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The City of Newport News is seeking authorization for \$15,000,000 in Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) funding for renovations to the Lee Hall Dam to include the construction of a new emergency spillway and primary spillway. The Dam is located in the City of Newport News and is an important part of the water supply system for Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, James City County and York County. The Dam does not comply with federal and state dam safety regulations (4VAC50-20-00, effective September 2008) and needs to be rehabilitated to reduce the risk of dam failure. Renovation of this dam will bring it into compliance with the state regulations, preserve the public water supply and mitigate potential flooding of three critical roadways. The enclosed resolution supports the City of Newport News' efforts to obtain \$15,000,000 in WRDA funding for the dam repair project.

Attachments

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the resolution on the Lee Hall Dam Improvement Project.

CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS



JOE S. FRANK
MAYOR

December 15, 2009

Mr. Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director
Hampton Roads Planning District
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Subject: Lee Hall Dam Improvements Project WRDA Request

Dear ~~Mr. Farmer~~ ^{Dwight}:

On behalf of the City of Newport News, I am requesting support of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) for the Lee Hall Dam Improvements Project. Congressman Bobby Scott has submitted this project on behalf of the 3rd Congressional District of Virginia for inclusion in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2010. The WRDA is the comprehensive water resources law typically authorized by Congress every two years.

Lee Hall Dam, located in the City of Newport News, provides drinking water to five jurisdictions on the Peninsula. We are seeking an authorization of \$15,000,000 in WRDA to meet the more stringent Virginia Dam Safety requirements which will improve the dam to protect many downstream residents as well as mitigate flooding of the Peninsula's critical roadways. We believe this project is regional in nature and deserving of the HRPDC's support on two fronts. It will protect the integrity of the dam and preserve the City's ability to provide drinking water to its regional service area of Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, James City County and York County. It also will mitigate potential flooding of Interstate 64, Jefferson Avenue, and Warwick Boulevard - three of the region's designated evacuation routes.

The City of Newport News respectfully requests the Commission's support of this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

Joe S. Frank
Mayor

**RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION IN
SUPPORT OF WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDING FOR THE
LEE HALL DAM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission supports the safety and wellbeing of the residents of Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission supports the continued viability of its region's drinking water supply systems; and

WHEREAS, the Lee Hall Dam is a critically important element of the regional water supply system which provides water to Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, James City County, and York County; and

WHEREAS, the Lee Hall Dam must be upgraded to meet more stringent Virginia Dam Safety regulations, 4VAC50-20-00, effective September 2008; and

WHEREAS, this project will bring the dam in compliance with the more stringent regulations, preserve this public water supply and mitigate potential flooding of three of the Peninsula's critical roadways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newport News is seeking authorization for \$15,000,000 in Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) funding for the renovations to the Lee Hall Dam to include the construction of a new emergency spillway and primary spillway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Roads Planning Commission does hereby support the City of Newport News's efforts to obtain \$15,000,000 in WRDA funding for the Lee Hall Dam Improvement project.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Executive Committee of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission this 16 day of December 2009.

Bruce C. Goodson, Chairman
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

ATTEST:

Dwight L. Farmer, Executive Director/Secretary