

# Proposal to Fund the Roanoke River Basin Association (RRBA)

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

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# Proposal

- Request from the City of Virginia Beach
- Provide an Annual Contribution to the RRBA to hire and support an Executive Director
- Reviewed by the HRPDC in September
- Forwarded to the Personnel and Budget Committee

# Importance to Hampton Roads Region

- Lake Gaston provides a significant supply of water to south side Hampton Roads localities
- This water supply supports jobs for all Hampton Roads residents
- Lake Gaston water supply reduces groundwater withdrawals in Hampton Roads
- Protection of water quality in Lake Gaston is critical to Hampton Roads region

# Roanoke River Basin Association

- Non profit organization
- Advocate for the protection of water resources in the area tributary to Lake Gaston

# Examples of Work

- Opposition to Uranium mining upstream of Lake Gaston
- Clean up of Coal Ash Impoundments in the Roanoke River Basin
- Collaborated with City of Virginia Beach to address water quality issues related to:
  - Hog Lagoons
  - Poultry Mass Operations

# Need for Funding

- Previous Executive Director Passed Away
- Previous Exec Worked Primarily on Volunteer Basis
- Region is Mostly Rural
- Current Funding Not Adequate to Fund Exec Director

# Personnel and Budget Committee

- Dr. Ella Ward  
Chesapeake
- Michael Hipple  
James City County
- Thomas Shepperd  
York County
- Louis Jones  
Virginia Beach
- James Baker  
Chesapeake
- Randy Wheeler  
Poquoson
- Randy Martin  
Franklin

# P & B Recommendation

- HRPDC localities provide an annual contribution of \$ 50,000 to the RRBA for a three year period
- This contribution should be considered “seed money” to allow RRBA to hire full time Exec Dir and develop a sustainable funding strategy
- \$ 50,000 annual contribution would be divided among the 17 HRPDC member jurisdictions on a per capita basis
- MOA between HRPDC and RRBA would outline RRBA reporting requirements and HRPDC involvement in development of RRBA work program, Exec Dir evaluation, etc.



Locality	Population	Contribution
Chesapeake	238,283	\$6,904
Franklin	8,535	\$247
Gloucester County	37,072	\$1,074
Hampton	138,626	\$4,016
Isle of Wight County	28,074	\$813
James City County	73,325	\$2,124
Newport News	183,454	\$5,315
Norfolk	247,189	\$7,162
Poquoson	12,359	\$358
Portsmouth	96,874	\$2,807
Smithfield	8,364	\$242
Southampton County	18,551	\$537
Suffolk	90,426	\$2,620
Surry County	6,819	\$198
Virginia Beach	453,500	\$13,139
Williamsburg	14,860	\$431
York County	69,466	\$2,013
Total	1,725,777	\$50,000

# Action Requested

*“The HRPDC approves the recommendation of the Personnel and Budget Committee for Funding to the Roanoke River Basin Association”*

