

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM # 8: SOUTHEAST COAST SALTWATER PADDLING TRAIL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

SUBJECT:

Authorization of a Memorandum of Agreement for the Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2010, HRPDC planning staff has been involved in the development of the Virginia portion of a new interstate blueway known as the Southeast Coast Saltwater Paddling Trail (SECSPT), connecting Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. The process has been facilitated by the National Park Service - Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) in conjunction with a planning partner in each state. The Virginia portion of the trail connects the Lynnhaven River to the North Landing River in Virginia Beach and to Currituck Sound in North Carolina.

The HRPDC authorized the staff to pursue this project in June 2011. Funding from the Kodak Greenways Grant Program was not obtained. Since that time, the four state participants have agreed to share in the cost of website development by the HRPDC.

HRPDC staff has agreed to support the trail effort by developing a website to provide a uniform identity for the new Trail and to make trail maps and other information available to the general public. A geographic information system (GIS) database, as well as maps, will also be developed by staff to centralize Trail access sites and accommodations locations across four states.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was developed in order to specify the responsibilities of the HRPDC and the project partners in each of the four participating states. HRPDC in-kind services totaling \$2,935 along with \$2,500 total contributions from the participating states will provide the necessary funding to complete this project.

HRPDC: \$2,935 (in-kind)
Contributions from states: \$2,500
Total: \$5,435

Period of Performance: May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director to sign the MOA on behalf of the HRPDC.