



## News Release

### Hampton Roads Planning District Commission FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Hampton Roads Localities Support World Water Monitoring Day through HR STORM Mini-Grant Program

Chesapeake, VA – September 18, 2008—On September 18, [World Water Monitoring Day](#), students throughout Virginia Beach will gather their water testing kits. The students will take water samples and test the water quality of local waterways. The results will be recorded on the World Water Monitoring Day [website](#) and combined with results collected internationally.

The water test kits, which cost \$13 each, were partially funded by a \$250 Mini-Grant awarded to [Lynnhaven River NOW](#) through the [HR STORM Mini-Grant program](#). The project teaches students about water quality and the impacts of polluted waterways on quality of life. It also meets Standards of Learning (SOL) requirements by providing a meaningful watershed experience for students.

The Hampton Roads Environmental Education Committees (HR STORM, HR WET and HR CLEAN) offer environmental education mini-grants of up to \$500. The mini-grants are intended to provide supplemental funding for environmentally related projects. The environmental education committees are funded by the 16 localities of Hampton Roads through the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. The HR STORM environmental education committee addresses stormwater issues and promotes environmental stewardship.

Visit [www.hrstorm.org](http://www.hrstorm.org) for more information or to apply for a mini-grant. View HR STORM's videos at [www.youtube.com/HRGreenVA](http://www.youtube.com/HRGreenVA). For regular green tips, follow HRGreen at [www.twitter.com/hrgreen](http://www.twitter.com/hrgreen).

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