

MEETING SUMMARY
askHRgreen.org Environmental Education Committees

The four askHRgreen.org Environmental Education Committees met virtually in April to discuss the following ongoing programs and initiatives:

askHRgreen.org Recycling & Beautification Committee – Tuesday, April 13, 2021

- The Committee held the Hampton Roads Great American Cleanup on March 26-27, 2021. Over 1,300 volunteers picked up more than 24 tons of litter from 151 locations during the event.
- The Committee discussed plans to launch a regional #NoButtsAboutIt cigarette litter prevention and awareness campaign on April 30. The campaign will include public displays of large-scale model cigarette butts with informational signage and a free cigarette receptacle grant program for businesses.

askHRgreen.org Fats, Oils, & Grease Education Committee – Tuesday, April 20, 2021

- The Committee approved translating the recently updated regional FOG Program training resources for food service establishment employees into Spanish and Chinese to address inclusion and diversity.
- The Committee continues to work on outreach and collaboration with the Virginia Building & Codes Officials Association and Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development.

askHRgreen.org Stormwater Education Committee – Friday, April 16, 2021

- The Committee held the Rain-wise Yards & Landscapes webinar on April 12th in partnership with the City of Norfolk, Elizabeth River Project, Lynnhaven River Now, and Wetlands Watch. Approximately 60 residents registered for the event.
- The Committee finalized plans for the “Every Day We Love the Bay” regional sidewalk messaging campaign in coordination with Clean the Bay Day, May 31 to June 5.
- The Committee has partnered with the askHRgreen.org Recycling & Beautification Committee to launch the new askHRgreen.org Cigarette Waste Receptacle grant program.

askHRgreen.org Water Awareness Committee – Thursday, April 22, 2021

- HRPDC staff will meet with the Help to Others Board to discuss improvements to program administration and assistance.
- The Committee discussed participation in state and national awareness campaigns including Drinking Water Week, Infrastructure Week, and Virginia Drinking Water & Wastewater Professionals Day.

**MEETING SUMMARY
DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

The Directors of Utilities Committee met via WebEx on May 5, 2021. The following items were discussed:

- The Committee discussed updates to the Help 2 Others program.
- The Committee discussed developing a list of priority water and wastewater projects to respond to potential federal infrastructure funding.
- The Committee discussed ideas for regional work related to the Lead and Copper Rule.
- The Committee discussed Mission H2O and new AquaLaw drinking water policy group and how HRPDC's role aligns.
- The Committee participated in a roundtable discussion on service cutoffs and potential changes to marijuana and employee drug testing.

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on May 6, 2021. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Fred Wilkins, Fairfax County, gave a presentation to the Committee on a stormwater management project for which Fairfax County was recently awarded a Best Urban BMP Award by the Chesapeake Stormwater Network.
- Dr. KC Filippino, HRPDC, gave a presentation to the Committee on potential issues of concern and interest related to Virginia's growing solar industry.
- Ms. Katie Cullipher and Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committee on new content and media activity for the "Get Flood Fluent" regional flood insurance outreach campaign.
- Mr. Matt Smith, Hampton Roads Alliance, and Ms. Ashley McLeod, Kitty Hawk Offshore, gave a presentation to the Committee on recent developments in the offshore wind energy industry.
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the recently released Draft 2021 Draft Grant Manual for the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund and led a discussion with the Committee of potential concerns to inform local and regional comments.