MEETING SUMMARY
askHRgreen.org Environmental Education Committees

The askHRgreen.org Environmental Education Committees met virtually in February to discuss the following ongoing programs and initiatives. The Committees also announced the winners of the askHRgreen.org Green Star Teacher Awards on March 1, 2022. Details can be viewed at askHRgreen.org/GreenStarTeachers.

askHRgreen.org Recycling & Beautification Committee – Tuesday, February 8, 2021

➢ The Committee is actively recruiting community partners and volunteers for the Great American Cleanup regional events planned for March 25-26, 2022. A stakeholder meeting was held on January 25, 2022.

➢ A Committee workgroup developed and presented a media plan to support regional collaboration for the Start Smart, Recycle Right education campaign. The plan was approved by the full Committee.

➢ The Committee will translate Start Smart, Recycle Right brochures into Spanish to address outreach to the Hispanic community.

askHRgreen.org Fats, Oils, & Grease Education Committee – Tuesday, February 15, 2021

➢ The Committee continues to work through technical requirements needed to modernize the regional HRFOG training and certification program website.

➢ Localities are working through local adoption of the GCD Enforcement MOA with HRSD. Virginia Beach is the most recent locality to officially adopt the MOA.

askHRgreen.org Stormwater Education Committee – Friday, February 18, 2021

➢ The Committee is finalizing details for spring rain barrel workshops under the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Grant. Resources for fundraiser car wash kits will also be developed.

➢ The Committee launched a new media campaign targeting proper storage and disposal of household hazardous waste to prevent discharges to storm drains and flood waters.

askHRgreen.org Water Awareness Committee – Thursday, February 24, 2021

➢ The Committee launched the “Work for Water” video series. The campaign highlights the benefits of working in the water industry and seeks to assist with recruitment and retention of water utility personnel in local government.

➢ The Committee continues to have regional discussions about collaboration on community outreach and education strategies for the revised Lead & Copper Rule.
MEETING SUMMARY
DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee met via WebEx on February 2, 2022. The following items were discussed:

➢ Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the utility rates datacall. The Committee is adding water consumption data to the next report.

➢ The Committee had a roundtable discussion about utility disconnections, regional Integrated Plan, the Groundwater MOA and future in person meetings.
MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on March 3, 2022. The following items were discussed.

➢ Mr. Benjamin Camras, Chesapeake, gave a presentation to the Committee on the city’s Indian River Planning Area Study and Redevelopment Strategy.

➢ Mr. Kevin Du Bois, Department of Defense, gave a presentation to the Committee on a Chesapeake Bay Program fact sheet describing the multiple benefits of tidal wetlands and living shorelines.

➢ Ms. Katie Cullipher, HRPDC, updated the Committee on several askHRgreen.org programs and initiatives.

➢ Dr. KC Filippino, HRPDC, gave a presentation to the Committee on a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Small Watershed Planning Grant project recently completed by the HRPDC.

➢ The HRPDC staff updated the Committee on the status of relevant legislative proposals for the upcoming General Assembly session.