WHAT IS THIS PLAN?

- Regional collaboration to protect and manage a system of resources
- Environmental Stewardship and enjoyment of area
- Enhanced tourism and economic development
- Establishment of a non-governmental entity to implement, manage, maintain and promote the Green Sea area

kenricva - Northwest River @ Moyock Creek
HOW COULD THIS PLAN IMPACT THE THREE LOCALITIES?

- Increase awareness of the rivers - the Currituck Sound, North Landing River and the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal
- Increase water access
- Improve water quality in the watersheds
- Increase recreational opportunities
- Promote health and wellness
- Increase tourism opportunities

- Increase economic development opportunities
- Enhance property values
- Enhance educational opportunities for all ages
- Collaborative annual Green Sea area festivals and events
- Establish a nonprofit entity to manage and maintain resources and facilities
- Ensure no long-term capital improvement expenditures to the county and cities
**WHAT ARE BLUEWAYS AND GREENWAYS?**

![Typical Cross-Section of a Blueway and Greenway System](image)

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*Courtesy Lindsey Konchuba*
PLAN ALIGNMENTS

- Southern Watershed Area Management Plan, 2000
- Memorandum of Agreement to Improve Water Use Conflict Education for the North Landing River, 2001
- Virginia Beach Outdoors Plan, 2008
- City of Virginia Beach Comprehensive Plan, 2009
- Virginia Beach Bikeways and Trails Plan, 2011
- Commonwealth of Virginia Outdoors Plan, 2013
- City of Chesapeake 2035 Comprehensive Plan, 2014
- Currituck County/Moyock Small Area Plan, 2014
WHY THE NAME GREEN SEA?

In 1728 Colonel William Byrd II was surveying the boundary between the Virginia and North Carolina colonies, discovered a large area of jungle-like vegetation with green cane which grew up to 15 feet in height, and named the area the “Green Sea”.

[Map of the area]
General Study Area Boundaries:

- Northwest River is the largest watershed in Chesapeake
- Northwest River/Tulls Bay/Currituck Sound of Currituck County is the northeastern most watershed in North Carolina
- North Landing River is the largest watershed in Virginia Beach
- Protected lands in the watersheds total 51,658 acres
PLAN MISSION AND VISION

To conserve, protect and manage open space lands and waterways in the Green Sea area for the enjoyment of future generations

Framework to manage a system of resources

Stewardship, protection and enjoyment of area

Partnership to coordinate promotion and management
EXISTING RESOURCES AND CONDITIONS
PROTECTED LAND HOLDINGS

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Non-Profit
EXISTING NATURAL RESOURCES

• Unique wetland communities support a variety of rare species of plants and animals

• Area provides important habitat for breeding and wintering waterfowl
SURROUNDING INFLUENCES

- Suburban and rural setting
- Development pressure on unique resources
- Interfacility Traffic Area (ITA) between Fentress and Oceana
- Intracoastal Waterway
- Commercial Fishing
- Arboriculture
- Agriculture
Core Components:

- **Administration**
  (Governance, Cooperation, and Finance)

- **Land Protection**
  (Conservation Easements, Agriculture Preservation and Land Acquisition)

- **Promotion**
  (Branding, Marketing and Ecotourism)

- **Natural Resources Management**
  (Water, Land, Plants and Wildlife)

- **Learning**
  (Education, Outreach and Research)

- **Facilities Development and Management**
  (Recreation, Security and Maintenance)

- **Plan Implementation**
ADMINISTRATION

Governing Board

Executive Director and Staff

Advisory Committees
June 15 – Currituck County Board of Commissioners Adopts Resolution to Endorse Plan

June 16 – Virginia Beach City Council Adopts Plan

July 28 – Chesapeake City Council Adopts Resolution to Endorse Plan
PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Localities

Plan Adoption / Endorsement and Resolution of Support

Localities Invite Foundational Leaders to Strategic Planning Workshop

Strategic Planning Workshop

Governance and Leadership

Memorandum of Agreement

Phasing and Sequencing

Measurement Indicators and Monitoring

Annual Briefing to Localities

Annual Progress Report

Input to Partnership
NEXT STEPS

- September - Brief Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Executive Board on Plan

- September - Local Government Staff Team Kickoff Meeting

- October – Finalize Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)

- October – Localities Adopt MOUs

- November – Hold Ceremony between the Localities to Formally Announce Plan

- November – Hold Community Leadership Forum

- January – Formally Establish the Green Sea Partnership
THANK YOU

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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