

## **AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **ITEM #5: DUTCH DIALOGUES REPORT**

#### **SUBJECT:**

A “Dutch Dialogues” workshop was held in Hampton Roads on June 19-23, 2015. The workshop teams discussed regional water management issues and provided site specific recommendations for the Tidewater Drive District of Norfolk and the Newmarket Creek watershed in Hampton and Newport News.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Dutch Dialogues ([www.dutchdialogues.com](http://www.dutchdialogues.com)) were conceived by David Waggoner, Principal of Waggoner and Ball Architects, and the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, D.C., to bring together Dutch urban designers, engineers, landscape architects, planners, academics, and government officials to engage with American counterparts to explore solutions for flood risk reduction, infrastructure with multiple benefits, resiliency, and smart redevelopment.

The HRPDC staff will review the key issues raised during the final presentation on regional issues. Topics include large-scale surge barriers, shoreline edge conditions, and regional coordination. Recordings of the opening and closing presentations are on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz1eNQnssbUKK2nU4NVSK9w>.

Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC Senior Regional Planner, will brief the Commission on this topic.

**NOTE: This item is for informational purposes only.**