

April 25, 2019

Memorandum #2019-72

TO: Regional Environmental Committee Members

BY: Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer

RE: Regional Environmental Committee Meeting - May 2, 2019

The next meeting of the **HRPDC Regional Environmental Committee** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019** in the **Veterans Conference Room, Ruppert Sargent Building, 1 Franklin Street, Hampton**. The agenda and related materials are attached.

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

Attachments

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**AGENDA
MEETING OF THE
HAMPTON ROADS REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MAY 2, 2019
10:00 A.M.**

1. Summary of the April 4, 2019 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Regional Environmental Committee (REC).

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

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

ACTION: Accept the Meeting Summary

2. Public Comments

3. Ohio Creek Watershed Project Update

In January 2016, the Commonwealth of Virginia was awarded \$112 million from the National Disaster Resilience Competition for a series of interventions in the Ohio Creek Watershed in Norfolk. Since then, the city has conducted a series of community meetings and initiated the process for permitting, design, and construction. The Final Environmental Impact Statement was published in January 2019, with the public comment period ending in March. Ms. Christine Morris, Norfolk’s Chief Resilience Officer, will give a presentation to the Committee on the project.

The Final EIS is available online at <https://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/ohio-creek-watershed-environmental>.

ACTION: None required

4. Examining the Flood Risk Reduction Benefits of Urban Forests

Karen Forget, Executive Director of Lynnhaven River NOW, will brief the Committee on a study being conducted by Virginia Tech’s Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation to examine how forests in Virginia Beach may mitigate flooding by capturing, storing, and removing rainwater and runoff. The study was commissioned by the City of Virginia Beach, The Nature Conservancy, Lynnhaven River NOW, and the Virginia Department of Forestry.

ACTION: None required

5. 2018 Virginia Outdoors Plan

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) recently completed the 2018 Virginia Outdoors Plan (VOP) which is the state's comprehensive plan for land conservation, outdoor recreation, and open-space planning. Ms. Robbie Rhur, VOP Project Planner, will brief the committee on the latest update of the plan.

ACTION: None required

6. Update on HRPDC Projects and Activities

HRPDC staff will provide updates on matters previously considered by the Committee and other projects of interest.

7. Other Matters

Regional Environmental Committee – Voting:

Chesapeake

Barbara Brumbaugh
John Harbin

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

David Parks
Erin Rountree

York

Joseph Brogan
Anna Drake

Gloucester

Vacant
Vacant

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
Will Hunley

Navy

Sarah E. Diebel
Tara Fisher
Brian Powell
Phillip S. Winslow, Jr.

USGS

Mark Bennett

VDF

NASA Langley

NOAA

Andrew Larkin

VDCR

Arthur M. Kirkby

VDOT

Jennifer Dail
Andrew B. Scott

JCC

Trevor Long

SWCD

Stacey Bradshaw
Tara Outland-Williams
Jim Wallace

VDEQ

Noah Hill
John Kennedy

VDOF

Molly O’Liddy