

## **AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **ITEM #9M: NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE (NFWF) GRANT FOR CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (WIP) DEVELOPMENT IN HAMPTON ROADS**

#### **SUBJECT:**

In 2011, HRPDC received a NFWF Grant to assist Hampton Road localities in developing supporting materials for Virginia's Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

To provide support, the HRPDC formed a Regional Steering Committee, which met monthly to achieve three objectives: Divide nutrient loads based on land use and ownership; coordinate with EPA and DCR to expand the types of BMPs that can be credited in the model; and provide regional feedback on what authorities, regulations, and funding localities need from the State.

In addition to the Steering Committee, the HRPDC completed 5 other activities to fulfill the Grant requirements:

1. Encouraged localities to form local government workgroups. Nine of the fourteen localities formed multi department workgroups to identify management actions to best meet targeted nutrient load reductions.
2. Supported local work group meetings. HRPDC provided research and tools to local stormwater staff to help them prepare for their local workgroup meetings.
3. Submitted Regional Plan to DCR. The Regional Plan included information gathered through the Steering Committee on implementation strategies, data gaps, funding needs, and legislative priorities in Hampton Roads. It also included a Regional Scenario that reflected BMPs implemented since January 1, 2006 and the types of BMPs most appropriate for coastal Virginia. Localities submitted the Regional Plan an appendix to their individual Phase II WIP submittals to Virginia.
4. Conducted public outreach on the TMDL and WIP development process. HRPDC created a Chesapeake Bay TMDL factsheet, developed a new TMDL webpage, and provided updates on the WIP development process via an e-newsletter.
5. Created a BMP Decision Support Matrix. HRPDC developed a spreadsheet tool to assist localities in selecting the most appropriate BMPs for their jurisdiction. The matrix includes BMPs approved by the Bay Program as well as alternative BMPs that are expected to be incorporated prior to 2017. The matrix will be updated periodically to reflect Bay Program products. The matrix also includes metrics to represent the physical constraints of each BMP type and ancillary benefits.

At its Quarterly Commission meeting on January 19, 2012, the HRPDC approved the Regional Plan, referenced in #3 above.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the Executive Director to submit the final grant package prior to November 30, 2012.