

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #13: CHESAPEAKE BAY TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL)

SUBJECT:

HRPDC staff has developed a report to address DCR's request for local preferred scenarios that provide a similar level of treatment as the Phase I Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP). The report also summarizes the regional process, resource needs, and other conditions and qualifications discussed by the Regional Steering Committee.

BACKGROUND:

The Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Mr. David Johnson, sent a letter on November 9, 2011 to local governments identifying the state's data needs for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan. The requests included:

1. Develop a current BMP inventory.
2. Evaluate the land use / land cover information.
3. Review the 2017 and 2025 BMP scenarios as identified in the Phase I WIP and develop preferred local scenarios that provide a similar level of treatment.
4. Develop strategies to implement the preferred BMP scenarios.
5. Identify any resource needs to implement the strategies and BMP scenarios.

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission took the following actions at its meeting on December 15, 2011:

- By December 28, 2011 localities will send HRPDC:
 - Corrected baseline BMP and land use data.
 - Level of implementation for each BMP with conditions and qualifications.
- Authorize HRPDC staff to select BMPs to fill the gap between local scenarios and the Phase I WIP level of treatment. BMP scenarios for the James and York basins will be included in the regional report.
- Localities will each submit an individual plan to DCR that focuses on narrative strategies and includes the regional report as an appendix.

The regional report will be distributed to the Commission on January 17, 2012.

Water Resources staff will provide a presentation summarizing the Phase II WIP report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the report for distribution to local governments. Each locality will be responsible for their submittal to DCR; HRPDC is not submitting a report to DCR.