Hampton Roads
Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Public Meeting #2 Minutes
July 29, 2021, 5pm – Webinar via Zoom

AGENDA

• Introductions
• Review of Plan Components, Planning Process & Hazards in Plan
• Exposure of Built Environment
• Flooding
  o Impacts
  o Recent Events
  o Flood Risk Assessment
  o Social Vulnerability to Flood
• Sea Level Rise
• High Hazard Dams
• Tropical Storms
• Tornadoes
• Pandemic Flu/Infectious Disease
• Radon Exposure
• Ranking the Hazards – work by Committee

MEETING NOTES

• Early meeting focus was on flood analysis and the hybrid analysis conducted using HAZUS.
• Participants discussed inability to know flood insurance coverage happening in private flood insurance market.
• Presentation of ranking of hazards by the committee was well-received.

ATTENDEES

Host: John Sadler, HRPDC

Panelists:
  Shane Parson, AECOM
  Noelle Slater, AECOM
  Kelly Stoll, AECOM
  Leigh Chapman, Salter’s Creek Consulting

Attendees:
  M            Moore            Chesapeake
  Judith       Hinch           Chesapeake
  P            Hall            Hampton
  George       Curran         Hampton
  Ms           Wade           Hampton
  Leon         Kimball        Hampton
  Tracy        Hanger         Hampton
INVITEES

Email invitations were issued to each of the individuals shown on the following email invite. In addition, each primary contact for the communities forwarded the message and made additional phone calls to their staff and interested persons. The PDC also advertised the meeting as shown in the news and social media clippings below. Additional advertisements by individual communities are on file with the HRPDC and will be included in the appendices of the final 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan.
AHAC and Hazard Mitigation Working Group,

Just a few reminders regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan:

1. Please document all time spent on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. We are currently very short on meeting the match for this grant. In-kind contributions are documented at the link below. You can document work completed at an earlier date.

   https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfe5Se0mChTrpMk86GA4jDDDBCludoxQzM507J5Sr4G_TzQ/viewform

2. The 2nd Public Meeting is scheduled for July 29, 5:00pm. The Flyer is attached. Please advertise this meeting locally and upload documentation of the advertisement to M5 Team or email to me.

3. A Hazard Mitigation workshop has been scheduled for July 27, 9:30am to go over the updated Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment. You should have already received a calendar invite for the workshop. If not, please let me know. Please forward the invite to interested stakeholders (or give me their email and I will do so). This can be people you work with in any capacity, such as neighborhood associations, professional associations, or CERT members. Could be citizens, environmental groups, representatives of large corporations in your jurisdiction, or hospital system representatives. Could be Federal or state agency representatives, higher education administrators, or the American Red Cross. If they choose to participate we’d welcome their input!

Regards,

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GOSPEL FEST FEATURES TOP ARTISTS

By Randy Singleton
 Correspondent

CHESapeake
Rev. Dr. Brenda Boone Groce of Higher Praise Ministries South of July Festival Gospel Fest Concert at The Hope Center in Chesapeake. The event featured an all-star gospel artist and revue at Hampton Roads and the Mid-Atlantic region. Gospel concert, hosted by Rev. Dr. Brenda Boone Groce, kicked off the event. The West Virginia Norfolk and Elder Ronald Groce Rev. & the Harmony Singers continued the worshipful and pristine with a display of their most popular songs in the Hampton Roads area.

For National Gold Album award-winning performer John Legend, the National Gold Album award-winning performer John Legend was honored at the event. The event was hosted by Rev. Dr. Brenda Boone Groce. This concert featured a variety of gospel artists, including Rev. Dr. Brenda Boone Groce, who works with the Virginia Ministry of Music and Worship.

CORRECTION:
First Lady Series
July 8-14, 2021

Mrs. Cynthia D. Deary, wife of Rev. Clyde Deary, is the second and selected First Lady of Hampton University.

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Public input needed for 2022 Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission’s mitigation plan addresses threats to the area and helps it in federal grant applications.

Planning District Commission Needs Input for Hazard Mitig...

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) closely is watching how Tropical Storm Elsa will impact the region.

In 2017, the organization identified coastal storms as one of the greatest risks to Hampton Roads as part of its hazard mitigation plan. Other primary threats included flooding, tropical storms, sea-level rise, and tornadoes.

“The purpose of the plan is to, obviously, is to save lives and properties. We want to document and have a thorough understanding of the risks facing Hampton Roads and how we can mitigate those threats and risks,” said HRPDC Regional Emergency Management Administrator John Sandler.

Sandler said the plan is updated every five years. New information is added based on the timing of a natural disaster.

HRPDC wants the public’s input on other hazards that could impact communities for the commission’s 2022 Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan.

"Nobody wants to be surprised or not know what to do when the storm is coming, so identifying those strategies to mitigate the risk for an event such as Tropical Storm Elsa is going to be an intricate part of that hazard mitigation plan," said Sandler.

Sandler said once the new plan is complete, it will allow the commission to apply for federal grants. It also provides city leaders inclusion in the Community Rating System.

"It's a voluntary program that FEMA puts on that localities can kind of go one step further than the minimum requirements to reduce their flood vulnerability and that lowers the flood insurance rates in localities," said Sandler.

The second public meeting for the Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan will be done as a virtual forum. It's scheduled for July 29, and anyone can register by clicking here.

Sandler said the 2022 Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan has to be approved by all cities involved, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and FEMA before it can be finalized.

Tidal flooding an issue in Hampton, Virginia

Related Articles

134 mph, 120 mph: Virginia State Police issues citations for major speeding in Chesapeake, Virginia Beach

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Hampton Roads Economic Monthly:
School’s out! But who was “IN” for 2020?

Now that school's out for summer in Hampton Roads, we dug into the Virginia Department of Education's Fall enrollment data to understand the impact COVID-19 may have had on students in the region.

Many states, including Virginia, reported declines in public school enrollment for the Fall of 2020. From 2019 to 2020, Fall enrollment overall in Hampton Roads declined by over 4.5%, while public school enrollment in the same time period in Virginia declined by nearly 3.5%. Overall Fall public school enrollment in Hampton Roads has been declining for the past 15 years at roughly 0.5% per year, so a slight decline would not have been out of the ordinary, but this was over eight times the 15-year average annual rate of decline. Other states in the Southeast experienced similar declines in enrollment, with North Carolina experiencing 4% decline, Maryland at 3%, South Carolina at 2.6%, and the District of Columbia showed a 1% decline in enrollment during 2020.

Regional Transportation Plan Adopted

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for Hampton Roads, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) is required to develop and maintain a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which serves as the region’s transportation blueprint. On June 17, 2021, the HRTPO adopted the 2045 LRTP to help guide multimodal transportation investments for the region over the next twenty-four years.
Hampton Roads 2045 Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan Kickoff

With the recent adoption of the Hampton Roads 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the metropolitan areas of the region, the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) is kicking off the update to the rural version of the LRTP. Over the next couple of months, HRTPO staff will be collaborating with rural area stakeholders and the public on developing the Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) for the horizon year of 2045 that specifically covers the City of Franklin and Southampton County.

An Abundance of Gratitude for Our Region’s Water Professionals

On June 30th, we recognized Hampton Roads’ essential water workers for Annual Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals Appreciation Day in Virginia. These regional water and wastewater employees kept the taps flowing and commodes going throughout a global pandemic.

July Map of the Month – Be Prepared! Historic Hurricanes in Hampton Roads & Getting Ready for 2021 Hurricane Season

Dozens of storms have impacted Hampton Roads over the years and the region is always a potential target. This month’s map depicts the paths of hurricanes and tropical storms which have passed through or near Hampton Roads between 1851 and 2020.

Public Comment Opportunity

HRTPO FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program: Proposed Amendments

Second Virtual Public Meeting for the Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - 5:00pm, July 29 2021

HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

New Initiative to Remind Residents to Keep Regional Waterways Clean *(WY Daily)*
**Know Your Flood Risk** *(The Hampton Roads Show)*

**Opinion: Cheers to Hampton Roads’ invaluable water workers** *(Virginian-Pilot and Daily Press)*

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**From Our Partners!**

**DRPT Virginia Commuter Survey-Tell DRPT About Your Commute**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in partnership with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is collecting data associated with travel to and from work in response to COVID-19 in Virginia. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way people are traveling, including, to and from work. The purpose of the recurring Virginia Commuter Surveys is to understand how commutes are changing and identify opportunities to improve commuting during and after this pandemic.

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**Hampton Roads COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub**

Visit the COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub to get the latest information on COVID-19 in Hampton Roads.

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**Upcoming Meetings**

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**RFP/RFQ Opportunities**

**On Behalf of the Southside Network Authority**

**Request for Proposal #SNA-RFP-2021-02:** The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, on behalf of the Southside Network Authority (the Authority), is soliciting for Qualifications and Conceptual Proposals for the Southside Hampton Roads Regional Fiber Connectivity Ring. Interested parties should refer to the full request for proposal (RFP) posted below. Submit by 2:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time on **Tuesday, August 24, 2021.**