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**REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

The Regional Environmental Committee met on October 7, 2021. The following items were discussed.

- Ms. Bettina Bergoo and Mr. Aaron Berryhill, Virginia Department of Energy, gave a presentation to the Committee on renewable energy financing options for both commercial and residential sites.
- Ms. Shereen Hughes, Wetlands Watch, gave a presentation to the Committee on the importance of vegetated buffers for water quality and training opportunities for landscape professionals as part of Riparian Buffer Month.
- Mr. George Homewood and Mr. Chris Whitney, Norfolk, gave a presentation to the Committee on the city's tree canopy ordinance and related initiatives.
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, provided the Committee with an overview of the findings and recommendations from the Portsmouth-Chesapeake Joint Land Use Study.
- Ms. Katie Cullipher, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on work performed by the askHRgreen.org committees and programs over the past year.