

September 24, 2020

**Memorandum #2020-114**

**TO: Regional Environmental Committee Members**

**BY: Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer**

**RE: Regional Environmental Committee Meeting – October 1, 2020**

The next meeting of the **HRPDC Regional Environmental Committee** will be held at **10:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, October 1, 2020**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the committee members, staff, and the general public, the Regional Environmental Committee meeting will be held electronically via Webex. Participants can join using the following information:

**Join by computer:** <https://hrpdc-418.my.webex.com/hrpdc-418.my/j.php?MTID=m79b5251a0174bd16c1ca9c8e4cfdeda6>

-or-

**Join by phone:** 415-655-0001

**Meeting Number / Access Code:** 126 075 0386

**Password:** 735Hshipp4b (73547447 from phones and video systems)

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Attachments

**AGENDA  
MEETING OF THE  
HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 1, 2020  
10:00 A.M.**

**1. Summary of the September 3, 2020 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Regional Environmental Committee (REC).**

The summary and attendance sheets of the above meeting are attached.

**Attachments:** 1A\_SeptemberMeetingSummary\_REC\_01Oct2020  
1B\_SeptemberMeetingAttendance\_REC\_01Oct2020

**ACTION:** Accept the Meeting Summary

**2. Public Comments**

**3. Norfolk Zoning Ordinance**

In January 2018 Norfolk significantly revised its zoning ordinance to help improve the city's resilience to coastal flooding and climate change. The update included a number of components, including higher elevation requirements, a resilience quotient, enhanced landscaping requirements, incentives for adaptive re-use and retrofits, and the use of several overlay districts with specific requirements. Mr. George Homewood, Norfolk Planning Director, briefed the Committee on the ordinance update in March 2018 following its adoption by the city council. Mr. Homewood will provide an update to the Committee on observations and lessons learned from the implementation of the ordinance over the last two and a half years.

**ACTION:** None required

**4. Legislative follow-up and new proposals for 2021**

HRPDC staff will review any new developments from the General Assembly's 2020 Special Session. Staff will also discuss revisions to failed proposed 2020 legislation that requested the addition of nitrogen into Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF) criteria.

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOP) contracted with the Green Infrastructure Center (GIC) to review the state codes pertaining to tree preservation, particularly as increasing development threatens urban trees. The GIC convened a stakeholder's group to collect input and developed the attached report to highlight potential tree policy revisions. Staff will present an overview.

**Attachment:** 4\_DOFTreePolicyReport\_REC\_01Oct2020

**ACTION:** None required

**5. askHRgreen.org Environmental Education Program Annual Update**

HRPDC staff will provide an overview of FY20 program highlights and a look ahead at what's in store for askHRgreen.org in FY21.

**ACTION:** None required

**6. Coastal Resilience Updates**

The HRPDC staff will brief the Committee on current regional and state coastal resilience efforts, legislative proposals, and policy developments.

**ACTION:** None required

**7. Other Matters**

**Regional Environmental Committee – Voting:**

**Chesapeake**

Barbara  
Brumbaugh

**James City**

Toni Small  
  
Michael Woolson

**Smithfield**

Tammie Clary

**Williamsburg**

Heather Markle  
  
Aaron Small

**Franklin**

Carlee Smith

**Newport News**

Angela Hopkins  
Allison Watts

**Southampton**

Beth Lewis

**Windsor**

Vacant  
Vacant

**Gloucester**

Mike Hudgins  
Kevin Landry

**Norfolk**

Justin Shafer  
June Whitehurst

**Suffolk**

Erin Rountree

**York**

Anna Drake

**Hampton**

David Imburgia  
Greta Hawkins

**Poquoson**

Dannan O’Connell  
Ellen Roberts

**Surry**

Vacant

**Isle of Wight**

David Kuzma

**Portsmouth**

Meg Pittenger  
Thomas Quattlebaum

**Virginia Beach**

Melanie Coffey  
Diana St. John

**Regional Environmental Committee – Non-Voting:**

**HRSD**

Jamie Mitchell  
Kevin M. Parker  
Jennifer Reitz

**NAVY**

Tara Fisher  
Brian Powell  
Phillip S. Winslow, Jr.

**SWCD**

Stacey Bradshaw  
Tara Outland-Williams  
Jim Wallace

**VDEQ**

Noah Hill  
John Kennedy

**VDOT**

Jennifer Dail  
Andrew B. Scott

**VDOF**

Bryant Bays  
Meghan Mulroy-Goldman

**USGS**

Mark Bennett

**NOAA**

Andrew Larkin

**James City**

Trevor Long

**Virginia Beach**

Shawn Fluharty