

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #13: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

A. Letter from Mr. Larry Land, CAE Director of Policy Development to Mr. F. Woodrow Harris, City of Emporia City Council Member, August 14, 2013.

Attached is a letter from Mr. Larry Land, CAE Director of Policy Development to Mr. F. Woodrow Harris, City of Emporia City Council Member recognizing the assistance provided by the HRPDC Deputy Executive Director, Randy Keaton and HRPDC Regional Planner Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, and requesting additional data for the VACO Coastal Insurance Study

Attachment 13-A

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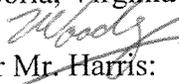
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August 14, 2013

F. Woodrow Harris, Member, City Council
City of Emporia
1105 West End Dr.
Emporia, Virginia 23847


Dear Mr. Harris:

Thank you very much for the support and assistance provided by the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions to VACO's Coastal Insurance Task Force. To date, the assistance provided by Ben McFarland and Randy Keaton from Hampton Roads PDC has been an essential part of helping us identify the type of information that's needed to perform this complex study. They have also helped us better understand how the data can be compiled in a consistent format. Lewis Lawrence of the Middle Peninsula PDC has also provided extremely helpful support.

On August 8, the Task Force Chair, Janine Burns met with VACO's President, Jack Miller and members of VACO's staff to discuss and decide upon a series of actions that must be taken within the next few weeks to help us establish a baseline for understanding the possible long-term impacts on property values in cases where coverage offered by insurance companies for "improved" properties in coastal areas becomes more restrictive.

We decided that in order to obtain this information, the continued cooperation and support of planning districts will be essential.

We are therefore requesting that the PDCs serving "Tidewater" localities (as defined in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act) work cooperatively to provide the following information to VACO's Task Force on a locality-by-locality basis:

Total Value

- For each PDC member county and city of a PDC, the total assessed improvement value of all properties within its boundaries.
- For each PDC member county and city of a PDC, the total assessed improvement value of all properties within 2,500 feet of a major shoreline.
- For each PDC member county and city of a PDC, the total assessed improvement value of all properties within one (1) mile of a major shoreline.

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Total Properties

- For each member county and city of a PDC, the total number of properties within 2,500 feet of a major shoreline.
- For each member county and city of a PDC, the total number of properties within one (1) mile of a major shoreline.

Mapping

We also request assistance from the PDCs with the compilation of GIS-generated maps for all coastal counties and cities depicting properties within 2,500 feet and one mile from major shorelines. The maps need to be produced in a consistent format. We hope to soon receive information from various PDC staff members about the technical specifications required in order to accomplish this task.

At VACo, we hope to receive this information by the end of September. To coordinate efforts between VACo and the PDCs, please let us know what kind of further assistance we can provide.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



Larry Land, CAE
Director of Policy Development

cc: Janine Burns