



SENIOR REGIONAL PLANNER

Location:	Chesapeake, VA – Hampton Roads (Southeastern Virginia)
Classification:	Full-time, 40 hours per week; FLSA Exempt status
Salary:	Starting salary \$68,000 - \$72,000 DOE/DOQ; Full Benefits
Closing Date:	Open Until Filled

About the HRPDC

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), one of 21 Planning District Commissions in the Commonwealth of Virginia, is a regional organization representing this area's seventeen local governments. The purpose of planning district commissions, as set out in the Code of Virginia, Section 15.2-4207 is *...to encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing on a regional basis problems of greater than local significance*. The HRPDC serves as a resource of technical expertise to its member local governments. It provides assistance on local and regional issues pertaining to Economics, Emergency Management, Housing, Planning, and Water Resources, and provides a robust education and outreach program through its Communications department. The HRPDC staff also serves as the support staff for the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO), which is responsible for transportation planning and decision-making in the region. The HRPDC is an equal opportunity employer. For more information on the HRPDC, visit www.hrpdcva.gov.

The Position

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) is seeking a candidate for the position of Senior Regional Planner to perform advanced professional work in a variety of assignments in the areas of comprehensive, strategic, environmental and economic development planning in a regional planning office. This position functions both as team leader and a team member on inter-disciplinary planning projects. The Senior Regional Planner will attend day and evening meetings on an as needed basis to represent the HRPDC before various local, state and federal agencies, technical advisory committees and citizen groups. Qualified applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

The Candidate

The ideal candidate will:

- Perform advanced professional work related to a variety of planning assignments.
- Develop and manages complex planning studies
- Conduct research and prepare reports and policy recommendations on land use, physical planning, social, economic, and environmental issues
- Provide professional planning assistance to member communities on a variety of local and regional planning projects
- Work in regional program areas relating to natural resources planning, community development, hazard mitigation, economic development and coastal zone management
- Develop research methodologies, collect and analyze complex data and prepare comprehensive technical reports
- Present reports and other findings to staff, elected and appointed officials and serve as liaison to advisory committees
- Represent the Commission before various local, state and federal agencies, technical advisory committees and citizen groups
- Have knowledge of the theories, principles, and practices of comprehensive and regional planning and of the current literature and recent developments in the field
- Have proven ability to develop research methodologies; ability to collect, analyze and interpret complex technical and statistical data, and regulations and to prepare and present planning analyses, technical reports, plans and other materials.
- Have excellent oral and written communication skills for preparing and presenting planning reports and projects
- Have excellent interpersonal skills for facilitating relationships with elected/appointed officials and other decision-makers
- Be innovative, detail-oriented, and experienced in highly visible and potentially controversial projects
- Have creative problem-solving skills to gather relevant information to solve complex planning problems
- Have the ability to work on several projects or issues simultaneously; Ability to manage projects effectively and meet firm deadlines

Education & Experience

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with major course work in planning or a related applicable field; Master's Degree in planning preferred.
- Considerable professional experience (5 – 7 years) in the applicable program areas with some experience in a supervisory capacity preferred.
- Bachelor's degree with significant, relevant professional experience will be considered in lieu of a Master's degree.
- AICP certification preferred.



To Apply

To be considered, applicants must submit a letter of interest and résumé to Kelli Arledge, Human Resources Administrator, at karledge@hrpdcva.gov, or mail documents to:

Kelli E. Arledge
Human Resources Administrator
HRPDC
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

About Hampton Roads

The Hampton Roads area is located in southeastern Virginia where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Chesapeake Bay. The region's land area covers approximately 2,907 square miles and includes an extensive system of waterways including the Intercoastal Waterway and the James, York, Nansemond and Elizabeth Rivers. Hampton Roads is rich in cultural treasures, reflecting the diversity of its communities and a variety of annual festivals celebrate the heritage of the region. History, music, drama, and art can also be found in a multitude of theaters and museums in the area. Norfolk is recognized as the Arts capital of Virginia, and is the home city for the Virginia Symphony, Virginia Ballet, Virginia Opera and the Commonwealth Theatre Company. The NorVa Theater, a downtown concert venue, offers concerts featuring national touring acts and well-known artists. The City of Virginia Beach is the number one vacation destination in Virginia. The City's three-mile boardwalk is only part of what makes the City so attractive to locals and visitors alike. From Croatan Beach to the south all the way to the North End beaches of the City, Virginia Beach reveals its vibrancy and laid back beach vibe, all wrapped up in a sprawling, park-like setting. The Mariner's Museum in Newport News is one of the most famous and complete maritime museums in the world. Also located in Newport News is the Virginia War Museum, featuring the largest collection of war relics and historical records in the United States. Nauticus, the National Maritime Center, is located on the downtown Norfolk waterfront and is home to the Battleship Wisconsin. Williamsburg and James City County offer a wide range of activities and historic destinations; whether it is Williamsburg and the Colonial Capital or Busch Gardens Amusement park. Facilities located along the James and York Rivers offer a variety of activities that include boating, fishing, camping, biking, and tennis. Washington, D.C. is 200 miles to the north, and Richmond, the state capital, is located 100 miles to the west.

Benefits

The HRPDC provides a complete package of benefits as part of your compensation package. Benefits for full-time employees include:

- Medical
- Dental
- Vision
- Life Insurance
- Virginia Retirement System with Associated Benefits
- Paid Time Off
- Paid Holidays
- Family Medical Leave
- Bereavement Leave
- Civil Leave
- Military Leave
- Flexible Work Schedules
- Flexible Spending Accounts