRPDC staff throughout the entire process.

Ms. Debbie Ritter reminded the Commission the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is a federal mandate, and the localities prepare specific implementation plans based on the information given by the State. She stated any comments from the Commission were appreciated to assist the LGAC in fulfilling its purpose in the most effective way possible. Additionally, Ms. Ritter voiced concern for the residents of the region because of the consequences of the TMDL legislation.

### **HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN**

Ms. Jai McBride, HRPDC Principal Regional Planner, recapped the Regional Strategic Plan was a product of the retreat. According to Virginia State Code, Planning District Commissions are required to create such a plan. The initial procedure was to create a scoring, rating and ranking system to pre-score regional initiatives.

Following the February Retreat, Urban Land Institute (ULI) hosted the Reality Check meeting at ODU and Robert Growe, President and CEO of Envision Utah spoke about the successful community-based plan and approach demonstrated in the Greater Wasatch Area of Utah. By first defining community values, he stated a vast majority of elected officials and stakeholders were able to build a consensus.

Other regions with success in creating community based plans include:

- San Diego
- San José
- Orlando
- Baltimore
- Southeastern Louisiana
- Greenville, South Carolina.
- Houston
- Chicago

With new information available to the HRPDC staff, the original process was altered to incorporate a community-based planning process. First, values, or what people want, must be addressed followed by, vision, strategy, plan, funding and finally building.

Ms. McBride noted values are the necessary first step because they are stable, widely shared and create consensus among diverse groups.

The process for identifying the regions' values are:

- Establish a Working Group
- Establish stakeholders, committees and subcommittees
- Create guiding principals
- Engage the community

This segment of the Regional Strategic Plan will last approximately 12 months, with the first stakeholders meeting tentatively scheduled for August 2013.

Chairman Shepperd observed the dramatic shift from the process agreed upon at the retreat.

Mr. Farmer stated Mr. Grow explained that elected officials felt more comfortable supporting the regional strategic plan after a community values survey was performed because of the consensus of the constituents. He also informed the Commission about a teleconference with Mr. Burrell Saunders, Mr. John Peterson, Dr. Quinton Kidd and Mr. Christopher Bonney regarding the pooling of resources and reaching out to stakeholders to develop a statistically valid survey.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Public Comment**

One person requested to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

#### ***Ellis W. James***

*Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, my name is Ellis W. James. I'm a lifelong resident of Norfolk, Virginia. Two items that I want to call to your attention. There has been within the last week, mention of a new study that deals with the impacts and potential connection to bad quality air having an impact on the problem of autism. I hope that the staff here will take note of that, and I hope that also the communities will pay close attention to that. That has very serious implications for our area since we're downwind from so many places. The second thing that I wanted to call to your attention is the reintroduction of offshore drilling. I have a real problem and concern about what is being bantered about back and forth, about what the Navy's position is and whether or not somebody has claimed one thing or another. The fact of the matter is that for any offshore drilling to take place, you're going to have to do a lot of seismic testing and that could have devastating impacts on dolphins and whales, especially the endangered white whale, and it could interfere greatly with Virginia Beach's wonderful tours that come out of Rudee Inlet. I would suggest that also,*

*this is the wrong location, the wrong place for us to consider offshore drilling because should there be an accident, and I would remind you that in the gulf mobile bay was the recipient of a major, major, problem, the danger to the economy of Virginia Beach, the danger to the economy of Virginia, and the damage that could be done to our beaches if there is offshore drilling and then if there is an accident or a spill, would be devastating to the basic underpinning of Virginia Beach and Norfolk's economic base, and I just don't think that's a very good idea. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.*

### **Submitted Public Comments**

Chairman Shepperd indicated there were no submitted public comment.

### **Approval of Consent Items**

Chairman Shepperd asked for approval of the following consent items:

- A. Minutes of April 18, 2013 Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report of April 30, 2013
- C. Regional PNRS Reviews
- D. Regional Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review
- E. FY 2013 HRPDC Budget Amendment
- F. Consultant Services Contracts – Continuing Services Agreements for Water Resources Projects
- G. Consultant Services Contract Task Order – Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reporting System (SSORS)
- H. Consultant Services Contract Task Order – Permit Administration and Review System (PARS)
- I. Consultant Services Contract – Special Legal Consultant on Stormwater Matters
- J. Coastal Zone Program – Coastal Resiliency Final Report
- K. Coastal Zone Management Program – FY 2013 and FY 2014 Grants

Chairman Shepperd stated the April 18, 2013 HRPDC minutes, Workshop Agenda #3, FY 2014 Budget, would be amended from:

*“A reduction in expenditures, included personnel, pass thru and operations were reduced by 47%, 43% and 10% respectively” to “Personnel, pass thru and operations comprise 47%, 43%, and 10% of the total expenditures respectively.”*

Commissioner Kenneth Wright Moved to approve the consent items, seconded by Commissioner Barry Cheatham. The Motion Carried.

### **HRPDC Three Month Tentative Schedule**

Chairman Shepperd outlined the three month agenda schedule and noted the following items of interest were the budget will be re-presented, an additional hurricane briefing and a review of the sewer rates across the region.

Mr. Farmer clarified the budget presentation only includes the employee compensation portion with a table being provided to the Commission comparing the proposed amount of merit increase to the rest of the actions of the localities. Additionally, he clarified the sewer consolidation update will include two major sections, governance and rates.

Chairman Shepperd requested the HRPDC staff perform the supplementary tasks of a recycling analysis and the effect of pesticide use, specifically mosquito, on the honey bee population.

### **Project Status Reports**

Chairman Shepperd highlighted the Project Status Reports section of the agenda.

### **Correspondence of Interest**

Chairman Shepperd stated there were items in the Correspondence of Interest section of the agenda.

### **For Your Information**

Chairman Shepperd noted the For Your Information part of the agenda.

### **Old/New Business**

Commissioner Ritter referenced the State Commission on the Retention of Military Installations meeting held at the HRPDC and stated the Commonwealth is overwhelmingly better represented than previously in relation to the Base Realignment and Closures (BRAC). Secondly, she voiced her concern about North Carolina legislation regarding landfills in Camden County and how it will interfere with a critical Navy mission.

Mr. Farmer explained the HRPDC was the host but this meeting was a Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA) initiative.

Commissioner Ritter noted the information does not always get disseminated to the localities.

Chairman Shepperd asked Ms. Ritter if she would like the HRMFFA Executive Director to brief the Commission.

Commissioner Ritter confirmed the topic at hand strongly affects the entire region.

Commissioner Wright stated he was the Chairman of HRMFFA and it was possible to get the Executive Director, Admiral Craig Quigley to prepare formal remarks.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.  
Chairman

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Dwight L. Farmer  
Executive Director/Secretary

**FISCAL YEAR 2013**  
**5/31/13**  
**BALANCE SHEET**

<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	257,836	Current Liabilities	1,377,204
Accounts Receivables	967,015	Net Assets	3,942,054
Investments	2,688,286		
Other Current Assets	664		
Net Capital Assets	<u>1,405,456</u>		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>5,319,258</u></b>	<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b><u>5,319,258</u></b>

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Grant and Contract Revenue	6,583,611	384,267	5,631,212
VDHCD State Allocation	151,943	-	151,943
Interest Income	18,000	400	9,597
Local Jurisdiction Contributions	1,362,302	-	1,329,438
Other Local Assessment	1,661,727	-	1,358,602
Sales and Miscellaneous Revenue	18,150	1,327	32,112
Special Contracts/Pass thru	3,857,246	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>13,652,979</u></b>	<b><u>385,993</u></b>	<b><u>8,512,904</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Personnel	4,532,387	361,797	4,016,228
Standard Contracts	209,869	5,446	143,938
Special Contracts / Pass-Through	8,006,908	625,181	4,605,816
Office Services	903,815	28,897	425,205
Capital Assets		-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>13,652,979</u></b>	<b><u>1,021,322</u></b>	<b><u>9,191,187</u></b>
<b>Agency Balance</b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>(635,329)</u></b>	<b><u>(678,283)</u></b>



# Environmental Impact Reviews

**Received** 6/10/2013

**Number** 13-115F

**Name** Lake Kennedy - Housing Hampton Roads

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

## **Description**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) proposes to provide federal financial assistance through the HOME Investment Partnership Program to Housing Hampton Roads, for the construction of the proposed Lake Kennedy-Housing Hampton Roads project in the City of Suffolk. HOME provides formula grants to states and localities that communities use, often in partnership with local nonprofit groups, to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people. The proposed project will involve the construction of up to 12 single family homes on an approximately 2-acre parcel located at White Marsh Road and Lake Kennedy Drive. Current surrounding land use is primarily residential and commercial. HUD has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed action consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

**Affected Localities** Suffolk

## **Finding**

**Comments Sent**

**Final State Comments Received**

**Received** 6/11/2013

**Number** 13-114S

**Name** Brock Commons Arts District Plaza

**Sponsor** Old Dominion University

**Description**

Old Dominion University (ODU) submitted an environmental impact report for the proposed Arts District Plaza on its campus in the City of Norfolk. The development will include a plaza, amphitheater, a fountain wall, pedestrian bridge, walkway, park and a canopy structure designed to enhance the view along Monarch Way. The existing site is a terraced lawn area built between two existing storm ponds along 47th Street. In addition, ODU plans to remove half of the Gresham Hall surface parking lot and convert it into green space.

**Affected Localities** Norfolk

**Finding**

**Comments Sent**

**Final State Comments Received**

**Received** 6/14/2013

**Number** 13-117F

**Name** Partial Parallel Taxiway Construction, Franklin Municipal-John Beverly Rose Airport

**Sponsor** USDOT/Federal Aviation Administration

**Description**

The City of Franklin proposes to construct a partial parallel taxiway connecting an existing taxiway with Runway 27 at the Franklin Municipal-John Beverly Rose Airport (FKN) in Isle of Wight County. The airport is located approximately two miles northeast of the City of Franklin and immediately north of State Route 58. The proposed project will occur along the south side of the runway, near the approach end of Runway 27. The proposed activity will result in approximately 5.3 acres of land disturbance for the taxiway construction. Project activities associated with the proposed action include: constructing a 35-foot wide partial parallel taxiway along the south side of Runway 9-27 with two connecting taxiways to the end of Runway 27 which will result in approximately 1.6 acres of new impervious surface; grading the Taxiway Object Free Area (131 feet wide) on both sides of the proposed taxiway; installing three new 131-foot long culverts under the proposed taxiway, aligned with existing drainage ditches to manage stormwater; and establishing a temporary staging area on an abandoned ramp immediately north of and adjacent to the existing terminal area for the storage of taxiway construction equipment. The City has submitted a Short Environmental Assessment (EA) Form for the project that includes a Federal Consistency Certification (FCC). The FCC finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

**Affected Localities** Franklin                      Isle of Wight

**Finding**

**Comments Sent**

**Final State Comments Received**

**Received** 6/18/2013

**Number** 13-119F

**Name** Implementation of NASA Langley Research Center Master Plan

**Sponsor** National Aeronautics & Space Administration

**Description**

The National Aeronautics and Atmospheric Administration (NASA) submitted an environmental assessment (EA), which includes a federal consistency determination (FCD), for the implementation of the Langley Research Center (LaRC) Master Plan, which is the proposed action. The master plan includes a 20-year revitalization strategy that expands and extends the New Town project work that began in 2009. The proposed action includes constructing state-of-the-art facilities, renovating critical infrastructure, vacating and/or demolishing non-essential facilities, and performing other general infrastructure maintenance and improvement activities throughout LaRC. In total, the proposed action includes 22 building construction, building rehabilitation and infrastructure projects, and 31 building and tunnel demolition projects. Infrastructure projects include storm hardening of facilities and utilities to include storm sewer upgrades, perimeter flood barriers, utility tunnel upgrades, electrical substation protection, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system upgrades. According to the FCD, the project would be consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP).

**Affected Localities** Hampton Poquoson

**Finding**

**Comments Sent**

**Final State Comments Received**

**Received** 6/19/2013

**Number** 13-120F

**Name** Safety Zone Establishment for July 4th Stars and Stripes Explosion Event

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

**Description**

The Coast Guard intends to promulgate a regulation to establish a safety zone to support the July 4th Stars and Stripes Explosion, a fireworks event to be held in the Atlantic Ocean offshore of 14th Street in Virginia Beach. The event sponsor is Beach Events/Integrated Management Group, LLC. The safety zone will encompass a 700-foot radius around the position 37-50-35N/075-58-09W, and it will be enforced from 9:15 PM to 10:15 PM on July 4, 2013. The purpose of the safety zone is to protect mariners and spectators from the hazards associated with the fireworks display: accidental discharge, dangerous projectiles, and falling hot embers or other debris. The Coast Guard states that the proposed event will be consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

**Affected Localities** Virginia Beach

**Finding**

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

**Comments Sent** 6/24/2013

**Final State Comments Received** 7/1/2013

**Received** 7/1/2013

**Number** 13-126F

**Name** Oceana Youth Center

**Sponsor** DOD/Department of the Navy

**Description**

The Department of the Navy proposes to construct a youth center at Oceana Naval Air Station. The proposed center project site is located in the central area of Oceana NAS in Virginia Beach and bordered by Hornet Drive to the northwest, D Avenue to the southeast, and the Galley to the northeast. The total project site consists of approximately 5.6 acres of which approximately 3.8 acres have been designated as the area of disturbance. The remainder of the site will remain as open space. The facility design includes an approximately 17,800 square foot (SF) slab on grade structure and approximately 58,000 SF of additional impervious surfaces, including sidewalks, patios, and driveways/parking lots. Parking lots comprised of nine (9) and 47 parking spaces are located north and south of the building, respectively. Heating and cooling for the building is scheduled to be provided by a ground based, electrically powered package unit.

**Affected Localities** Virginia Beach

**Finding**

**Comments Sent**

**Final State Comments Received**