

November 27, 2019

Memorandum #2019-179

TO: Regional Environmental Committee Members

BY: Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer

RE: Regional Environmental Committee Meeting – December 5, 2019

The next meeting of the **HRPDC Regional Environmental Committee** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2019** in **HRPDC Board Room A/B, The Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

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
DECEMBER 5, 2019
10:00 A.M.

1. Summary of the November 7, 2019 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Regional Environmental Committee (REC).

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

Attachments: 1A – November REC Meeting Summary
1B – November REC Meeting Attendance

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary

2. Public Comments

3. Featured Practice – Stormwater Utility Rates Based on Traffic Patterns

To implement drainage improvements and construct seawalls, the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida is raising their stormwater utility rates. One of the rate structures they are considering is to charge commercial properties based on the traffic they generate in addition to the degree of imperviousness. The proposal would mean lower stormwater fees for a warehouse than for a supermarket, which would benefit more from stormwater management practices that keep roads from flooding. Ms. Sunderland will present a summary of the proposal.

ACTION: None required

4. Resources for Brownfields Redevelopment

Brownfields redevelopment presents a unique opportunity to return strategically important land back to productive use while improving environmental protection. Virginia DEQ's [Division of Land Protection and Revitalization](#) administers one of the most successful brownfields programs in the country. Vince Maiden, DEQ Brownfields Program Coordinator, will explain why brownfields are viewed as "opportunity sites" in Virginia. Mr. Maiden will discuss what brownfields are, the basics of the DEQ and EPA brownfields programs, how to take advantage of state and federal resources, and share success stories of brownfields redevelopment in Virginia.

ACTION: None required

5. ConserveVirginia – Land Conservation Initiative and Tool

[ConserveVirginia](#) is Governor Ralph Northam’s new land conservation strategy and is based on a data-driven process for identifying Virginia’s highest priority lands for protection. Research and spatial analysis of many conservation values are summarized and mapped in six categories: Agriculture & Forestry, Natural Habitat & Ecosystem Diversity, Floodplains & Flooding Resilience, Cultural & Historic Preservation, Scenic Preservation, and Protected Landscapes Resilience. The ConserveVirginia interactive map is a summary of all six category inputs and can be used as an initial screening to determine if a potential land protection project qualifies as a ConserveVirginia priority. Mr. Joseph Weber, Information Manager at DCR Natural Heritage, will provide an overview of the ConserveVirginia initiative and tools.

ACTION: None required

6. Norfolk Special Service Districts for Flood Mitigation

In June, the Norfolk City Council approved a new ordinance that allows for the creation of special service districts to fund flood mitigation and drainage projects. The new policy allows residents to help pay for projects in their neighborhoods through an increased assessment on real estate. Mr. Gregory Patrick, Norfolk’s Director of Budget and Strategic Planning, will provide background information on the City’s decision and an overview of the new policy.

ACTION: None required

7. Other Matters

Regional Environmental Committee – Voting:

Chesapeake

Barbara Brumbaugh

James City

Toni Small
Michael Woolson

Smithfield

Wayne Griffin
William Saunders

Windsor

Vacant
Vacant

Franklin/Southampton

Donald E. Goodwin
Beth Lewis

Newport News

Vacant
Allison Watts

Suffolk

Erin Rountree

York

Joseph Brogan
Anna Drake

Gloucester

Mike Hudgins
Kevin Landry

Norfolk

Justin Shafer
June Whitehurst

Surry

Vacant
Vacant

Hampton

David Imburgia
Greta Hawkins

Poquoson

Dannan O'Connell
Ellen Roberts

Virginia Beach

Melanie Coffey
Diana St. John

Isle of Wight

Kim Hummel
Melissa Lindgren

Portsmouth

Meg Pittenger
Thomas Quattlebaum

Williamsburg

Heather Markle
Aaron Small

Regional Environmental Committee – Non-Voting:

HRSD

Jamie Mitchell
Kevin M. Parker
Jennifer Reitz
Jaime Mitchell

NAVY

Sarah E. Diebel
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

Molly O'Liddy

USGS

Mark Bennett

NOAA

Andrew Larkin

James City

Trevor Long

Virginia Beach

Shawn Fluharty