

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC ANNUAL COMMISSON MEETING

ITEM #15: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

A. Letter from the Department of Environmental Quality in response to the HRPDC Stormwater Local Assistance Fund Assessment and Recommendations.

Attached is a letter from Ms. Melanie Davenport, DEQ Water Division Director, addressing the HRPDC Staff concerns about the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund.

Attachment 15-A

B. Urban Areas Working Group (UAWG) Support Letter for ODU's Virginia Modeling Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC).

Attached is a letter to Dr. Barry Ezell, ODU Research Associate and Chief Scientist, stating the support for VMASC's proposed research to quantify critical infrastructure resilience.

Attachment 15-B

C. City of Newport News Reappointment Letter

Attached is a reappointment letter for Mayor McKinley Price to serve on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission until June 30, 2016

Attachment 15-C

D. City of Newport News Appointment Letter

Attached is an appointment letter for Councilwoman Sandra N. Cherry to serve on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission until June 30, 2014.

Attachment 15-D

E. Letter of Appreciation for Ms. Sheila Wilson, HRPDC Senior Accounting Manager.

Attached is a letter from Ms. Christine Duncan, Manager from Dixon, Hughes, Goodman, commending Ms. Wilson on her assistance to the auditing team.

Attachment 15-E

F. City of Chesapeake Appointment Letter

Attached is an appointment letter for Council Member Lonnie Craig to serve on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission until July 12, 2016

Attachment 15-F

G. City of Hampton Appointment Letter

Attached is an appointment letter for Mayor George Wallace, City Manager Mary Bunting and Councilwoman Chris Snead to serve on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission until June 30, 2014.

Attachment 15-G

H. Note of Appreciation

Attached is a note from Ms. Ruth Hill, The Healing Place Executive Director, showing her gratitude for the opportunity to present at the September 18, 2014 HRPDC Executive Committee Meeting.

Attachment 15-H



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August 27, 2014

Whitney S. Katchmark, P.E.
Principal Water Resources Engineer
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
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Dear Ms. Katchmark:

Thank you for your recent comments on the draft Stormwater Local Assistance Fund Program Guidelines. The Department has considered your comments but does not believe it is appropriate to revise the Guidelines for this upcoming solicitation. Listed below are our thoughts on your three major comments.

Change the methodology for calculating nutrient reductions. Since this is a statewide solicitation that will include projects outside of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, use of the Runoff Reduction Method Spreadsheet to calculate the load from the lands draining to the proposed BMP will allow one consistent method to evaluate all projects. This approach allows the Department to more easily conduct a fair evaluation for the purpose of scoring all projects under this solicitation, regardless of location.

Track and evaluate the nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment removed by projects. The Department will continue to use Total Phosphorus (TP) for the purpose of determining pollution reduction rankings under this solicitation. As you are aware TP is the representative pollutant for stormwater within the Commonwealth and serves as a surrogate for TSS and Nitrogen. Staff believes that since TSS and TP loads are closely correlated this approach is acceptable for evaluating projects under the solicitation. Given the current level of knowledge regarding pollutant removal rates and environmental impacts of the various pollutants, the staff does not see a straight forward and reasonably accurate approach to score projects when using all three parameters. If HRPDC would like to propose a detailed methodology that incorporates TSS, TP, and Nitrogen for calculating pollution reduction and scoring projects the Department would consider this approach when developing future solicitations.

Whitney S. Katchmark, P.E.

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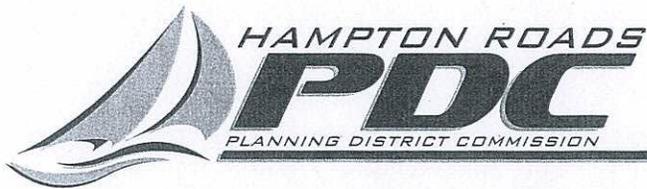
Utilize a portion of the SLAF to encourage innovative projects. I understand the thinking behind your recommendation to allow for funding innovative projects at higher levels of cost per pound reduction. However, the statutory language authorizing the SLAF program does not include any provisions for funding or establishing a special reserve for innovative projects but does state the purpose of the SLAF is to fund stormwater BMPs that address cost efficiency. Given this clear legislative direction, DEQ has the fiduciary responsibility to direct state funding resources to accepted BMPs that are as cost effective as practical.

I sincerely appreciate your thoughts on this program. We'd be glad to discuss any future efforts that you may undertake regarding multi-pollutant scoring.

Sincerely,



Melanie D. Davenport
Director, Water Division



MEMBER JURISDICTIONS

September 12, 2014

CHESAPEAKE

Dr. Barry C. Ezell
Old Dominion University
Virginia Modeling Analysis and Simulation Center
Research Associate Professor and Chief Scientist
1030 University Boulevard
Suffolk, VA 23435

FRANKLIN

GLOUCESTER

RE: UAWG Support for VMASC Proposed Research

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Barry
Dear Dr. ~~Ezell~~:

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I am writing to express the Hampton Roads Urban Area Working Group (HRUAWG) strong support of the University of Virginia's Center for Risk Management of Engineering Systems and Old Dominion University's Virginia Modeling Analysis and Simulation Center proposed research to quantify critical infrastructure resilience. The UAWG oversees the region's Urban Area Security Initiative Program and is responsible for enhancing regional resilience and preparedness in Hampton Roads by developing integrated regional systems for prevention, protection, response, and recovery from terrorism.

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The Hampton Roads region is comprised of seventeen individual jurisdictions and includes seven military bases, seven universities, commercial shipyards, major commercial ports, and a robust tourism industry. Our unique geography and the transportation network dependence on six major water crossings have led to increasing reliance on Advanced Traveler Information Systems and networked Transportation Control Systems. We would be very interested in VMASC's identification of system vulnerabilities and potential mitigation.

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SMITHFIELD

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SUFFOLK

The HRUAWG enthusiastically endorses the VMASC proposal and looks forward to advising, interacting, and receiving the results of this research. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please let us know.

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Sincerely,

John A. Sadler
Regional Emergency Management Administrator

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September 12, 2014

The Honorable McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor, City of Newport News
2400 Washington Avenue
Newport News, Virginia 23607

Dear Mayor Price:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to inform you that City Council, at its meeting on September 9, 2014, reappointed you to serve a two-year term of office on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Your term of office began July 1, 2014, and will expire June 30, 2016.

City Council sincerely appreciates your continued willingness to serve your community in this manner.

Very truly yours,

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

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cc: Mr. Randy Keator, Interim Executive Director, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

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September 12, 2014

The Honorable Sandra N. Cherry, D. Min.
City of Newport News
2400 Washington Avenue
Newport News, Virginia 23607

Dear Councilwoman Cherry:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to inform you that City Council, at its meeting on September 9, 2014, appointed you to serve a two-year term of office on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Your term of office began July 1, 2014, and will expire June 30, 2016.

City Council sincerely appreciates your continued willingness to serve your community in this manner.

Very truly yours,

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

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cc: Mr. Randy Keator, Interim Executive Director, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

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DIXON HUGHES GOODMAN^{LLP}
Certified Public Accountants and Advisors

September 22, 2014

Nancy Collins
Chief Financial Officer
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Nancy,

I wanted to take a moment to recognize Sheila Wilson and commend her for her efforts on this year's audit. Sheila has always been a pleasure to work with, but this year I know she had additional responsibilities added to her plate, and some of those shortly before the audit fieldwork was scheduled. She took those added responsibilities in stride, and worked to make sure we had everything we needed for the audit, and was very prepared. She was extremely helpful during the audit, and gave us workpapers in a highly organized fashion. She even included many of them in a binder for us, including a table of contents. I appreciate the extra time she took to make things easy for us to find. Thanks again to you and your staff with the assistance that was provided to us during our audit.

Sincerely,

Christine E. Duncan, CPA
Manager

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September 26, 2014

Mr. Randy Keaton
Interim Executive Director
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

RE: Appointment

Dear Mr. Keaton:

At the September 23, 2014 City Council meeting, Council Member Lonnie E. Craig was appointed to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission for a term beginning September 24, 2014, 2014 and ending on July 12, 2016.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 382-6151.

Sincerely,



Dolores A. Moore, MMC
City Clerk

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September 24, 2014

Council Member Lonnie E. Craig
3613 South Battlefield Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA 23322

Dear Council Member Craig:

I am pleased to advise you that City Council, at its meeting of September 23, 2014, appointed you to your first term on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Your term begins on September 24, 2014 and expires on July 12, 2016.

Your Certificate of Appointment is enclosed. As required by State law, you must take the Oath of Office prior to taking your voting position on the Board/Commission. Failure to be sworn in prior to taking your seat on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission could result in all actions of the Board/Commission on which you participate as an active member being nullified. The oath is administered by Ms. Faye Mitchell, Clerk of the Circuit Court. Please contact Ms. Mitchell's office at 382-3022 to arrange to take your oath. Again, it is necessary to be sworn in before you take your position on the Board/Commission.

By copy of this letter, the chairperson/liaison will be notified of your appointment and will advise you of the next meeting date. In the near future, you will receive additional information regarding this appointment from the Office of the City Attorney. This information includes the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) recently amended by the Virginia State Legislature. Section 2.2-3702 of the Act requires officials of any public body to read and familiarize themselves with the information contained in the FOIA. Additionally, Section 2.2-3701 of the Act defines a public body as "...any legislative body, any authority, board, bureau, commission, district or agency of the Commonwealth or of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth ...supported wholly or principally by public funds." Carefully review the information contained in the FOIA when your package arrives from the City Attorney's office.

Should you have any questions, please call Mitzie Wright, Deputy City Clerk, 382-6151.

Sincerely,


Dolores A. Moore, MMC
City Clerk

DAM:mbw
Enclosure

cc: Faye Mitchell, Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jan L. Proctor, City Attorney
Nancy G. Parr, Commonwealth's Attorney
Kelly Peterson, Liaison, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Dolores A. Moore, City Clerk, City of Chesapeake,
Virginia, do hereby certify that

Lonnie E. Craig

was appointed by Chesapeake City Council to serve on the

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

for a term to begin September 24, 2014
and expires on July 12, 2016

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause
the Seal of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, to be affixed
hereto this Twenty-fourth day of September, 2014.



Dolores A. Moore, MMC
City Clerk





Office of the City Council

September 30, 2014

Jennifer Coleman
Administrative Assistant
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Dear Jennifer:

On September 10, 2014, the Hampton City Council appointed Mayor George Wallace, Councilwoman Chris Snead and City Manager, Mary Bunting, to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission with Mayor Wallace serving on the Executive Committee to expire on June 30, 2016.

Sincerely,


Joy Mautz
Deputy Clerk

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Attachment 15-G

Mr. Keaton -

Thank you so very much for the opportunity to make a presentation to the HRPDC Executive Committee about the mission of The Healing Place of Hampton Roads - A residential substance abuse program that ends homelessness and establishes self-sufficiency.

The ability to present to such a large group of justice/tidiction officials and influencers will make a significant impact in defense of our program.

Thank you for caring -
Julia Ruth D'Arcy