

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Environmental Committee met on December 1, 2016. The following items were discussed:

- Mr. Terry O’Neill, Hampton Director of Community Development, gave a presentation to the Committee on Hampton’s efforts to build on the Dutch Dialogues workshop held in June 2015.
- Ms. Sara Kidd, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, briefed the Committee on the status of a recent proposal to extend the Virginia Capital Trail from its current terminus in Jamestown to Fort Monroe and across the Surry ferry to connect to the South Hampton Roads Trail.
- Ms. Virginia Witmer, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program Outreach Coordinator, gave a presentation to the Committee on the new “Native Plants for Southeast Virginia” guidebook.
- Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, updated the Committee on matters related to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.
- Mr. McFarlane updated the Committee on the final version of the Virginia Working Waterfront Master Plan and a proposed resolution of support. The Committee voted to recommend that the Commission approve the resolution of support.
- Ms. Jill Sunderland, HRPDC Water Resources Planner, briefed the Committee on the results of the final meeting of the Department of Environmental Quality’s Stakeholder Advisory Group for the consolidated Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program.
- Committee members and guests provided status reports.

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The Regional Environmental Committee met on January 5, 2017. The following items were discussed:

- Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, briefed the Committee on reported conflicts between implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and associated regulations and flood protection of private property.
- Ms. Jill Sunderland, HRPDC Water Resources Planner, briefed the Committee on a recent study from the Department of Environmental Quality on the Effective Use of Stormwater Practices in Areas with a Seasonal High Water Table.
- Ms. KC Filippino, HRPDC Senior Water Resources Planner, briefed the Committee on the results of a recent data call to localities on the use and effectiveness of Manufactured Treatment Devices (MTDs) for stormwater management.
- Mr. McFarlane and Ms. Sunderland briefed the Committee on the initial findings from a Coastal Zone Management Program-funded grant project, “Integrating Coastal Resilience into Local Plans, Policies, and Ordinances.” Mr. McFarlane also updated the Committee on other Coastal Zone Management Program matters.
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer, and Mr. McFarlane briefed the Committee on the recent Virginia Coastal Policy Center conference held December 2 in Williamsburg, which focused on working waterfronts and HRSD’s SWIFT proposal.
- Committee members and guests provided status reports.

MEETING SUMMARY COASTAL RESILIENCY COMMITTEE

The Coastal Resiliency Committee met on December 9, 2016. The following items were discussed:

- Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, and Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer, updated the Committee on discussions with FEMA Region III regarding permit requirements for development in Special Flood Hazard Areas. Mr. Steve Shapiro and Ms. Bonnie Brown, City of Hampton, also updated the Committee on communications between the city and FEMA.
- Mr. McFarlane briefed the Committee on staff recommendations for HRPDC legislative priorities related to coastal resiliency. The Committee voted to recommend that the Commission adopt the following positions as part of the regional legislative agenda for the upcoming General Assembly Session:
 - Support the appropriation of funds for the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund
 - Support the appropriation of funds to match federal funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 3x3x3 studies
 - Support the creation of a standalone Chief Resiliency Officer for the state to coordinate local and state efforts on resiliency
- Mr. Jeremy Sharp, City of Norfolk, gave a presentation to the Committee on Norfolk's recently adopted Vision 2100, which describes the city's vision for infrastructure and development decisions for the 21st century and includes a focus on sea level rise and resiliency.
- Mr. McFarlane updated the Committee on the discussions of the Coastal Resiliency Work Group regarding first floor elevation data and water level sensors.
- The HRPDC staff updated the Committee on regional, state, and federal projects and efforts related to resiliency.
- Committee members and guests were given an opportunity to provide updates and reports on related matters.

MEETING SUMMARY
DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The December 7, 2017 Directors of Utilities Committee meeting was canceled.

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on January 4, 2017. The following items were discussed:

- The Committee approved the final Hampton Roads Regional Source Water Protection Plan. The plan will be posted on the HRPDC website and provided to the VDH Office of Drinking Water, Source Water Protection Program.
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC Principal Water Resources Engineer, briefed the Committee on the January 4, 2017 Hampton Roads Chief Administrative Officers discussion of the Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow (SWIFT) MOU to make water quality credits available to locality MS4s.
- Ms. Katchmark summarized recent meetings of the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee (EVGMAC) Workgroups on trading, funding, and alternative sources. Ms. Katchmark also summarized the recommendations of the JLARC report, "Effectiveness of Virginia's Water Resource Planning and Management."
- During a roundtable discussion, the Committee members shared information on local legislative priorities, customer account and payment administration practices, and staff recruitment and retention challenges.
- The Committee discussed the value of the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee (EVGMAC) process to date; the need to improve water supply planning; and the forthcoming JLARC report "Virginia's Water Resource Planning and Management."
- Staff reports included the 2017 Committee meeting schedule, an update on the proposed support for the Roanoke River Basin Association, the request for proposals for the Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program, and the announcement for the open meeting of the EPA Environmental Financial Advisory Board.