

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #9-D: COASTAL ZONE PROGRAM – SECTION 309 LAND AND WATER QUALITY PHASE III FINAL REPORT

SUBJECT:

The HRPDC staff has completed the final Report, *Land and Water Quality Protection in Hampton Roads Phase III* for a grant funded by the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

BACKGROUND:

The final Report, *Land and Water Quality Protection in Hampton Roads Phase III* summarizes the findings of the third year of work completed by the HRPDC staff under a Section 309 grant from the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program. The major goal of this project is to develop implementable policies to assist local governments in addressing the requirements of Virginia's Stormwater Management Regulations and the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load. The report contains two major sections. The first section continues work started in the second year focusing on potential policy and ordinance changes for local governments to consider. These changes have been refined and presented as specific modifications to local ordinances. The second section provides examples of how local governments can use geographic information systems (GIS) to model the physical and environmental impacts of some of these proposed changes.

Norfolk volunteered to be the urban case study and Suffolk volunteered to be the suburban case study for this Report. Over the last two years, the HRPDC staff has worked with planning and public works staff from both cities to identify and develop policies for potential consideration when adopting new codes or regulations related to land development and water quality protection. However, neither city is under any obligation to adopt the recommendations contained in this Report.

The Report has been reviewed by the Regional Environmental Committee, which recommended approval at its meeting on November 6, 2014.

Enclosure 9-D – *Land and Water Quality Protection in Hampton Roads Phase III*

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The HRPDC staff and Regional Environmental Committee recommend the Commission approve the Report for publication and distribution.