

## **AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **ITEM #5: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROPOSAL**

#### **SUBJECT:**

The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, has requested applications from regional councils to support green infrastructure planning and promotion.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The HRPDC has a long history of green infrastructure planning and associated educational efforts, including the Southern Watershed Special Area Management Program (SWAMP) and A Green Infrastructure Plan for the Hampton Roads Region, approved by the HRPDC at the April 2010 Quarterly Meeting. During this period, the HRPDC also produced an educational video and brochure on Green Infrastructure. The video has been shown on a number of local government cable access channels and has been used by both HRPDC and state staff in educational activities.

The proposal submitted to NARC builds upon the ongoing HRPDC work in this area, as well as the region's ongoing work in climate change. It provides for the establishment of a new website devoted to green infrastructure planning and projects in Hampton Roads, updating of the educational video, conduct of a workshop on green infrastructure and development of a standard presentation for use by HRPDC and local staff. The Hampton Roads Watershed Roundtable, which is facilitated by the HRPDC staff, will be used to promote/assist/support public involvement and awareness of this program.

NARC expects to award two grants with awards announced on or about July 21, 2010. Award winners will be identified as 2010 Regional Centers of Excellence.

The grant proposal was submitted to NARC on June 30, 2010. If awarded, it will be included in the UPWP and Budget for FY 2011, when they submit the grant proposal to the National Association of Regional Councils amended in November.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

Authorize the Executive Director to accept a grant offer if one is made.