

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #14: COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AND LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROGRAMS

SUBJECT:

The region's localities presently contract on a regular basis with the HRPDC to undertake comprehensive planning and related studies, in addition to grant-funded work in environmental planning.

BACKGROUND:

The HRPDC receives annual funding through the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program to provide a basic level of technical environmental assistance to the region's localities. The HRPDC has been very successful over the years in augmenting this funding through competitive grants to support specialized environmental planning studies, addressing such areas as sea level rise, development of tools for use by localities in managing land use and water quality, environmental education and wetlands management.

Through this program, the HRPDC staff has completed the enclosed report, *Hampton Roads Technical Assistance Program (Regional Coastal Resources Management Program for Hampton Roads) Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Final Report*. The report documents HRPDC activities under this grant program for the period from October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011.

Additionally, over the past twenty years, the region's localities have contracted with the HRPDC to develop comprehensive plans; parks and recreation plans; and to conduct specialized planning studies. These have included ground water studies, watershed plans and the environmental (Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act) elements of comprehensive plans.

This item was included on the Agenda part of the "Consultant of First Resort" discussion for the HRPDC Retreat on February 16, 2012. Because of time constraints, the presentation and discussion were deferred to the March Executive Committee meeting.

Ms. Jai McBride, Principal Regional Planner, will provide an overview of these programs and HRPDC staff capabilities to assist the localities.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approve FY 2010-2011 Coastal Resources Management Program Technical Assistance Report for distribution.
Approve comprehensive planning program for FY 2013.

Separate Enclosure: Hampton Roads Coastal Resources Technical Assistance Program – Fiscal Year 2010-2011