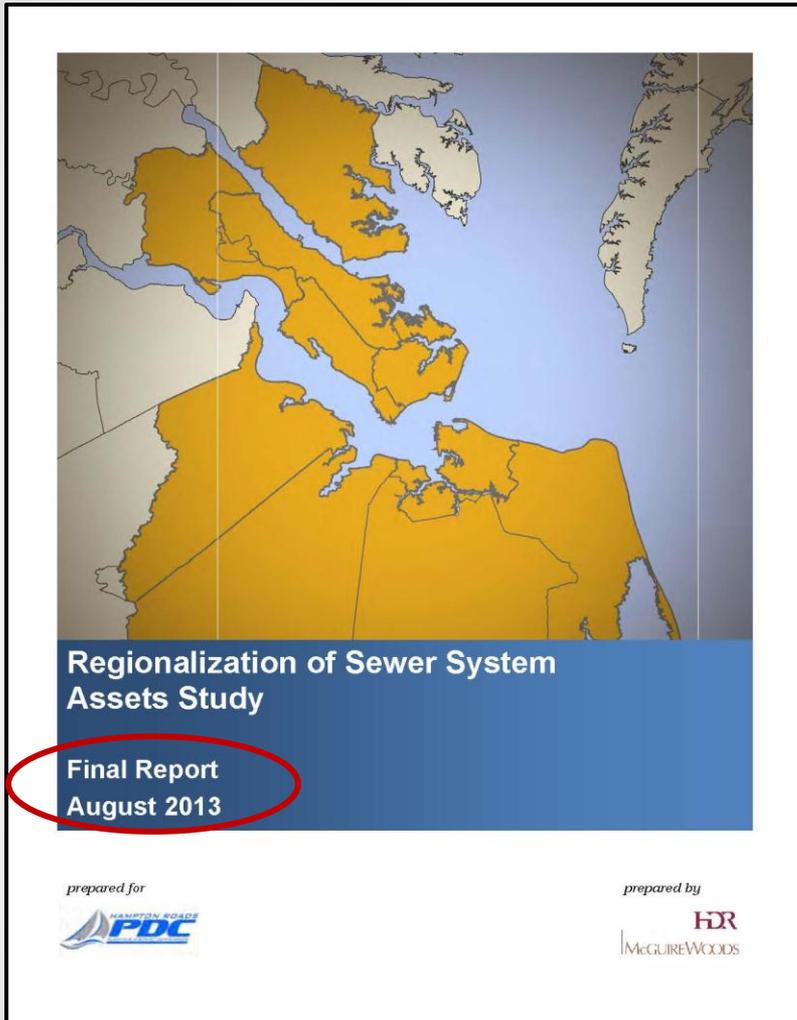


Sewer Consolidation Update

Hampton Roads
Planning District Commission
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❑ Regional study of sewer consolidation has been completed.

❑ HRSD submitted the report to EPA in August.

❑ Final study recommendations are the same as the draft recommendations discussed at the HRPDC meeting in July.

Preview of Conclusions and Recommendations

- **Regionalization = significant cost savings to the region's wastewater rate payers**
 - \$1 billion savings in Consent Order capital improvements
 - \$890 million net present value savings of 30-year expenditures
 - Significant savings to ratepayers in 13 of 14 Localities
 - 14th Locality just on the line of savings/no savings
- **Regionalization offers:**
 - More effective management of risk in program implementation and achieving wet weather flow reductions
 - More effective management of Consent Order negotiations and reduced risk of non-compliance
 - Less complex project logistics



Recommendations on Governance – Regionalized Scenario

- **Expand Governing Board to 17 voting members**
 - One member from each locality in HRSD service area
 - Governor appoints from 3 candidates nominated by each locality
 - No current elected local government officials on the board
 - Professional qualifications relevant to the management and operations of a regional utility authority
 - 4-year terms; maximum of two successive terms
- **Add a 17-member *ex-officio* advisory board (non-voting)**
 - Local government employee appointed by each locality
 - Allow an alternate for each *ex-officio* member



Recommendations for Enhanced Local Coordination – Regionalized Scenario

- **New Economic Development Coordinator in HRSD**
 - Point person for working with Locality planning, economic development staffs
- **Expand HRSD Planning and Analysis Staff to handle new connections, service extensions**
 - HRSD should accept new extensions, connections paid for by Localities if capacity is available
- **Two new Government Liaison positions in HRSD**
 - Coordinate policy, communications, public education, emergency response with localities
 - 1 North Shore, 1 South Shore position



Next Steps

“HRSD, in consultation with the Localities, shall determine whether to implement Regionalization and provide notification of such to Plaintiffs (EPA) by February 28, 2014. The notification to Plaintiffs shall specify the individual decision from each Locality and HRSD.”

Modification of Consent Decree

If regionalization is approved,
then assets must be transferred by February 28, 2015.
(six month extension may be granted by EPA)

and Regional Wet Weather Management Plan must be submitted to EPA by October 1, 2016.

If regionalization is not approved,
then Regional Wet Weather Management Plan must be submitted to EPA by October 1, 2015.