

AGENDA
HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 15, 2010

- 9:30 1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA
- CONSENT AGENDA**
4. Minutes of July 21, 2010
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Regional Reviews – Monthly Status Report
- A. PNRS Reviews
- B. Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review
7. Environmental Program Contracts
8. Emergency Management UASI Program Contract
9. Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) Fiscal Year 2009 Application
10. Northwest River Watershed Plan
11. Hampton Roads Historic Resources Project Report
12. Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010
13. Sea Level Rise Proposal - Chesapeake Research Consortium
- REGULAR AGENDA**
- 9:40 14. National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) Goal 1 Evaluation
- 9:50 15. Sea Level Rise Proposal – ODU
- 9:55 16. Joint Forces Command Analysis and Resolution
- 10:10 17. Chesapeake Bay TMDL Watershed Improvement Plan
- 10:25 18. Project Status Reports
19. For Your Information
20. Correspondence of Interest
21. Old/New Business
- 10:30 **ADJOURNMENT**

AGENDA NOTE- HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting will be called to order by the Chair at approximately 9:30 a.m.

AGENDA NOTE- HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public are invited to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

AGENDA NOTE- HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #3: APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF AGENDA

Members are provided an opportunity to add or delete items from the agenda. Any item for which a member desires an action from the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission should be submitted at this time, as opposed to under "Old/New Business".

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #4: MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2010

Minutes of the July 21, 2010 meeting are attached.

Attachment

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Quarterly Meeting
Minutes of July 21, 2010

The Quarterly Meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was called to order at 9:35 a.m. at the Regional Boardroom, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia, with the following in attendance:

COMMISSIONERS:

Bruce C. Goodson, Chairman (JC)	J. Randall Wheeler (PQ)
James O. McReynolds, Treasurer (YK)	Kenneth L. Chandler (PO)*
Dr. Alan P. Krasnoff (CH)*	Elizabeth Psimas (PO)
William E. Harrell (CH)	Michael W. Johnson (SH)
Ella P. Ward (CH)	Anita T. Felts (SH)
Amar Dwarkanath (CH)	Selena Cuffee-Glenn (SU)
Molly Joseph Ward (HA)	Tyrone W. Franklin (SY)
W. Douglas Caskey (IW)	William D. Sessoms (VB)
Sanford B. Wanner (JC)	James K. Spore (VB)*
Neil A. Morgan (NN)*	Harry E. Diezel (VB)
Sharon Scott (NN)*	Barbara M. Henley (VB)
Paul D. Fraim (NO)*	Jackson C. Tuttle II (WM)
Regina V.K. Williams (NO)	Clyde Haulman (WM)
Thomas Smigiel (NO)	Thomas Shepperd (YK)*
Gordon C. Helsel, Jr. (PQ)	

Absent: Clifton Hayes (CH); Stan D. Clark, Vice Chairman (IW); June Fleming (FR); Gregory Woodard, Brenda Garton (GL); Ross A. Kearney, Mary Bunting (HA); McKinley Price (NN); Anthony Burfoot, Dr. Theresa Whibley (NO); Linda T. Johnson (SU); John M. Seward (SY); Robert M. Dyer, Louis R. Jones, John Uhrin (VB).

*Late arrival or early departure.

OTHERS RECORDED ATTENDING: Henry Ryto & Terri Boothe (Citizen); Earl Sorey (CH); W. Dewey Hurley – Branscome, Inc.; Ellis W. James - Sierra Club Observer; Karen Scherberger- Norfolk Festevents, OpSail; Earl Sorey (CH); Keith Cannady (HA); Jeff Raliski, Bryan Pennington, Rod Woolard (NO); Eric Nielsen (SU); Sherri Neil (PO); Jerri Wilson (NN); Bob Matthias (VB); Jessica Forbes, Ecology & Environment, Inc.; Jim Flahey, Whitney, Bradley & Brown, FAC; John Cosgrove, House of Delegates; Rose Pruden, Senator Y. Miller Office; John Stone, Portsmouth Partnership; Skip Stiles, Wetlands Watch; Dana Dickens, HRP; George Bonner, U.S. Coast Guard; David Ham, Danny Rosado, WVEC; James V. Koch, ODU Economic Department, Larry Atkinson, ODU Oceanography; Al Ruitort, ODU Instructor; ODU Students– Casey Smith, Ciera Davidson, Tory Askew, Mark Hawkins, Arlene Fauntleroy, Christopher Lawrence, Ryan Baie, Tressell Carter, Jacob Lay, Bryan Witt, Tiffany Johnson-Wiggins, Sherin Henderson, Tara L. Weekes, Brandon Borne, Elizabeth Fenslee, Keith Ferguson, Kimberly Powell, Sebawit Bishu, Bo Ram Yi; Germaine Fleet – Biggs & Fleet; Peter Huber – Willcox & Savage; Staff: Dwight Farmer, John Carlock, Rick Case, James Clary, Jennifer Coleman, Nancy Collins, Richard Flannery, Kathlene Grauberger, Greg Grootendorst, Lisa Hardy, Julia Hillegass, Frances Hughey, Jim Hummer, Rob Jacobs, Claire Jones, Sara Kidd, Whitney Katchmark, Brett Kerns, Benjamin McFarlane, Brian Miller, Kelli Peterson, Andy Pickard, Camelia Ravanbakht, Dale Stith, Joe Turner, Chris Vaigneur.

Chairman Goodson called the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Quarterly meeting to order.

Chairman Goodson introduced Commissioner Elizabeth Psimas from the City of Portsmouth.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Chairman Goodson begin the meeting with presenting a Resolution of Appreciation to Commissioner Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator of James City County. Mr. Goodson indicated that it has been a pleasure and great honor to serve with Mr. Wanner for eleven years. Chairman Goodson presented the resolution to Commissioner Wanner. The Commission and staff recognized with applause.

(Commissioner Morgan arrives)

Commissioner Wanner stated that it has been his honor and privilege since 1996 to represent James City County on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Commissioner Wanner stated he has always been an advocate of the regional system and it is very hard work to represent a jurisdiction and the region. It takes political courage to make decisions in the efforts of the region. Mr. Wanner also indicated that there is work to be done as a region and he will endeavor to be a regional supporter during his retirement. Mr. Wanner then thanked the Commission. The Commission and staff recognized with applause.

Mr. Goodson Introduced new Commissioners Mr. Thomas Smigiel, Norfolk and Mr. Clyde Haulman, Mayor of Williamsburg.

PUBLIC COMMENT

One person requested to address the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Ellis W. James

Thank you very much Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission. I chose a seat close to the microphone my beloved horn-rimmed glasses suffered a tragic accident yesterday. Luckily most of my thoughts are in my brain as small as it is. And I won't have any problem with having to read. I very much appreciate the fact having talked with some of you that you have followed the issues surrounding offshore drilling and especially the tragedy in the Gulf. I think it is very clear to most people whether you are from a community on the coast or whether you are in the heart of the Commonwealth or the western edges of Hampton Roads. The tragedy that we are confronted with seems to keep on giving. I carefully listened to the testimony yesterday of Mr. Camp Thorn and Mrs. Norton. The suggestion that we do not have serious problems with offshore drilling and all that that suggests in terms of the push to bring it here to the Mid-Atlantic is somewhat ludicrous in my view. We have in the Gulf 27,000 old wells. We have 60 inspectors for the Gulf. That's all. And we

learned yesterday evening late that there is a leak from another well not too far away from where the tragedy occurred on the deep well Horizon. Now, when you start thinking about those numbers and trying to figure out how we are going to legitimately and effectively deal with the issue of inspections of offshore rigs if they were brought here to our area, it just doesn't add up. I have one major concern that plays into this issue. There are scientific, solid scientific indications, that our oceans are in trouble. That means that some of our communities in Virginia may very well be in trouble. The Eastern Shore, Virginia Beach, Sandbridge and so on. If we allow acidification of the oceans to continue, then we will destroy the restoration efforts, the excellent restoration efforts that are underway in Lynnhaven River as an example right now, to restore our oysters. A way of life under pinned by the economic structure of bringing tourists to the eastern part of the state is without question one of the great issues for the 21st century if we are to protect that structure. Neglect of the oceans and the great predators such as the sharks lead only to more destruction. And of course my pet peeve which is to block any efforts to bring offshore drilling because that will only further the difficulties in our oceans. I appreciate the fact that you are paying close attention and I would hope that any of you who have great concerns about what's happening, you can flip to the defenders of wildlife there is an excellent story in that issue for July 2010 that deals with the very issue that I have mentioned to you a moment ago. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

(Commissioners Chandler, Scott, and Shepperd arrive)

Chairman Goodson stated that before the start of the consent agenda, the Personnel and Budget Committee met before this meeting and Mr. Farmer was asked to give a list of his accomplishments and challenges for 2010. Chairman Goodson also stated that Mr. Framer will report back to the committee for what his challenges would be for next year and there was no compensation discussion. Chairman Goodson indicated that Mr. Farmer's contract was for three years and his contract will go until June 30, 2011.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

Minutes of June 16, 2010

Treasurer's Report

Regional Reviews

A. PNRS Items Review

VA Development of Wetland Program Plan, Database Improvement and Continuing Monitoring Strategy for Virginia

B. Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review

Installation of New Bulkhead and Demolition of Existing Wharf Structure, St. Julien's Creek Annex, DOD/Navy

SLN 5100 Apartments, USHUD

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 3 Combined License, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Chambers Field Improvements, Naval Station Norfolk, DOD Navy

Gate Improvements at Norfolk International Terminals – South, Virginia Port Authority

HRPDC Commission Member Handbook

Green Infrastructure Grant Proposal

Commissioner Psimas Moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Shepperd. The Motion Carried.

Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Presentation

Chairman Goodson introduced Dr. James Koch, Professor of Economics at Old Dominion University.

Dr. Koch stated that we needed to know what is happening to the water levels in Hampton Roads. He indicated that there are a couple of key indicators around the region, for example the Gloucester Point sea level has risen more than fifteen inches over the last century; the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel is close to twenty-four inches due to subsiding of earth and structures. Dr. Koch stated that over the last century, water levels continue to rise and the sea level rise in Hampton Roads is larger than any other place at 4.42 millimeters a year.

Dr. Koch stated that it is not just a Southside problem it is also portions of the Peninsula. The Cities of Hampton and Newport News have significant problems that must be dealt with if there are storms of significant size. Fort Monroe will be covered with water if something is not done. The City of Norfolk, with a Category 2 hurricane, would be flooded. Some specific areas include the NIT Terminals, Old Dominion University, Sentara and the light rail. Dr. Koch stated that virtually every city in Hampton Roads has this kind of problem. He also indicated that our region ranks 10th in the world in terms of the total value of the assets at risk, and this area will have lots of potential damage due to rising sea levels.

(Mayor Krasnoff arrives)

Dr Koch believed the HRPDC should recognize the challenge and place it high on their regional priority list. Also better information such as regional ground mapping and Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) is very important to the future of the region. Dr. Koch indicated GIS information is needed so the region knows exactly what assets it has and how fast the land is sinking. Dr. Koch stated it may not be readily evident that the grounds east of Route 17 are gradually sinking and it is one of the reasons our problem is worse than many of the regions around the country.

(Mayor Fraim arrives)

Dr. Koch stated that he would like HRPDC to consider a 50/50 partnership with Old Dominion University to contract a study for the entire region, or at least several of the major cities, to get a better handle on the costs the region would face if it did nothing.

Chairman Goodson thanked Dr. Koch and then stated that Dr. Koch was here because Old Dominion is looking for a partner for this initial study. The Chairman asked Mr. Farmer to give HRPDC the highlights on this particular effort.

Mr. Farmer stated that Old Dominion University and Doug Smith had invited him to a meeting with the Water Group. Mr. Farmer indicated that HRPDC staff have met with several city councils on climate change/sea level rise. ODU has offered to partner with HRPDC; and Dr. Koch would be on this team to conduct a preliminary assessment of what is at risk and the dollar value. Mr. Farmer indicated what needs to be done is to partner with ODU as soon as possible and to purchase the LIDAR data for the entire region. This is the preliminary step to assess whether HRPDC wants to go further into this process and aggressively work with federal, state and local officials to get complete LIDAR information in order to make a detailed assessment.

Commissioner Fraim Moved to approve staff to move forward, seconded by Commissioner Psimas. The Motion Carried.

Mr. Farmer stated that at the meeting in September, Dr. Koch, ODU and HRPDC will work out a scope of work and cost for services and seek authorization to approve the arrangements and execute a contract.

Commissioner Psimas asked if the military would be a partner due to its large amount of land area in the region.

Mr. Farmer stated they should be at the table during the preliminary assessment.

Operation Sail (OpSail 2012)

Chairman Goodson introduced Ms. Karen Scherberger to present Operation Sail (OpSail 2012). Ms. Scherberger stated that over the last twenty-five years our cities, region and state have been more experienced and successful at planning and producing major scale events such as the Jamestown event in 2007. Norfolk/Port of Hampton Roads was selected by the Chief of Naval Operations as one of the five ports to participate in the national Bicentennial Commemoration of the War of 1812 along with New Orleans, Baltimore, Boston, and New York. Ms. Scherberger stated that this will be the first time warships will team up with the tall ships, and the International Council of Air Shows and the Navy have partnered for each port for a major air show.

Ms. Scherberger stated that OpSail 2012 is an international military and maritime project sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense and OpSail Inc. which is based in New York. OpSail 2012 was endorsed on January 6, 2010 by the Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 as a signature event for the Commonwealth. OpSail also gives Virginia a national scale event to advance the initiatives of our own Virginia

Commission on the War of 1812 and guarantees national and international platform for world-wide recognition for Virginia's ports, tourism and other regional and Commonwealth priorities.

Ms. Scherberger stated that OpSail 2012 in Virginia is a signature event for the Commonwealth of Virginia Bicentennial of the War of 1812. OpSail 2012 in Virginia is prepared to stand out and be the leader among the other four national ports. OpSail is returning to Hampton Roads and she asked the region for its support and participation in planning and coordination of many aspects of this project.

Chairman Goodson asked for questions about signing the resolution.

Commissioner Fraim Moved to sign the resolution, seconded by Commissioner McReynolds. The Motion Carried.

(Commissioner Spore arrives)

Hampton Roads H2O – Help to Others Program – Memorandum of Agreement

Chairman Goodson introduced Mr. John Carlock to present the Hampton Roads H2O – Help to Others Program – Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Carlock stated he would refresh the Commission on where the program stands and what is needed from the Commission.

Mr. Carlock indicated the program provides financial assistance to citizens who are in danger of losing their residential water service, a one-time need in cases of emergency. This is a regional fund-raising program and the regional pool of funds are allocated on the basis of localities and then distributed to individuals.

Mr. Carlock stated the Utilities Directors, HRPDC staff and social services providers have worked to establish criteria for this program. HRPDC approved these criteria in 1999. The people who live in the service areas and are in danger of losing water service because of financial or family crisis and also participate in educational programs on water conservation and wise use of water. The program has been established since 1997, initially in the City of Norfolk and James City County and now covers the entire region.

The program had been active through 2005, and inactive since that time as they work through a few things to make the program more effective. The Hampton Roads H2O Program was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 2007, IRS approval of the tax deductibility of donations is pending. The program has been informal but given the non-profit status and the IRS action, the Utilities Directors, HRPDC and Hampton Roads Sanitation District staff decided the H2O program needed to develop a Memorandum of Agreement between the HRPDC, HRSD and the Board of the Hampton Roads H2O Program.

Mr. Carlock indicated with the Memorandum of Agreement, HRPDC staff will provide administrative staff support, coordinate the program and provide public information; HRSD will continue to handle financial management, accounting, collection and

disbursement of funds and provide the appropriate tax deductible receipts; and the H20 Board would manage the program on a regular basis and evaluate its effectiveness.

Commissioner Shepperd, wanted to know how the H20 program gets to individuals who are in need of assistance.

Mr. Carlock stated the individual in need will contact the social service department and in some cases the Salvation Army, community services group, and once the person meets the list of eligibility criteria the information goes to the utility department and HRSD transmits the money.

Chairman Goodson wanted to know if the funding in the past contributions is raised mostly from the localities or utilities department.

Mr. Carlock stated the contributions to the program have been raised from citizens. They are contributions made by checks and cash, put in an envelope, sent to HRSD and designated to the H20 Program. The program has raised an average of \$40,000 a year.

Chairman Goodson asked if there had been any discussion about adding a particular amount to a water bill or HRSD bill that could be designated toward this fund.

Mr. Carlock stated that it has been discussed and that the H20 Program Board would have to look at this once it gets the tax deductible issue resolved. This would open a lot of opportunities to solicit contributions.

Chairman Goodson asked for a motion to authorize the HRPDC Executive Director to execute the Memorandum of Agreement.

Commissioner Spore Moved to execute the Memorandum of Agreement; seconded by Commissioner Wanner. The Motion Carried.

HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program

Chairman Goodson stated Mr. Carlock would also present HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program.

Mr. Carlock stated that a couple of months ago the Commission authorized HRPDC staff to proceed with the development of the application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding for a regional program grant and since that time, HUD has released the notice of funds that are available. The funds are coming from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to support regional planning efforts and integrate planning for housing, environment, transportation and land use. Funding is distributed to large and small metro areas and HRPDC falls into the larger metro areas, which are eligible for up to \$5 million in funding. Proposals are currently being solicited by HUD from June 25, 2010 to August 23, 2010, with grants announced in late September 2010 and the contract execution date is in February 2011.

Mr. Carlock said the HRPDC would have a regional development framework which would involve an extensive and intensive public involvement effort. It would start with the technical work of assessing the existing conditions looking at ranges of potential strategies and scenarios on what the future in Hampton Roads might look like and this work would be coordinated with existing local and regional plans.

Mr. Carlock indicated that the new HUD rules require a regional consortium be established and must include the regional planning agency, MPO, local governments that represent the principal cities and half of the region's population and nonprofit organizations or educational institutions which can work with a diverse representation of the general population.

In developing the proposal, HRPDC will continue to work with local staffs to identify the specifics on how the HRPDC will meet all the requirements.

Mr. Carlock asked for the Commission's endorsement of the proposal concept and the Memorandum of Understanding.

Commissioner Fraim Moved to endorse the Memorandum of Understanding; seconded by Commissioner Shepperd. The Motion Carried.

Appoint HRPDC 2010-2011 Nominating Committee

Chairman Goodson announced new officers of the Commission will be elected in October. There are some changes and vacancies to the Nominating Committee. He asked the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Chesapeake	Ella P. Ward
Franklin	Vacant
Gloucester	Gregory Woodard
Hampton	Ross A. Kearney II
Isle of Wight	Stan D. Clark
James City	Bruce Goodson
Newport News	Sharon Scott
Norfolk	Thomas Smigiel
Poquoson	Gordon C. Helsel, Jr.
Portsmouth	Elizabeth Psimas
Southampton	Anita T. Felts
Suffolk	Linda T. Johnson
Surry	John M. Seward
Virginia Beach	Louis R. Jones
Williamsburg	Clyde Haulman
York	Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.

Chairman Goodson asked Commissioner Shepperd to serve as the Chairman for the Nominating Committee. Mr. Shepperd accepted. He then asked HRPDC to contact Franklin about its vacant position.

Project Status Report

Chairman Goodson stated this agenda item did not require any action.

Correspondence of Interest

Chairman Goodson stated this agenda item did not require any action

For Your Information

Chairman Goodson stated this agenda item did not require any action.

Old/New Business

Chairman Goodson stated that there is information about the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program. He asked Mr. Farmer to brief the Commission.

Mr. Farmer stated that Southampton County is requesting that the HRPDC endorse the U.S. Route 58 Courtland Interchange Project for the second round of Tiger. The request amount is \$23.3 Million. The recommendation is to endorse this grant application.

Commissioner Harrell Moved to endorse U.S. Route 58 Courtland Interchange Project; seconded by Commissioner Franklin. The Motion Carried.

Chairman Goodson asked for any other new business item.

Commissioner Fraim stated the presentation by Karen Scherberger on Operation Sail (OpSail 2012) is a wonderful event but collaboration and cooperation is needed. There is a lot of joy in this event and getting involved is good for our communities. Also, as a member of the Governor's Commission on Reform and Restructuring Mayor Fraim indicated he also chairs the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. This is a relationship with local, state and federal government on how to improve relationships across the Commonwealth. The focus is on the core services of state government, the core services of local government, and state money that can come to localities. The States needs to allow the localities more flexibility by being performance driven as opposed to being outcome driven. This gives localities needed flexibility with the money, and if money is left over this allows us to use it for priorities the communities need. Commissioner Fraim stated the communities need to look at how they can perform more effectively and competitively as a region.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Dwight L. Farmer
Executive Director/Secretary

Bruce C. Goodson
Chairman

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #5: HRPDC TREASURER’S REPORT

Due to the audit, the July and August Treasurer’s Reports will be presented in the October Agenda.

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #6: REGIONAL REVIEWS – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

A. PNRS Items (Initial Review)

The HRPDC staff is routinely involved in the review of applications for grants to support projects involving federal or state funding. To ensure that all Commissioners are aware of projects being reviewed, brief summaries of these projects and anticipated review schedules are included in the Agenda. The HRPDC staff will continue to request comments directly from staff in localities that appear to be directly affected by a project. Review and comment by more than one locality is requested when a project may affect the entire region or a sub-regional area. Attached is a listing and summary of projects that are presently under review. As of September 8, 2010, there were no outstanding comments on these projects.

B. Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement Review

The HRPDC staff is routinely involved in the review of environmental impact assessments and statements for projects involving federal funding or permits as well as state development projects. To ensure that all Commissioners are aware of projects being reviewed, brief summaries of these projects and anticipated review schedules are included in the Agenda. The HRPDC staff will continue to request comments directly from staff in localities that appear to be directly affected by a project. Attached is a listing and summary of projects that are presently under review.

Attachment

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None required.

Project Notification and Reviews

Date 8/10/2010 **CH #** VA110728-0223760

Title FY2011-FY2013 Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Program Grant

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program

Type of Impact Statewide **Project Staff** Sara Kidd

Project Description

The proposal will enable Virginia to continue to utilize federal trust funds in support of its training, enforcement, and cleanup management of leaking underground storage tanks. These funds complement the Virginia Petroleum Storage Tank Fund.

Federal	\$4,059,450.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$451,050.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$4,510,500.00	

Date 8/13/2010 **CH #** VA110809-0523xxx

Title Multimedia Communications Functions

Applicant Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

State/Federal Program EPA - Chesapeake Bay Program

Type of Impact Chesapeake Bay Watershed **Project Staff** Sara Kidd

Project Description

This project will fund the implementation of a variety of modern technology and content delivery tools that will enhance Chesapeake Bay Program's communications. This includes videography, photography, webcasting, print media design, blog writing, and social networking as it relates to the above products.

Federal	\$66,234.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$3,702.00	Other	\$7,800.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$77,736.00	

Date 8/13/2010 **CH #** VA110803-0423760

Title VADEQ FY2011-13 Performance Partnership Grant

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program See project description

Type of Impact Statewide

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

Performance Partnership Grants (PPG) enable States and interstate agencies to combine funds from more than one environmental program grant into a single grant with a single budget. The components of the VADEQ FY2011-13 PPG are the Water Pollution Control Program, Ground Water Protection Program, Air Pollution Control Program, Hazardous Waste Management Program, Brownfields Section 128A Program, and Wetlands Permit Compliance and Community Outreach Tools.

Federal	\$27,671,928.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$20,938,296.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL \$48,610,224.00			

Date 8/13/2010 **CH #** VA110728-0123760

Title VADEQ Water Quality Management Plan

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program Water Quality Management Planning Program

Type of Impact Statewide

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

DEQ utilizes funds from this project to conduct water quality management projects and provide support for projects managed by PDCs and interstate organizations throughout the state. This proposal provides funds to continue project oversight for both internal and external projects, related to TMDL development. Funds will be provided to fund one or two Watershed TMDL projects.

Federal	\$421,000.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$0.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL \$421,000.00			

Date 8/13/2010 **CH #** VA110728-0323760

Title FY2011-FY2013 Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Prevention

Applicant Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

State/Federal Program State Underground Storage Tanks Program

Type of Impact Statewide

Project Staff Sara Kidd

Project Description

This proposal will provide Virginia with Federal funds to support Virginia's underground storage tank program. Major objectives include enhancement of leak detection and compliance, streamlining corrective action for leaking UST's, providing guidance to the regulated community for compliance with new tank upgrading requirements, and maintaining regulatory and statutory authorities for state program approval which was achieved in October 1998.

Federal	\$2,991,320.00	Local	\$0.00
Applicant	\$997,107.00	Other	\$0.00
State	\$0.00	Income	\$0.00
TOTAL			\$3,988,427.00

Environmental Impact Reviews

Received 8/3/2010

Number 10-118S

Name Virginia Tech-National Institute of Aerospace Facility

Sponsor Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

Description

The Virginia Tech – National Institute of Aerospace submitted an environmental impact report for the proposed construction of a new facility in Hampton. The proposed project location is a 5.1 acre parcel located on the northwest corner of Floyd Thompson Drive and Exploration Way. The building will be three stories high with approximately 60,000 square feet. The project will also include the construction of pedestrian corridors and associated parking areas. The Virginia Tech – National Institute of Aerospace will be primarily responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility.

Affected Localities Hampton

Finding

The proposed project is consistent with local and regional plans and policies.

Comments Sent 8/31/2010

Final State Comments Received

Received 8/18/2010

Number 10-130F

Name Installation of Nine Pilings and One Floating Pier, Owl's Creek Annex, Virginia Beach

Sponsor DOD/Department of the Navy

Description

The Navy proposes to install pilings and a floating pier at the Owl's Creek Annex in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The new pier will be adjacent to a current pier located within Lake Rudee and adjacent to Owl Creek.

Affected Localities Virginia Beach

Finding

Comments Sent

Final State Comments Received

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #7: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM CONTRACTS

A. COOPERATIVE PROJECT WITH THE CABELL BRAND CENTER FOR GLOBAL POVERTY AND RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES

SUBJECT:

Cooperative Project – Developing Water Management Education Modules to Prepare Localities for Climate Change in Urban Environments

BACKGROUND:

The Cabell Brand Center for Global Poverty and Resource Sustainability Studies has applied for funding through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for a project to develop water management educational modules to prepare localities for climate change in urban environments. The Cabell Brand Center has requested that HRPDC staff work as a collaborator on this project and use Hampton Roads to pilot the educational modules. An identical proposal was submitted by the Virginia Water Resources Research Center in 2009, following HRPDC authorization in September 2009. Unfortunately that proposal was unsuccessful.

This work builds on the regional climate change study, which is currently underway. One obvious conclusion from that study is the need for development of educational materials for local staff and elected officials. Similar conclusions can be drawn from discussions among the HRPDC staff and the members of the HRPDC Environmental Committees.

The proposed collaboration between the VWRRC and the HRPDC is a relatively modest effort, involving HRPDC facilitation of local government discussion of the issues and review of draft materials as they are developed. Funding in the amount of \$3,000 per year for the next two years, assuming the Cabell Brand Center receives a grant, would support the administrative aspects of this effort.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with The Cabell Brand Center for the climate change education project if a grant is awarded to the Center for the project.

STAFF COMMENTARY:

An identical proposal was submitted by the Virginia Water Resources Research Center in 2009, following HRPDC authorization in September 2009. Unfortunately that proposal was unsuccessful. The principal investigator is now the Executive Vice-President for The Cabell Brand Center, which is a nonprofit research organization. The project will also involve the City College of New York and various New York City Departments.

B. ELIZABETH RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT:

Contract with the Corps of Engineers (COE) for the Elizabeth River Restoration Project Steering Committee

BACKGROUND:

Since the late 1990s, the HRPDC staff has chaired the Steering Committee for the Corps of Engineers Elizabeth River Restoration Project. The Steering Committee is comprised of representatives of the four cities in the watershed, several state and federal agencies, the Elizabeth River Project and the Corps of Engineers. The Steering Committee continues to believe that the HRPDC staff should continue in that role.

For the past three years, the COE has contracted with the HRPDC to Chair and support the Steering Committee. The COE has obtained funding to continue the HRPDC serving as Chair of the Steering Committee, which also includes managing the Steering Committee's efforts and providing logistical support. This funding would be provided through a multi-year contract between the COE and the HRPDC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District, for this project.

STAFF COMMENTARY:

The HRPDC has approved previous contracts with the Corps of Engineers for this project, most recently in June 2007.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #8: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UASI PROGRAM CONTRACT

SUBJECT:

A procurement vehicle is needed to facilitate development and procurement of the Pet Trailers for localities in Hampton Roads. Through due diligence and research, the HRPDC has identified a cooperative agreement with the National Joint Powers Alliance that can be utilized in accordance with the “cooperative procurement” provisions (§ 2.2-4304) of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. Through a no cost membership and agreement with the National Joint Powers Alliance, the HRPDC would be able to procure the necessary trailers, supplies and equipment allowed through the existing FY 09 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant. Presently, all jurisdictions in Hampton Roads use the National Joint Powers Alliance cooperative agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The UASI Pet Trailers project was funded with the FY09 UASI grant and this project will provide pet supplies and equipment with a storage trailer to support existing pet sheltering plans within Hampton Roads. This project will further develop the limited pet shelter capability thereby creating evacuation and shelter options for citizens with pets to aid in the sheltering, evacuation, and management of pets during a mass evacuation resulting from an act of terrorism and/or natural disaster.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a cooperative procurement membership agreement and contract with the approved National Joint Powers Alliance to support the UASI Pet Trailers project.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #9: PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (PSGP) FISCAL YEAR 2009 APPLICATION

SUBJECT:

The HRPDC Deputy Director and the Emergency Management Administrator have worked diligently with the Hampton Roads Interoperability Communications Advisory Committee (HRICAC) in identifying and applying for funding to support a maintenance and service contract for the Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (HRTacRAN). The HRICAC has the responsibility, with administrative and fiduciary support from the HRPDC, to sustain and maintain a highly reliable regional communications and data system to increase interoperability in response to emergencies due to port security threats, urban area homeland security threats, or disasters due to natural phenomena. In order to accomplish this, funding is needed for system upgrades along with a maintenance and service contract in order to sustain the system. Funding sustainment is allowable through this grant program upon award of this grant.

BACKGROUND:

The HRTacRAN was originally constructed with grant funds from the “Urban Area Security Initiative Port Security Program (PSGP)” from FY2003 that was issued by DHS’s Office of Domestic Preparedness. The HRTacRAN is a highly survivable regional microwave communications system supporting radio interoperability; emergency data file services, video teleconferencing, emergency voice communications, and emergency notification system and enhanced public information dissemination. Currently, there is no maintenance and service support contract to sustain this public safety interoperable communications system. Previous grant applications for FY07 and FY10 PSGP were not selected for funding.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Executive Director to submit the grant application to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for consideration and review by the Area Maritime Security Committee.

Authorize the Executive Director to accept a grant award if offered and matching funds are available.

STAFF COMMENTARY:

The FY09 PSGP would provide enough funding to initiate the solicitation and procurement of a service provider to upgrade, repair, and begin maintenance and service to this fragile system. Additionally, this funding would provide for the sustainment of this service and ensure this critical communications system remains operational and ready for use prior to,

during, and/or after a manmade or natural disaster. There is a 25% cash match with this grant application. If the region is successful in having this grant application funded, the Chief Administrative Officers will be consulted on their ability to support the match before accepting the grant award. If the match cannot be made, the grant will not be accepted and the HRPDC and HRICAC will have to seek other avenues of funding to support the HRTacRAN.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #10: NORTHWEST RIVER WATERSHED PLAN

SUBJECT:

The HRPDC staff has completed the enclosed report, City of Chesapeake: A Plan for the Northwest River Watershed. The report describes existing conditions in the watershed and an analysis of the impacts of further development and makes recommendations to address five specific critical issues.

BACKGROUND:

The HRPDC staff worked with staff from the City of Chesapeake Planning Department and The Nature Conservancy to complete a study of and plan for the Northwest River Watershed in southern Chesapeake. The planning effort included gathering data on existing conditions and assessing past planning efforts. The plan identifies five critical issues facing the watershed: protecting the drinking water supply, protecting natural resources, preserving rural character, buffering military facilities, and addressing climate change and sea level rise. A build-out analysis was conducted to analyze the impacts of future development scenarios on the watershed and identify potential use conflicts. Based on this research and analysis the plan makes several recommendations addressing each critical issue.

Funding to support this effort was provided by The Nature Conservancy.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Accept the report.

Enclosure – Separate – Commissioners Only

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #11: HAMPTON ROADS HISTORIC RESOURCES PROJECT

SUBJECT:

The HRPDC staff has completed the enclosed report, Regional Historic Resources Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Database for Hampton Roads. The report describes activities undertaken during Phase II of the development of the Regional Historic Resources GIS database.

BACKGROUND:

Phase II of the Regional Historic Resources Project involved researching the locations for approximately 1,400 architectural sites identified throughout Hampton Roads. All data to support this effort was provided by the Department of Historic Resources (DHR). The resources in question either 1) had some location information, but were not in DHR's GIS database or 2) did not have location information and were not in DHR's GIS database. The locations of the resources were digitized into the GIS as they were identified. DHR will incorporate the updates made by HRPDC staff into its central GIS database.

Funding to support this effort was provided, in part, by DHR. The Phase I report was approved by the HRPDC at its May 2008 Executive Committee Meeting. Phase I involved updating locations for archaeology sites on the Peninsula and Gloucester.

Phase II also includes a draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the HRPDC and DHR on long-term sharing of historic resource data and future cooperative ventures. Once details of the MOA are finalized, it will be brought back to the HRPDC for consideration.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Accept the report.

Enclosure – Separate – Commissioners Only

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #12: HOME STAR ENERGY RETROFIT ACT OF 2010

SUBJECT:

Congress is presently considering the Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Company Accountability Act of 2010 (S.3663). A subtitle of the Act is the Home Star Retrofit Act of 2010

BACKGROUND:

The Home Star Retrofit Act, as proposed, will establish a national program to encourage homeowners to invest in qualifying home energy-efficiency improvements. The legislation would provide for rebates directly to homeowners who install such improvements and is similar to the energy rebate program operated by the Commonwealth.

The Act would result in a program that is mutually supportive with ongoing local programs under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program and programs being conducted by the Green Jobs Alliance and previously endorsed by the HRPDC.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Chairman to send the attached letter to the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation requesting the members to actively support passage of the Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010.

Attachment



September 15, 2010

FORM LETTER–Senators Warner and Webb; Congressmen Scott, Forbes, Nye and Wittman

RE: Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010
[Click here, type File Code]

Dear Senator/Congressman:

At its September 15, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission acted to urge that you support passage of the Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Company Accountability Act of 2010 (S. 3663), and in particular the subtitle, referred to as the Home Star Retrofit Act of 2010.

The Home Star Retrofit Act of 2010 provides for the creation of a national program to encourage investments in qualifying home energy efficiency improvements. The legislation is expected to create some 168,000 jobs by providing direct rebates to homeowners, thus incentivizing them to make these qualifying investments. Through the existing Energy Efficiency Block Grant Program, Hampton Roads localities have already begun to support the region's citizens in improving the efficiency of their residences and businesses. Through related Department of Energy programs, the Green Jobs Alliance has instituted energy efficiency retrofit programs on a pilot basis. The Home Star Retrofit Act of 2010 will provide for the institutionalization of such programs on a national basis and will have both positive impacts on the energy security of the nation and the economic recovery.

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission has previously advised you of its support for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program and is supportive of the various regional initiatives in this arena. Your support for the Home Star Retrofit Act of 2010 is important to the region. Thank you for your consideration of and support for this legislation.

Sincerely,

Bruce C. Goodson
Chairman

JMC:

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #13: SEA LEVEL RISE PROPOSAL – CHESAPEAKE RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

SUBJECT:

The Chesapeake Research Consortium is submitting a proposal to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for funding to support enhancement of the Chesapeake Inundation Prediction System.

BACKGROUND:

The Chesapeake Research Consortium is leading a team of scientists, planners and engineers in the development of the Chesapeake Inundation Prediction System (CIPS). The team includes the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, the U. S. Geological Survey and private entities. The CIPS is a comprehensive set of predictive tools for use in evaluating sea level rise and storm surge inundation, focusing on the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries. Previous research and modeling work by the CIPS team has been and is being used by the HRPDC staff in its Climate Change work.

The CIPS team is proposing to enhance its work to date by incorporating land subsidence, and new sea level, storm surge, stream flow and related data into the system. In addition, the current proposal includes a substantial component examining societal effects of sea level rise. Work to date and proposed includes a major focus on Hampton Roads. CIPS has requested that the HRPDC support its current proposal.

The HRPDC staff has drafted the attached letter supporting the Chesapeake Research Consortium's proposal to NOAA for funding through the NOAA grant competition: "Improving NOAA's Climate Services for the Coastal Zone: A Special Competition."

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the attached letter supporting the Chesapeake Research Consortium's proposal for enhancing the Chesapeake Inundation Prediction System.

STAFF COMMENTARY:

The HRPDC, at its February 2010 retreat identified climate change and sea level rise as a critical issue for consideration during FY 2011. The HRPDC staff is continuing its analysis of climate change and sea level rise issues as the basis for developing a framework for mitigating and adapting to the negative impacts. This proposal is one of a number of initiatives addressing sea level rise and its impacts on Hampton Roads. In aggregate, these efforts will assist the region in developing the needed framework for responding to rising sea level.

Attachment



September 15, 2010

Dr. Kevin Sellner, Executive Director
Chesapeake Research Consortium
645 Contees Wharf Road
Edgewater, Maryland 21037

RE: Chesapeake Inundation Prediction System–NOAA Proposal (ENV:Climate Change)

Dear Dr. Sellner:

At its Executive Committee Meeting of September 15, 2010, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission acted to endorse the proposal of the Chesapeake Research Consortium, entitled “Improved Resiliency of Chesapeake Bay Communities to Storm Surge and Inundation under Climate-Induced Sea Level Rise.”

The HRPDC understands that this proposal is being submitted to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for funding through the “Improving NOAA’s Climate Services for the Coastal Zone: A Special Competition.” The HRPDC further understands that the proposal will enhance the existing Chesapeake Inundation Prediction System through consideration of land subsidence and more accurate data on sea levels and stream flows and that it will incorporate a significant examination of societal impacts attributable to sea level rise.

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission has identified sea level rise as a critical priority for consideration by the Commission and staff during the current Fiscal Year. The HRPDC staff is actively involved in research on the issues of climate change and sea level rise including a long term effort to develop adaptation and mitigation strategies for consideration by the region’s localities. The HRPDC believes that your proposal will be an important ingredient of its work in the coming years. We urge you to continue coordinating your efforts with those of the HRPDC staff to ensure that the region has the best available information to support local decisions.

The HRPDC hopes that you are successful in pursuing this funding.

Sincerely,

Bruce C. Goodson
Chairman

JMC:

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #14: NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (NECP) GOAL 1 EVALUATION

SUBJECT:

The Department of Homeland Security has completed its final report based on evaluating Hampton Roads' emergency communications system during HarborFest 2010.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications (OEC), in cooperation with FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate (GPD), continues to support and promote the ability of emergency responders and government officials to communicate in the event of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters. An important component of this effort is the National Emergency Communications Plan which establishes interim benchmarks by which State, local and tribal governments, and Federal agencies expect to achieve a baseline level of national interoperable communications.

Representatives from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) were in Norfolk on June 12 & 13, 2010, during HarborFest to observe Hampton Roads' progress toward Goal 1 of the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP). The NECP is a strategic plan that establishes a national vision for the future state of emergency communications. Hampton Roads is one of 64 Urban Areas designated by the Department of Homeland Security for the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program. As a participant in this program, DHS periodically reviews various aspects of preparedness for these designated Urban Areas. During the 2010 HarborFest, the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) observed Hampton Roads' progress toward Goal 1 of the National Emergency Communications Plan which states:

“By 2010, 90 percent of all high-risk urban areas designated within the UASI are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within one hour for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies.”

The final report, which is classified as “For Official Use Only”, was received on August 24, 2010. In the key findings, the DHS observers agreed that the involved jurisdictions and agencies provided interoperable communications within the confines of this event and demonstrated communications planning using policies and procedures. In addition, communications systems were utilized with few difficulties and operational leadership was able to manage resources and make timely decisions without significant communications impediments. Therefore, OEC determined that the Norfolk Urban Area “*successfully demonstrated*” response-level emergency communications as outlined by NECP Goal 1 at an established level.

Mr. Richard Flannery, HRPDC Emergency Management Administrator, will brief the Commission on the NECP Goal 1 results.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Accept the briefing and provide a copy of the "For Official Use Only" After Action Report and Improvement Plan to the affected localities.

STAFF COMMENTARY:

The observance of Hampton Roads' progress and successful demonstration towards Goal 1 of the National Emergency Communications Plan will assist public safety and communications officials in planning for future events (i.e. HarborFest 2011 and OPSAIL 2012).

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #15: SEA LEVEL RISE PROPOSAL - ODU

SUBJECT:

To conduct, in cooperation with Dr. James Koch, Regional Studies Institute at Old Dominion University, a preliminary assessment of the economic and financial implications of sea level rise on Hampton Roads.

BACKGROUND:

At the July 21, 2010 Quarterly Commission Meeting, Dr. Koch provided a presentation on the issue of sea level rise, a proposed analysis of the financial and economic implications of sea level rise on Hampton Roads and the need, as previously recommended in several studies, for accurate and consistent coverage of the region with LIDAR elevation data. [LIDAR is the acronym for **L**ight **D**etection **A**nd **R**anging systems. Integrating lasers, Global Position Systems (GPS) and inertial navigation systems (INS)], LIDAR produces more accurate elevation data than any of the individual technologies.

At the July 21, 2010 meeting, the HRPDC directed the staff to work with Dr. Koch on a more detailed proposal and bring it back to the Commission for consideration. Attached is the draft proposal that has been developed for consideration. The project is proposed at a cost of \$110,000 to be split 50-50 between Old Dominion University and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC). The total cost to the HRPDC is \$55,000.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Authorize the Executive Director to contract with Dr. Koch to undertake this preliminary assessment of the economic and financial implications of sea level rise on Hampton Roads.

STAFF COMMENTARY:

The HRPDC, at its February 2010 retreat identified climate change and sea level rise as a critical issue for consideration during 2011. The HRPDC staff is continuing its analysis of climate change and sea level rise issues as the basis for developing a framework for mitigating the negative impacts. Dr. Koch's work should complement those efforts. This project is one of a number of climate change sea level initiatives being proposed or considered for Hampton Roads. In aggregate, these efforts will assist the region in developing the needed framework for responding to rising sea level.

Attachment

AGREEMENT

This is an agreement between the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) and the Regional Studies Institute (RSI) in the Department of Economics at Old Dominion University (ODU).

Purpose: The HRPDC and the RSI agree to a cooperative research project focusing upon the economic impact of rising water levels and storm surges on: (1) the value of property, structures and assets located in selected areas of Hampton Roads; and, (2) the volume and value of economic activity in these selected areas of Hampton Roads. Neither time nor available resources will allow the project to include the entire Hampton Roads region. Therefore, it will focus on a sample of smaller areas within as many cities within the region as possible. The units of analysis may be census tracts, zip codes, or identifiable neighborhoods. The goal is to provide HRPDC members with reliable data concerning (1) and (2) in a sample of strategic areas of their cities and counties. An effort will be made to represent as many cities and counties within Hampton Roads as possible and to include in the analysis a variety of kinds of property---residential, commercial, critical infrastructure, etc. A complete, region-wide analysis may follow at some point in the future, but is neither planned nor funded at this time.

Division of Labor: Both parties understand that the RSI will bear primary responsibility for generating the analysis and completing the project; however, the HRPDC will provide critical logistic and data access support for the analysis. The RSI will appoint and compensate the faculty, graduate students and staff at ODU responsible for the analysis and will be responsible for all expenses involved in producing its final report. The RSI will work with the staff of the HRPDC to identify the sample of geographic areas within Hampton Roads to be analyzed in the project.

The HRPDC will work with its members to provide the RSI with necessary data, including: (1) the location and assessed value of assets and property within the sample of strategic areas selected for analysis; (2) employment and economic activity numbers within the sample of strategic areas; and, (3) GIS, GPS, LIDAR, storm surge and flood mapping that may be available for the sample of strategic areas.

The Director of the RSI, James V. Koch, agrees to keep appropriate HRPDC personnel informed of the progress of the RSI's work, problems that may arise, and preliminary results as they are generated.

Time Frame: The RSI will strive to complete its work and make available a draft report to the HRPDC within 90 days after it has received necessary data for any sample area. It is possible that some localities will produce more and better data than others and that some data will not be available in a timely fashion. This may mean that the analysis will be

completed for some of the strategic areas before others, or that eventually some strategic areas cannot be included in the analysis, or that the analysis for some areas will not be completed within the 90-day window. Ideally, however, most or all of the critical data will appear at the same time and the 90-day time frame will apply to the entire analysis.

Ownership and Sharing of Results: The RSI and the HRPDC will jointly own the data produced by the analysis and any preliminary or final reports of the project. Any reports, preliminary or final, will be issued under the imprimatur of both organizations; however, no reports will be issued unless both parties agree to such. Any press and media releases similarly must be agreed upon by both parties. The RSI may utilize the data from the project in legitimate scholarly publications with the consent of the HRPDC.

Funding: The agreed upon budget for the project is \$110,000 and the two parties will split this cost 50/50. Prospectively, the RSI's costs will consist primarily of payments to personnel (faculty, graduate students, staff), including members of the Old Dominion University Economic Forecasting Project. The RSI will be responsible for making such payments---including salaries, fringe benefits and overhead costs---plus report production costs, and must pay all of these costs up front. The HRPDC agrees to pay to the RSI one-half of its share of the cost of the project (one-half = \$27,500) when both parties agree the project is approximately one-half completed. The RSI will invoice the HRPDC at that point to trigger payment. The remaining one-half (\$27,500) will be paid by the HRPDC to the RSI when the project is completed to the satisfaction of both parties and after the RSI submits an appropriate invoice. The RSI may elect to direct some or all of these funds into its established account in the Old Dominion University Educational Foundation.

Final Report: The RSI will compile and pay for its final report to the HRPDC. With the agreement of the RSI, the HRPDC may elect to reorganize and supplement the material into a form suitable for a wider distribution by the HRPDC at its expense.

Non-Discrimination: It is the policy of both ODU and the HRPDC to provide equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons, regardless of their race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, veteran status, political affiliation or sexual orientation or otherwise qualified persons with disabilities.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM #16: JOINT FORCES COMMAND ANALYSIS AND RESOLUTION

SUBJECT:

Secretary of Defense Gates has proposed the closing of the Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) presence on the Hampton Roads Region.

BACKGROUND:

On August 9, 2010, U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates recommended the closure of the Joint Forces Command, headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia. JFCOM is one of ten U.S. Department of Defense combatant commands, and one of five major DOD commands headquartered in Hampton Roads.

JFCOM maintains facilities in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Newport News and employs numerous contractors throughout the region. The command plays an extremely important role in the regional economy. In addition to the 5,650 military, civilian, and contract employees, HRPDC analysis has determined that approximately 5,150 additional jobs are generated through both indirect and induced effects. The presence of JFCOM and NATO's Allied Command Transformation contributes over \$900 million to the region's gross regional product (1.2%), with over \$500 million in contracts awarded on an annual basis.

Based on the ongoing discussions among the region's localities and others and the HRPDC staff analysis of the economic impacts of JFCOM on Hampton Roads, the HRPDC has drafted the attached Resolution, supporting retention of JFCOM, for consideration by the HRPDC.

Greg Grootendorst, Chief Economist, will provide a brief presentation on the economic impact that the JFCOM presence has on the region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Resolution supporting retention of JFCOM in Hampton Roads and authorize the Chairman to communicate the HRPDC resolution to the President, Congressional Delegation, Governor and others.

Attachment



**HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
RESOLUTION 2010-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION PROTESTING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF UNITED STATES JOINT FORCES COMMAND (JFCOM) AND REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT, VIRGINIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND GOVERNOR MCDONNELL TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN JFCOM'S PRESENCE IN HAMPTON ROADS

WHEREAS, the Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) originated in 1947 and was formally established in 1997 to provide ready capable joint forces to support the development and integration of joint, interagency and multi-national capabilities to meet the present and future operational needs of the military, as well as to anticipate and prepare for the future demands of the National Defense Strategy; and

WHEREAS, JFCOM currently employs over 6,324 people in Norfolk, Suffolk and elsewhere, including more than 5,600 in Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, total employment in Hampton Roads, which is attributable to JFCOM and its activities is roughly 10,800 and these employees reside throughout Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, JFCOM has an annual budget of \$704 million, which contributes more than \$901 million to Gross Regional Product and more than \$560 million to Personal Income in Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Business Board, a Pentagon Advisory Board, presented a report to the Secretary of Defense, making recommendations to: i) address unsustainable trends associated with military entitlements; ii) reduce the number of military personnel serving in commercial, non-government activities; iii) eliminate uniformed military personnel in governmental functions that should be occupied by civilian personnel of the U.S. Department of Defense; and iv) streamline and reduce the number and size of combatant commands beginning with the elimination of JFCOM; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Business Board also stated a need to perform more in-depth study of the JFCOM issue, which has not yet been undertaken; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of Defense Gates, on August 9, 2010, officially recommended to the President of the United States that JFCOM be closed; and

WHEREAS, the closure of JFCOM would have an immediate and continuing severe detrimental effect on the military's ability to jointly address threats to national security and would greatly weaken the effectiveness and efficiency of the individual uniformed services to function as one cohesive and joint military force to counter, among other things, worldwide terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the existence and location of JFCOM played the definitive role in the establishment and continuation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO's) Supreme Allied Command – Transformation (SAC-T) component, as the only United States-based NATO command, co-located adjacent to JFCOM headquarters, the impact of which is not included in the economic impacts discussed above; and

WHEREAS, if JFCOM is closed the continued operation of NATO's SAC-T command in the Hampton Roads region may also be placed at risk; and

WHEREAS, the proposed closure of JFCOM is not being carried out in accordance with Federal law, particularly Title 10 of the U.S. Code, Section 2687, which was established to ensure that Congress has sufficient time and opportunity to review DOD proposals that result in the closure or realignment of significant military facilities, which JFCOM surely is; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Region, including the Cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg and the Counties of Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, Southampton, Surry and York County, is united in the effort to maintain JFCOM and the preparedness of our military; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission hereby requests that the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation and all elements of the government of the Commonwealth of Virginia are requested to urgently do all things necessary to maintain the current level of JFCOM activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that maintaining JFCOM activities at the current level will not only be beneficial for the economy of Hampton Roads and the Commonwealth, but also critical to support our military men and women who are fighting wars on two different fronts, while also being called upon to, along with our allies, jointly address threats throughout the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed closure should be undertaken either as part of a base realignment and closure process as established within the strict intent and impact of 10 USC 260-2687.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission this 15th day of September, 2010.

Dr. Alan P. Krasnoff
Mayor, City of Chesapeake

Gordon C. Hesel
Mayor, City of Poquoson

James P. Council III
Mayor, City of Franklin

Bernard D. Griffin, Sr.
Mayor, City of Portsmouth

Louise D. Theberge
Chair, Gloucester County

Dallas. O. Jones
Chairman, Southampton County

Molly J. Ward
Mayor, City of Hampton

Linda T. Johnson
Mayor, City of Suffolk

Phillip A. Bradshaw
Chairman, Isle of Wight County

Reginald O. Harrison
Chairman, Surry County

James G. Kennedy
Chairman, James City County

William D. Sessoms
Mayor, City of Virginia Beach

Dr. McKinley L. Price
Mayor, City of Newport News

Clyde A. Haulman
Mayor, City of Williamsburg

Paul D. Fraim
Mayor, City of Norfolk

Donald E. Wiggins
Chairman, York County

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #17: CHESAPEAKE BAY TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL)

SUBJECT:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be releasing the Draft Chesapeake Bay TMDL for public comment on September 24, 2010. Comments will be due to EPA on November 8, 2010.

BACKGROUND:

The HRPDC and participating localities have been actively involved in the Chesapeake Bay Program, including development of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement 2000 (C2K) and the Tributary Strategies for the Bay and its Tributaries. The Chesapeake Bay Program has determined that that voluntary approach will not allow the Bay and its Tributaries to meet water quality standards by 2010. As a result, the EPA is developing a TMDL for the Bay that will mandate nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment reductions throughout the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The Chesapeake Bay Program has determined that the State developed Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) must be included in the draft TMDL. These plans were scheduled to be submitted to EPA on September 1, 2010. Virginia's submittal did not make the deadline.

The pollutant loading allocations developed by EPA and resulting pollutant reduction strategies developed by Virginia will result in permit limits for local government stormwater programs and wastewater treatment plants and additional state and federal regulations to control nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment. These permit revisions and regulations may result in a significant cost increase for local government programs. Because of the far reaching implications of the TMDL and WIPs, it is important that these documents are based on sound science and represent actual conditions as accurately as possible.

The HRPDC Joint Environmental Committee reviewed the current status of this effort at its meeting September 2, 2010. HRPDC staff is working with the Committee in reviewing the TMDL and associated Watershed Improvement Plan and in developing technical comments. Preliminary concerns focus on inaccuracies in the EPA model, the application of the chlorophyll a criteria in the James River, the accelerated timeline, and the cost and feasibility of achieving these reductions in urban areas. It is anticipated that final technical comments will be presented to the Commission for consideration in October.

HRPDC Senior Water Resources Planner Jennifer Tribo will brief the Commission on this initiative and its implications for Hampton Roads.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Form a subcommittee to work with HRPDC and local government staff to develop HRPDC comments and recommendations to EPA outlining the Region's concerns with the TMDL.

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #18: PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

A. Joint Environmental Committee

The Joint Environmental Committee met on September 2, 2010. The meeting included:

- A presentation from Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC staff, on developments concerning the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, including the Virginia Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP). Ms. Tribo outlined the remaining TMDL schedule, reported on the status of the WIP, and described issues with the TMDL. Points of concern include the legal basis for the schedule and timeline, the calibration of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed model, data discrepancies in the model, Chlorophyll *a* criteria in the James River, and the feasibility of urban pollutant load reductions in the current timeframe.
- An update from HRPDC, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach staff on the Virginia state stormwater regulations. This included discussion on the work being done through the reestablished Stormwater Regulatory Advisory Panel (RAP) and several subcommittees of the RAP, established by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).
- A presentation from Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC staff, on the regional application for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program. The presentation described the process used to develop the grant proposal, the content of the proposal, and potential next steps.
- A discussion of potential bills, related to environmental matters, to be included in locality legislative packages and bills. The Committee will develop recommendations on several environmental legislative matters for presentation to and consideration by the HRPDC.
- Updates from HRPDC staff on other items of concern.
- An update from DCR staff on several issues related to stormwater management, grant funding, and Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act compliance.
- Status reports and updates from localities and other Committee members.

B. Regional Stormwater Management Committee

Representatives of the Regional Stormwater Management, Directors of Utilities and Chesapeake Bay Committees met separately on September 2, 2010 to discuss issues related to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

C. Directors of Utilities Committee

The HRPDC Directors of Utilities Committee met on September 1, 2010.

Mr. Scott Kudlas, Director of the Office of Surface and Groundwater Supply Planning at the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), outlined the schedule for the review of the proposed changes to the Groundwater Withdrawal Regulations. The state's review will likely take another six months and the public comment period will occur after the legislative session.

The status of the groundwater permit held by International Paper's (IP) Franklin mill was also discussed. IP applied to renew its permit and continues to hold the permit to withdraw 33 million gallons per day (MGD) of groundwater. IP has indicated that it will make decisions about future use of the Franklin site and facility by the end of the year. Once those decisions are made, DEQ would proceed with an evaluation of the permit renewal including reviewing the withdrawal amount based on justification of need. The justification of need would be based on specific proposals, not speculative.

HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on:

- Pesticide TAC - draft Virginia general permit.
- Draft legislation to allow contractors to issue tickets for violations of the FOG ordinances.
- Draft legislation to limit fertilizer use.

D. Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program

The HRPDC and HRTPO staff submitted an application on August 23, 2010 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. HRPDC and HRTPO staffs briefed the Boards of the HRPDC and HRTPO on the grant proposal during the Board meetings held on July 21, 2010. The application was developed through cooperation between the HRPDC and HRTPO staffs, locality staffs, and the Hampton Roads Center for Civic Engagement. Due to grant program requirements the defined region for the proposal was expanded to include Mathews County, Virginia and Currituck County, North Carolina. Grant award announcements are expected in late September or early October.

E. Regional Housing Program

Hampton Roads Loan Fund Partnership

The FY 11 allocation of HOME funds for the down payment and closing cost assistance program has not been announced by the Department of Housing and

Community Development (DHCD) to date. Additionally, due to the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (S.A.F.E), housing administrators that provide mortgage lending, community grants programs, such as down payment assistance and foreclosure/mortgage default counseling are required to become licensed. The Housing and Human Services staff is currently preparing to take both the national and state exams to fulfill the educational requirements for Virginia and the nation. The staff has also hosted a regional training session for local governmental agencies, housing authorities and non-profit organization that are also required to become licensed. Another training session will be held in September.

Housing and Human Service Technical Support

Staff members are also continuing to assist the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium and are currently working on the Fourth Annual Housing Awards to be held in September. Shernita L. Bethea, Housing and Human Services Manager for the HRPDC will be a recipient this year of the "Across the Region Service Award."

The HRPDC continues to support the South Hampton Roads Disability Services Board (SHRDSB). While official state funding for the program was discontinued, the SHRDSB was awarded a regional planning grant designed to assist in increasing awareness concerning employment issues, obstacles and opportunities for people with disabilities in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, and Suffolk. The group's goal is to enhance the communication between the local governments, local training organizations, the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services system, and citizens with disabilities in order to facilitate preparation for employment and future hiring. The group is planning a symposium on September 21, 2010 at the Chesapeake Conference Center.

F. Regional Economics Program Report

Technical Assistance

Economics staff routinely provides technical assistance and support to member jurisdictions and regional organizations. Information from both the HRPDC Data Book and the Commission's Benchmarking Study provides easy access to a great deal of regional information. Over the past two months, staff has provided information to individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media.

Census 2010

HRPDC staff continues to act as a Regional Census Partner to the U.S. Census Bureau. Census information has been added to the organization publications and the Commission's website. HRPDC staff serves on complete count committees at both

the regional and jurisdictional levels, and have offered a variety of services to the Census Bureau.

Regional Competitiveness

Staff is working on a regional competitiveness study. The purpose of the study is to review the components of growth in competitive economies and evaluate the regional capacity for growth. This analysis will include an in-depth analysis of the region's occupational and industrial composition, with a particular focus on the region's labor supply.

Joint Forces Command (JFCOM)

Since the announcement of the potential closure of Joint Forces Command, a major combatant command headquartered in Hampton Roads, HRPDC staff has been investigating the economic impact that JFCOM has on the region. Several economic impact briefs have been released including information and analysis related to JFCOM's significant economic presence. Staff continues to monitor information that is released from the Department of Defense and will provide updates as new analysis becomes available. Copies of the four "HRPDC Special Reports: JFCOM Economic Briefs," released through September 9, 2010, are attached.

Attachments

G. Emergency Management Project Update (September 2010)

Debris Management

The annual debris management meeting was held at the HRPDC on July 19, 2010 with attendance from SPSA, VPPSA, VDEM, and public works and emergency management personnel from Hampton Roads jurisdictions. Preapproved and bid contracts remain intact with discussions focusing on how to manage regional pricing in the event the contracts are utilized for a debris removal event. All members were briefed on the utilization of WebEOC and its ability to share information regionally. This has resulted in the development of a special regional board that all localities, SPSA, and VPPSA can use to share information to ensure pricing is reasonable and reimbursable with FEMA when a declaration is made.

Hampton Roads Regional Jail and Inmate Evacuation Committee

The committee will meet again in early September. A draft RFP to solicit a consultant to conduct the functional jail assessments for emergency operation plan enhancements and development of jail evacuation planning is currently being vetted.

Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (HRTacRAN)

The EM Administrator continues to work with the Hampton Roads Interoperability Communications Advisory Committee (HRICAC) Oversight Group in an effort to find a funding solution for sustainment of the system for follow-on service and maintenance procurement. The FY 10 Port Security Grant Application that was submitted to VDEM in March 2010 as a potential temporary solution for sustainment was not selected for funding. However, the FY 07 Port Security Grant had some leftover funding that may be applied to this project. All necessary requests were made to VDEM to utilize these funds. VDEM sent the request to DHS in July as have yet to receive a response despite multiple attempts to resolve this request. Also, the FY09 Port Security Grant application will be submitted upon approval.

Peninsula Local Emergency Planning Commission (PLEPC)

A grant application was submitted to VDEM, by the City of Hampton on behalf of the PLEPC, for funds to update the current Peninsula Local Emergency Response Plan. The City of Hampton was granted this the award in the requested amount. The HRPDC is supporting the work for this grant to assist with obtaining a consultant and the management of the project with the City of Hampton and PLEPC.

FY 10 Healthcare Organization Emergency Preparedness Seminars (HOEPS)

The Emergency Management staff continues to lead this seminar with public health partners and multiple health care organizations. The HOEPS planning committee has begun meeting on a monthly basis to begin planning next year's (2011) seminar.

Hazard Mitigation Planning

The grant applications for updating the Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Southampton Hazard Mitigation Plan are in the process of review with an announcement of an award expected in late summer/early fall 2010. FEMA had requested additional information from Southampton County on its application and the emergency management staff is working with the County Administrative staff to fulfill the requested information. A draft RFP has already been developed and will be vetted with the working groups prior to release.

The Emergency Management staff continues to work with the City of Hampton's Emergency Manager by providing support to update the Peninsula Hazard Mitigation plan. A contractor was selected to provide support for the Peninsula plan. As soon as the contract is in place, hazard mitigation planning activities will commence.

The EM staff at the HRPDC worked with the City of Portsmouth and fully participated in updating its flood plain management plan. The updated plan was presented to the City's Planning Commission by the Floodplain Manager and is expected to be approved and submitted for adoption.

Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGP) Support

The Emergency Management staff continues to support the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team and the three workgroups to ensure existing projects and data is integrated. The three workgroups are (1) Evacuation and Transportation, (2) Commodities, Resources, and Volunteers, and (3) Mass Care and Sheltering

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Hampton Roads Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program for the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). With the support of the consultant performing the Capabilities Assessment work, Hampton Roads Homeland Security Strategy (HRHSS) is being updated based on the gap analysis from the assessment. A draft of the HRHSS will be presented to the UAWG in September for review and comment.

Discussions and planning for future grant years continues with the refinement of a tool to track all projects under the UASI grant that have been requested, supported, and require sustainment in the future. The UAWG has indicated that it wants to ensure a portion of future grant funds are made available for sustainment with the rest dedicated towards new projects that will only be supported by the soon to be revised HRHSS.

The FY 07 UASI grant is nearing completion. A few projects have not been completed and an extension request for six months has been submitted by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to DHS on behalf of the UAWG. The request was granted and four projects were extended until November 30, 2010. All four are expected to be completed by October.

Hampton Roads Medical Special Needs and WebEOC Implementation Update (FY 07 & FY 08 UASI Project)

The WebEOC Subcommittee met in August and has begun implementing its plan for institutionalizing WebEOC in the region.

The Special Needs website and registry (www.hrspecialneeds.org) reconstruction is nearly complete to include accessibility requirements being met. The website is complete and will be fully functional as initially envisioned by the Emergency Management community by the time this agenda is printed. An official presentation and announcement is expected to occur during the October 2010 Commission meeting.

Maritime Security and Response (FY 08 UASI Project)

Staff continues to solicit input from the Area Maritime Security Committee for the FY 08 UASI project that is a follow-on project from FY 07. At this time, it is also unclear whether the AMSC will utilize the funds available for this project. If not, further direction will be sought from DHS via VDEM.

Multi-Region Target Capabilities Assessment (FY 08 UASI Project)

The Emergency Management staff, on behalf of and in cooperation with the HR and Central Virginia (Richmond area) UASI regions, provide program management and implementation support for the Target Capabilities Assessment (TCA), through the UASI Grant program. The consultant has been analyzing the data and is nearly complete. The gap analysis will be briefed at the September UAWG and REMTAC meetings. The final component to be developed is the revision to the HRHSS as indicated above in the UASI section. Also, staff is working with the UAWG and consultants to develop a scope of work for the next set of DHS Target Capabilities to be assessed with FY10 UASI funding.

Pet Sheltering Support (FY 09 UASI Project)

The Committee supporting this effort met and finalized what equipment and supplies need to be procured for the trailers to support pet management in shelters. Staff is working with the procurement staff to establish a contract mechanism to begin procuring the trailers, equipment and supplies.

First Responder Authentication Credential (FRAC)

The Emergency Management (EM) staff continues to advance the First Responder Authentication Credential (FRAC) pilot program in Hampton Roads initiated and lead by the Governor's Office of Commonwealth Preparedness (OCP) through State Homeland Security Grant funds. OCP continues to work with Verizon to establish the issuing stations. The Hampton Roads Fire Chiefs Association has been working with OCP's project manager in order to have the FRAC's first issued to the fire service throughout Hampton Roads. The contractor providing the service and equipment is implementing system updates in order for it to be certified as production ready. The project manager is currently vetting dates for a working group meeting to plan for additional work stations.

Hampton Roads Critical Infrastructure Protection Program (HR CIPP)

Strategic planning by the Emergency Management staff for the development of a regional Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) program is on-going in coordination with the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness Critical Infrastructure Protection Coordinator.

The regional workshop with private and public stakeholders has been completed. A proceeding was developed and due to be delivered by the time this agenda is published. The results from the workshop facilitate the development of the regional Critical Infrastructure Resiliency and Strategic Plan. Moreover, the regional plan will implement key objectives of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) and the Virginia Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resiliency Strategic Plan (VCIPRSP). The next meeting for the HR CIPP Working Group is scheduled for October 1, 2010 in which a draft of the regional plan will be reviewed and vetted.

2010 Department of Education's Emergency Management for Higher Education (EMHE) Grant

As part of the grant application process, colleges and universities in the region have the opportunity to apply for grant funds "to develop, or review and improve, and fully integrate campus based all-hazards emergency management planning efforts for institutions of higher education." The College of William and Mary and the Virginia Tidewater Consortium for Higher Education (which represented Old Dominion University, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Virginia Wesleyan College, and Christopher Newport University) requested and received a letter of support for the grant application. We are currently awaiting notification of the award.

Hampton Roads CAO Table Top Exercise

On Thursday, May 27, 2010 the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM), conducted a Tabletop Exercise (TTX) in Hampton, VA at the Peninsula Workforce Development Conference Center. The purpose of the VDEM Region 5 Hampton Roads Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) TTX was to engage the senior executives in consequence-based, decision-making activities involving large-scale catastrophic events and the strategic implications of these decisions on regional and local levels.

An After Action Report and Improvement Plan is completed and expected to be delivered to the Emergency Managers in each jurisdiction by the time this agenda is published.



HRPDC Special Report

JFCOM Economic Impact Brief No. 1

Bruce C. Goodson, *Chair* • Dwight L. Farmer, *Executive Director/Secretary* • John M. Carlock, *Deputy Executive Director* • August 19, 2010

U.S. Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) is one of ten U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) combatant commands and one of five major DoD commands that are headquartered in Hampton Roads. The origin of JFCOM dates back to 1947 when the military applied lessons learned from WWII in order to ensure that all branches of the military work together to achieve strategic goals. At present, JFCOM's headquarters is located in Norfolk, Virginia, where it oversees more than 1.16 million men and women in four major mission areas: Joint Concept Development and Experimentation, Joint Training, Joint Capabilities Development, and Joint Force Provider. Currently, JFCOM trains forces from all military branches to serve together effectively, ensuring equipment interoperability, as well as developing the ability for the U.S. Military to cooperate with allied military commands. Additionally, JFCOM serves as a think-tank for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, preparing and testing blueprints for how the military will conduct future operations.

In August 2010, the Defense Business Board provided a list of recommendations to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, including the recommendation to close JFCOM. There are significant personnel and assets in Hampton Roads currently dedicated to JFCOM, including over 1 million square feet of building and construction leasing in Norfolk and Suffolk.

JFCOM Operating Budget and Staffing Complement		
Operating Budget	\$703,954,000	
Staff	Total	Hampton Roads
Military	1,491*	926
Civilian	1,533*	1,505
Contractor	3,300	3,216
Combined Total (including contractors)	6,324	5,647

*Manning figures include geographically separated units/subordinate components and Reserve Component
Sources: USJFCOM and HRMFFA

JFCOM plays an extremely important role in the regional economy. In addition to the 5,650 military, civilian, and contract employees, 5,150 additional jobs are generated through both indirect and induced effects. The presence of JFCOM and NATO's Allied Command Transformation contributes over \$900 million to the region's gross regional product (1.2%), with over \$500 million in contracts awarded on an annual basis.

HRPDC Estimate of the Regional Impact of JFCOM	
Direct Employment	5,650
Indirect and Induced Employment	5,150
Total Employment	10,800
Addition to Gross Regional Product (Millions)	\$901.3
Addition to Personal Income (Millions)	\$563.0

Source: HRPDC

Top Support Contracts for JFCOM	
Contractor	Millions of \$'s
Joint Project*	\$ 1,028
Northrop Grumman	\$ 686
Lockheed Martin	\$ 186
General Dynamics	\$ 102
Old Dominion	\$ 26
Rolands and Associates	\$ 34
Capstone	\$ 28
VMD Systems	\$ 21
Computer Science Corp	\$ 8
Old Dominion	\$ 5

*Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Science Applications International Corp, General Dynamics

As the recommendation has been brought forth to close the Joint Forces Command, it remains unclear which regional programs and assets might remain in the region under a different command. According to the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA), the new JFCOM commander will be in place on October 29, 2010 and is expected to deliver his recommendations to Secretary Robert Gates at some point thereafter.

We anticipate that we will receive new information on the status of JFCOM on a frequent basis and will make updates to our analysis accordingly.

Bruce C. Goodson, *Chair* • Dwight L. Farmer, *Executive Director/Secretary* • John M. Carlock, *Deputy Executive Director*

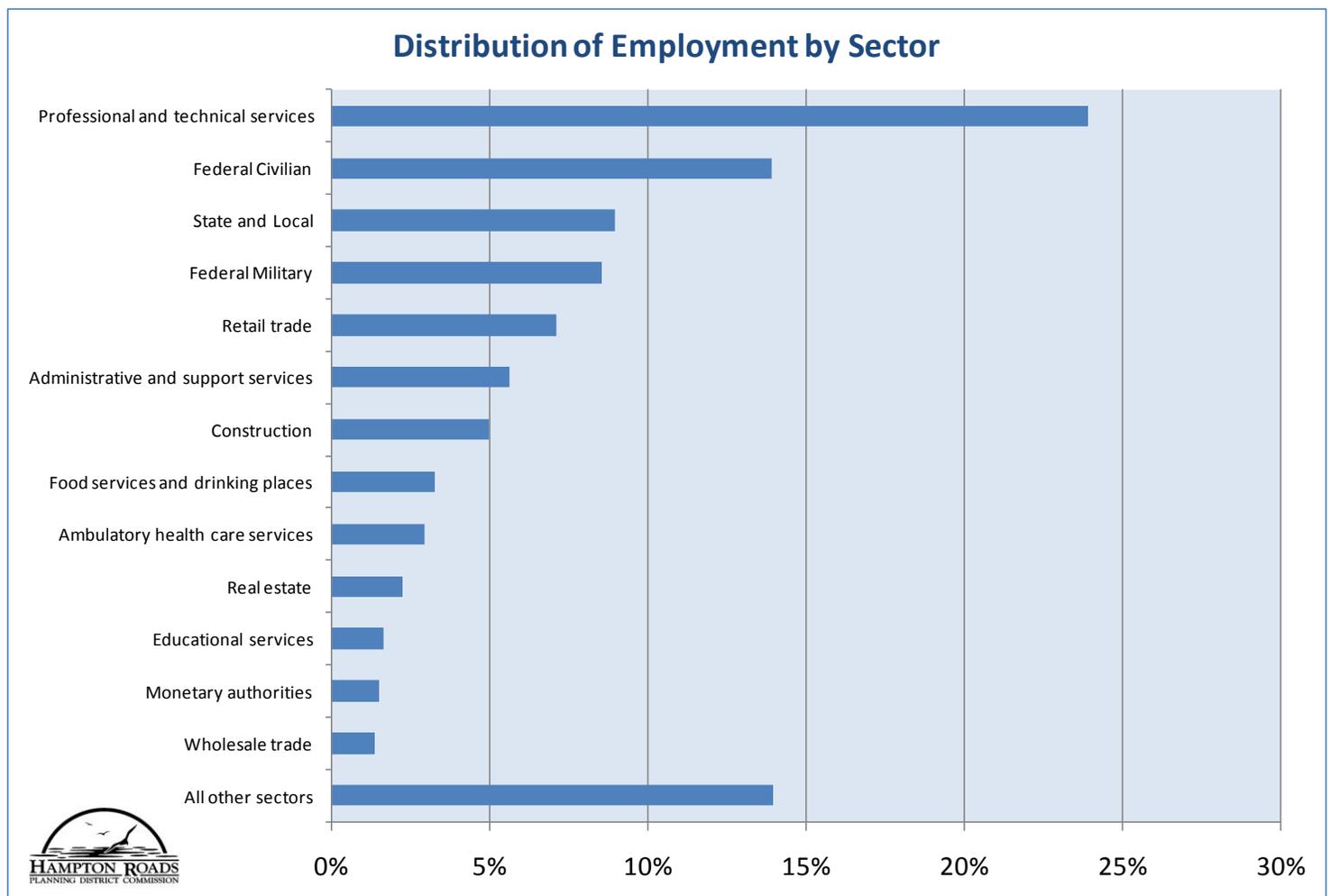
When analyzing the influence of JFCOM on Hampton Roads' Economy, it is important to understand what employment sectors are impacted. The HRPDC staff

HRPDC Estimate of the Regional Direct, Indirect, and Induced Employment Resulting from the Presence of JFCOM	
Direct Employment	5,650
Indirect and Induced Employment	5,150
Total Employment	10,800

Source: HRPDC

has modeled the direct, indirect, and induced employment effects of the command. The distribution of that employment by sector is shown below.

The HRPDC continues to monitor the information coming out of the Department of Defense, and will continue to analyze and report on the personal and economic impacts of these efficiency initiatives.



Source: HRPDC



HRPDC Special Report

JFCOM Economic Impact Brief No. 3

Tuesday August 31, 2010

Bruce C. Goodson, *Chair* • Dwight L. Farmer, *Executive Director/Secretary* • John M. Carlock, *Deputy Executive Director*

The presence of Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) in Hampton Roads generates significant income in the private sector. Wage and salary disbursements generated by professional and technical services sector is especially significant due to the relatively high wage rate (155% of the regional average wage) and the volume of employment that is generated in that sector. Approximately \$117 million in wages and salary disbursements can be attributed to professional and technical services compared to \$135 million in the next 14 highest employment sectors combined. As is evident in the graphic at the bottom of this page, the potential closure of JFCOM would pose further risk to those employed in the region's construction and retail trades.

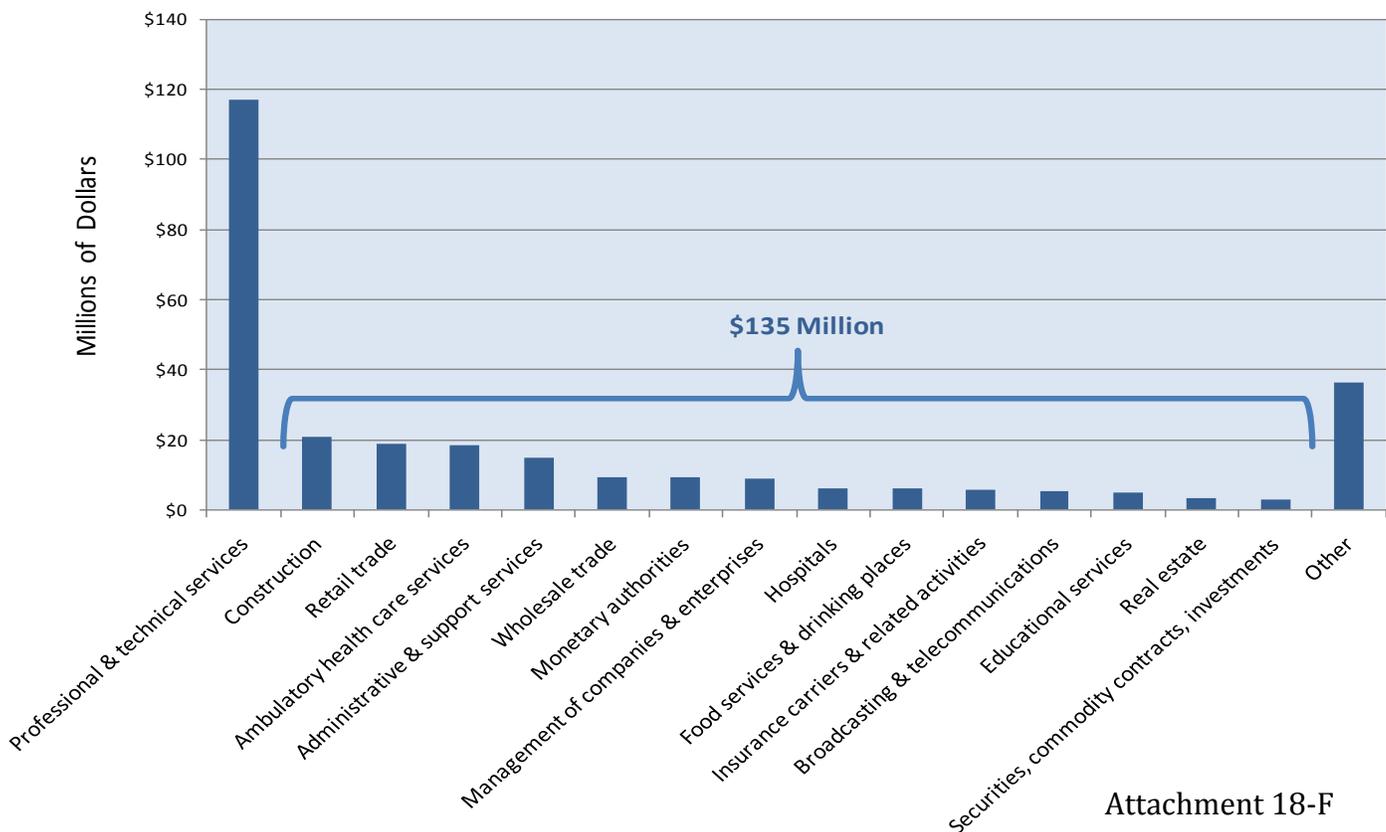
JFCOM's impact in Hampton Roads' is heavily concentrated on the professional and technical services industry, which poses risks across the region. As shown to the right, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Hampton Roads had approximately 66,040 jobs in the professional and technical service sector in 2008. JFCOM related employment in that field accounts for roughly 2,600 of those jobs, approximately 4% of the total.

The HRPDC continues to monitor and analyze the information that is being released from the Department of Defense and will make updates as new information becomes available.

Professional and Technical Services	
Locality	Employment
Chesapeake	10,643
Gloucester	672
Hampton	6,451
Isle of Wight	932
James City & Williamsburg	5,023
Newport News	5,809
Norfolk	11,316
Portsmouth	1,881
Southampton & Franklin	604
Suffolk	2,122
Surry	97
Virginia Beach	17,392
York & Poquoson	3,098
Hampton Roads Total	66,040

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis 2008

Annual Impact of JFCOM on Private Wage & Salary Disbursements



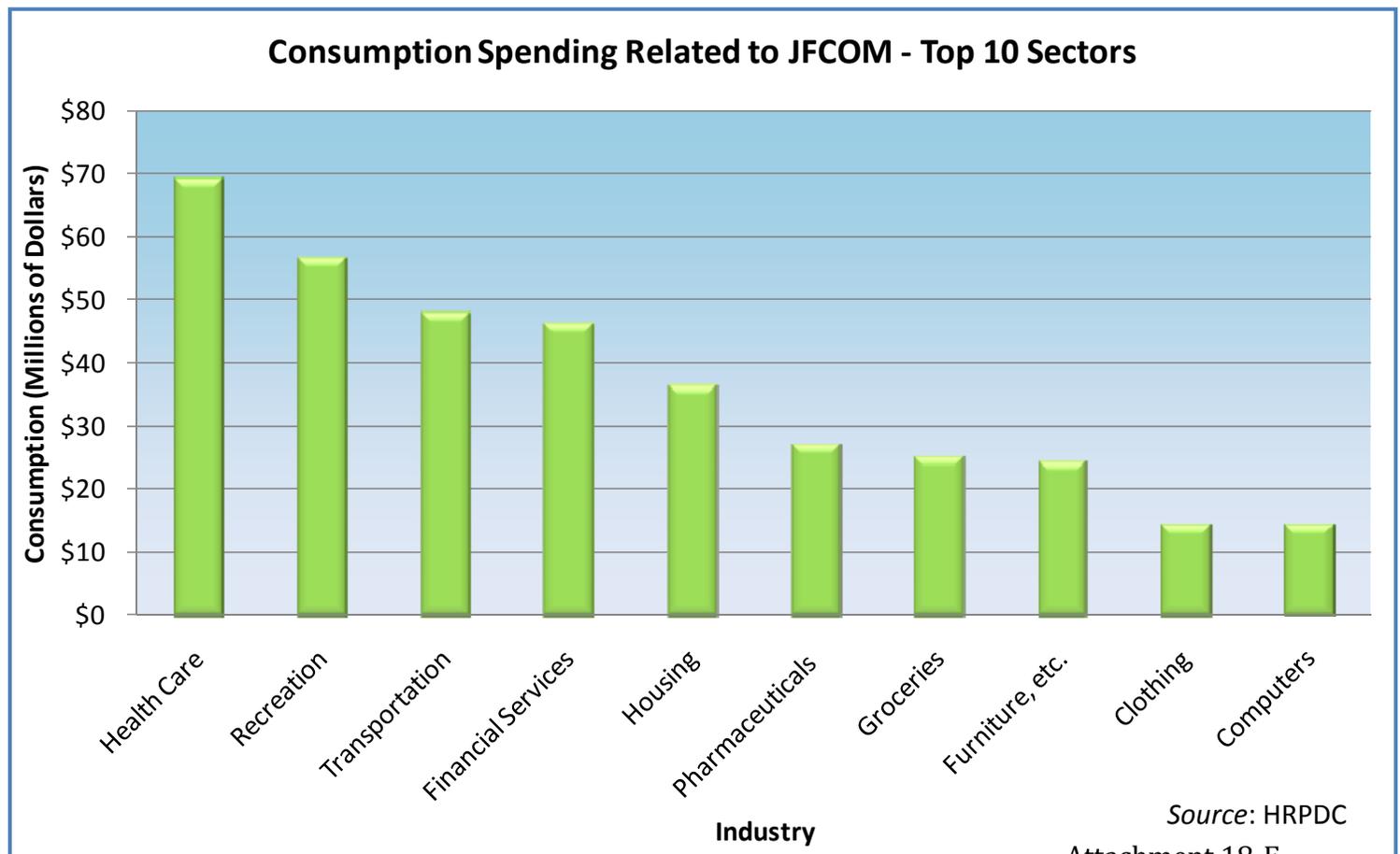
Bruce C. Goodson, *Chair* • Dwight L. Farmer, *Executive Director/Secretary* • John M. Carlock, *Deputy Executive Director*

The Joint Forces Command directly employs approximately 5,650 in the Hampton Roads region, many that are in high value added occupations that pay salary and benefits exceeding region wide averages. An estimated 5,150 additional indirect and induced jobs are created through activities related to JFCOM's presence. These 10,800 jobs generate an estimated \$600 million in regional personal income.

The income that is generated by JFCOM employment quickly flows through the regional economy by way of the expenditure circuit, which is important as consumption constitutes 70% of Gross Regional Product.

Studying the consumption change that would result from a possible closure of JFCOM indicates what occupations and industries in the region would be affected. The figure below indicates where consumption would contract as a result of a proposed JFCOM closure. Areas where there is significant expenditure discretion or where families have the option to cut back tend to experience the largest income declines. Thus, healthcare declines through a decrease in discretionary doctor visits and transportation declines with both a drop in commuting and as consumers try to reduce spending. The ability to only impact some areas quickly explains why necessities such as housing would see a comparatively small decline despite being the major family expenditure (typically 30% of the family budget is devoted to rents or mortgage payments).

A decline in regional consumer spending will prove problematic, as consumption typically provides the path out of a recession. Retail spending and fixed residential investment (building homes) have restarted regional economic growth in most post-war recessions, and with prolonged weakness in both sectors, the region will either need to develop manufacturing/service exports, or remain dependent on federal dollars.



AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #19: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. NEW COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION

On September 8, 2010, the HRPDC staff provided an orientation briefing to newly appointed members of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

B. HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM PEER REVIEW PROCESS

HRPDC Emergency Management Administrator Richard Flannery and UASI Program Planner John Sadler participated in the FY 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program Peer Review Process. Both were recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for their contributions. Copies of the Certificates of Appreciation are attached.

Attachments

C. 2010 STEWARDSHIP VIRGINIA FALL CAMPAIGN

Attached for your information is the August 1, 2010 Announcement and related materials from Governor McDonnell launching the Fall 2010 Stewardship Virginia Campaign. The HRPDC staff has advised local government staff of the campaign and is including information from various local government and private initiatives on the websites of the HRPDC environmental education programs.

Attachment

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is awarded to:

RICHARD FLANNERY

in appreciation and recognition of your invaluable contributions to the
FY 2010 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM PEER REVIEW PROCESS
by recommendation of the Assistant Administrator of the Grant Programs Directorate,
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security

Given this 15th day of July in the year 2010



FEMA

Elizabeth M. Harman
Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is awarded to:

JOHN SADLER

in appreciation and recognition of your invaluable contributions to the
FY 2010 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM PEER REVIEW PROCESS
by recommendation of the Assistant Administrator of the Grant Programs Directorate,
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security

Given this 15th day of July in the year 2010



FEMA

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth M. Harman".

Elizabeth M. Harman
Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Robert F. McDonnell
Governor

August 1, 2010

Dear Fellow Virginians:

I am honored to be launching the 2010 Stewardship Virginia fall campaign to run September 1 through October 31, 2010. Stewardship Virginia is a campaign to encourage volunteers to participate in a specific group of tangible projects that will contribute to conserving Virginia's landscapes, improving water quality, providing for improved recreational opportunities, and enhancing fisheries and wildlife.

Citizens, businesses and service groups across the Commonwealth are encouraged to become involved by adopting streams, planting buffers, improving wildlife habitat, and participating in educational and recreational programs.

Virginia's natural resource agencies and others will participate in these efforts, and the governor will thank participants with personal certificates of appreciation. Given your commitment to wise stewardship, I am asking you to identify and undertake one or more projects and to register your event or activity with Stewardship Virginia so we can recognize your contribution to improving the environment. Or, if you prefer, volunteer for one of the projects sponsored by our natural resource agencies. You can find a list of them at www.dcr.virginia.gov/stewardship.

Virginia's landscapes and waterways are important for their ecological value, scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. If you or your organization would like to participate in Stewardship Virginia, complete the attached registration form and mail or fax it to the address listed. You can also register your event on-line at the above website.

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation is once again taking a leadership role in this campaign. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Bonnie Phillips with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation at (804) 786-5056 or toll free at 1-877-42-WATER.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert F. McDonnell in black ink.

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**Building a Better Outdoors -
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Stewardship Virginia is a statewide initiative held twice annually to help citizens with projects that enhance and conserve Virginia's natural and cultural resources. Its focus is on projects that

- > enhance water quality
- > control invasive species
- > improve recreational resources
- > preserve historic and cultural resources
- > conserve natural heritage resources
- > educate people about recreational, historical, cultural, wildlife, forest and water resources
- > improve wildlife habitat and tree cover

Interested? Then get involved!

Get the word out about Stewardship Virginia by mentioning it in your newsletter, posting flyers on bulletin boards or promoting it with paychecks or organizational mailings. Businesses can grant employees time off to help with an event. Business can also contribute directly to the campaign to help defray the costs of promotional material.

Stewardship Virginia... as simple as 1, 2, 3

1. Plan and conduct a volunteer project or event or join an existing one. Our resource guide makes it easy to get great ideas about projects and where to go to get started. Come up with your own unique projects, or call to speak with the project coordinator for ideas and guidance.
2. Complete a registration form and send it in. Your event will be added to our website, ensuring greater exposure.
3. Give volunteers a big "thank you" by handing out certificates signed by Governor Bob McDonnell. These will be sent to you after receiving your registration.

For more information on participation or contributing to Stewardship Virginia, call toll-free 1-877-42-WATER. In Richmond call (804) 786-5056 or email: bonnie.phillips@dcr.virginia.gov

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REGISTER an EVENT

Event date(s) _____

Description of event _____

Location of event _____ Time _____

Estimated amount of hours worked _____

How many certificates do you need? _____

Contact name _____

Organization _____

Address to send certificates _____

Is this event open to the public? Yes _____ No _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Please let us know if you want more information on:

- Other volunteer opportunities
- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation news

Fax to: 804.371.0315

Or send to:

**Stewardship Virginia Campaign
203 Governor Street, Room 406
Richmond, VA 23219**

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Improve Recreational Resources

Trail projects - Trails offer transportation alternatives, connect communities, parks and neighborhoods, and provide serene places for families to get away from traffic, noise and pollution. Trails provide a valuable wilderness experience and teach children the importance of natural resources conservation. Whether it's hiking, biking or horseback riding, trails are great places to enjoy the outdoors. For information on trail building and maintenance. Opportunities, visit DCR's website at <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/volnteer.shtml>

Preserve Historic and Cultural Resources

Virginians enjoy a wealth of history. Learn and share interesting facts while working on a project. Conduct a cultural heritage project such as a collection of oral histories. Volunteer to help spruce up a historic house or museum, or help record an archaeological site. For more information on ways to get involved in historic preservation and archeology. Visit <http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/>

For educational resources, including exhibits, teaching kits, and lesson plans, visit:
<http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/educ/edu1.htm>.

Natural Heritage Resources

Virginians share the Old Dominion with thousands of more species populations and natural communities.

- > Information on natural heritage resources in your area,
http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/nhrinfo.shtml
- > Natural Area Preserves,
http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/natural_area_preserves/index.shtml
- > Management and restoration projects for which you can volunteer,
http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/spevents.shtml
- > Conservation lands mapping site, which allows you to easily find and print maps of protected lands, http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/conslandmap.shtml

Education

Teach others about outdoor and cultural resources. Good stewardship results from creating awareness, understanding and appreciation for our outdoor resources. Teachers, youth leaders, civic organizations, sportsmen's groups and others can help set that stage by exposing children to the outdoors through educational activities and experiences. There are many educational resources and programs that can help. Visit Virginia Naturally, <http://www.vanaturally.com>.

Wildlife Habitat

Help build a better outdoors for fish and wildlife by enhancing habitat. It doesn't matter if you have a small backyard or a huge farm; there are many ways to improve wildlife habitat. Consider landscaping for songbirds, managing for deer, turkey or quail, or improving the fishing in your pond with artificial reefs.

Habitat improvement projects are fun, rewarding, and range from easy to intensive. Everybody can do something. Visit:

- > Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Habitat Program,
<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/habitat/>
- > Best management practices for your pond habitat can be found at
<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/pondmanagement/>.

Marine fisheries conservation

Tag a fish: Catch, tag and release fish with fellow saltwater fishermen. By participating in the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFTP), you help develop information needed to conserve and manage saltwater fish. The Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) sponsors this annual program. Participants register in December and January; training takes place in February and targets many popular saltwater species.

Special tagging events: The VGFTP is planning several one-day tagging events next year. Open to the public (some require pre-registration), you'll learn about tagging fish, talk with program managers and veteran taggers, and enjoy a little fishing.

Catch-and-release fishing: Catch-and-release fishing is a great way to learn firsthand about conservation. Learn about the best equipment and how to handle fish to ensure that they remain in good health. Many species of released fish are eligible for recognition through the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, and the Virginia Junior Angler Program recognizes only released fish.

Learn more about these marine conservation programs by visiting <http://www.mrc.virginia.gov>.



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Water Quality

Buffer Your Backyard - If you own property along a stream, river, lake or wetland, consider buffering it. Buffers are plants other than grass along the water's edge. They filter and slow water draining into a waterway. Excess water running off lawns, roadways and sidewalks during storms can pick up unprotected soil, toxic substances, heavy metals and nutrients that may have been applied to land. These pollutants harm the health of local waterways and larger watersheds.

- > Learn how to create a buffer by downloading the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's Backyard Buffers from, <http://www.acb-online.org/pubs/projects/deliverables145-3-2004.pdf>.
- > Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and Regulations require a minimum 100-foot wide riparian buffer in Tidewater Virginia localities. Download the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's *Got Buffer* brochure, http://www.cblad.virginia.gov/docs/chesapeake_bay_local_assistance/publica.shtml
- > Help Virginia state nurseries provide hardwood trees for plantings through acorn collection for the Growing Native Project. For more information visit <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/mgt/acorn-collect.htm>.
- > Want to know more about Riparian Forest Buffers, tree planting for conservation and how you can help the Virginia Department of Forestry plant trees in the state <http://www.dof.virginia.gov>.
- > Use native plants for conservation, restoration and landscaping. For a free list of native plants by region, habitat, type and recommended use, call the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation at (804) 786-7951 or visit http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/nativeplants.shtml.

Water monitoring - If you are interested in the health of our waterways, consider water quality monitoring. Sample your local creek or stream and share results with other monitors as part of Virginia Water Monitoring Day, www.deq.state.va.us/cmonitor/activities.html.

Restore your streambank - Streams are a product of the land they drain, and their water reflects streamside land management practices, good and bad. Much can be done to protect clean streams and restore damaged ones. Since private lands are where most streams lie, their fate depends largely on wise

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management by landowners. If you have a stream you would like to care for, consider a project that protects and restores the streambank. You'll find information on restoring riparian areas and stream banks on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries website at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/habitat/lip/>.

Stencil storm drains - Many people don't realize that stormwater runoff empties directly into local waterways. You can change that by painting brightly colored messages along storm drains in your community. It's a community effort with lasting effects. The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation provides stencils that read, "Dump no waste, drains to (river/stream/lake/bay)". Visit http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_&_water/documents/aasmanul.pdf for more information. Or write to adoptastream@dcr.virginia.gov.

BayScaping - BayScapes are environmentally sound landscapes that help people, wildlife and the Chesapeake Bay. You can bayscape backyards, business grounds, parks, schoolyards and more. Visit the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's website at <http://www.alliancechesbay.org> for details.

Clean up litter - Contact your local litter control coordinator at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle/contactlist.html>. Whether intentional or not, our waterways receive tons of litter each year. There are many ways that litter is hazardous. Swimmers can cut their feet on glass. Propellers get caught in old rope and fishing line and it can be deadly to marine animals. Sea turtles swallow plastic bags mistaking them for their favorite food, jellyfish. They slowly starve as their digestive systems are inactivated. Seagulls, ducks and other animals become entangled in discarded fishing line, and many fish died in old nets drifting free with the tides. Some trash will sink and be covered up with sediment eventually. But plastics will not disintegrate and can float or remain suspended in the water. Thus a single piece of plastic litter might be a problem for hundreds of years. It's up to each of us to keep Virginia's rivers, streams, lakes and bays clean.

Help remove litter in and along Virginia's waterways and roadways by supporting or organizing a local cleanup project. These anti-litter activities are a good way for local businesses, civic groups, watershed associations, churches, schools, scouts and others to step into stewardship. Here are some organizations that can help you get involved:

- > Adopt a Stream, http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_&_water/adopt.htm
- > Adopt a Highway, <http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/prog-aah-default.asp>
- > America Outdoors, National River Clean Up Week, <http://www.nationalrivercleanup.org/>
- > International Coastal Clean Up, <http://www.oceanconservancy.org/icc>

Invasive Species

Get rid of "the weeds" - Curb the attack of invasive exotic plant species on our landscape. Learn which ones live nearby and what you can do to stop them from spreading. Getting rid of "the weeds" can be a great project for landowners, youth groups, conservation organizations and others. Here are ways to get started.

- > Citizens Guide for the Control of Invasive Plants in Wetland and Riparian Areas. It's available for \$2 postage from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.
- > Visit http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/invspinfo.shtml for a list of the state's invasive species and management information.

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #20: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

A. LETTER, MAYOR WILLIAM D. SESSOMS, VIRGINIA BEACH TO DWIGHT FARMER

Attached is a letter from Virginia Beach Mayor William D Sessoms to Dwight Farmer requesting that the staff provide the HRPDC with a briefing on the Old Dominion Electric Cooperative Power Plant and its potential impacts on the Hampton Roads region. This briefing will be provided at the October Annual Commission Meeting.

Attachment

B. LETTER, WENDY A. HUNTER TO SHERNITA BETHEA

Attached is a letter from Wendy A. Hunter, President of the Board of the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium to Shernita Bethea, advising her that she has been selected to receive the **2010 Hampton Roads Housing Consortium – Across the Region Service Award** for her exemplary work as an advocate for low income residents.

Attachment

C. LETTERS, DEBRA Y. WHITE TO ELIZABETH M. PSIMAS AND KENNETH CHANDLER

Attached are letters from Debra Y. White, Portsmouth City Clerk to Elizabeth M. Psimas and Kenneth R. Chandler advising that they had been appointed to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission for terms ending June 30, 2012.

Attachments

D. LETTER, LINDSEY SIGAFOOS & JED LYNCH TO JULIA HILLEGASS

Attached is a letter from Lindsey Sigafoos and Jed Lynch to Julia Hillegass thanking the HRPDC for its support of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce's 57th Annual Seafood Outing and Coast Guard Celebration.

Attachment

E. EMAIL, CATHERINE FINNERTY TO RICHARD FLANNERY

Attached is an email from Catherine Finnerty, on behalf of Bill Anderson, President of the Board of National UASI Conference, Inc. and Renee Murphy, Department of Homeland Security to Richard Flannery recognizing his contributions to the Public-Private Partnerships Track at the 2010 UASI National Conference.

Attachment

F. EMAIL STRING CONCERNING THE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE/KEY RESOURCES WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY THE HRPDC

Attached for your information is an email string concerning the Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources Workshop sponsored by the HRPDC on July 14, 2010, including recognition of the region's efforts from the Department of Homeland Security, National Infrastructure Protection Program.

Attachment



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August 6, 2010

Dwight Farmer
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Subject: Old Dominion Electric Cooperative Power Plant

Dear Dwight:

My Alternative Energy Task Force has identified the proposed Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) Power Plant as being problematic for the future of the region. Due to environmental concerns, such as its impact on air quality, the Task Force has decided to recommend against construction of the power station. However, I know that this is a complicated issue. Issues include air quality conformity, impacts on the Chesapeake Bay, job creation, production of needed energy and a host of others. Because of the plants impacts that are potentially regional in scope, I would respectfully request that the staff at the HRPDC brief the Executive Committee at either the September or October meeting on all aspects of the proposed power station. Following the briefing, the Board can consider a regional position on the proposed facility.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue. Please contact me if I can provide anything further.

Sincerely,

William D. Sessoms, Jr.
Mayor

WDS/RRM/amg

cc: James K. Spore, City Manager

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Hampton Roads Housing Consortium

c/o Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320
(757) 420-8300

August 23, 2010

Shernita Bethea
Housing and Human Service Manager
HRPDC
723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Dear Mrs. Bethea:

I am delighted to advise you that you have been selected to receive the *2010 Hampton Roads Housing Consortium – Across the Region Service Award* for your exemplary work as an advocate for low income residents.

Please join us on Thursday, September 30, 2010 from 9AM to 11:30AM at the Chesapeake Conference Center for a special Awards Breakfast where you will be formally recognized and presented with this prestigious award.

Thank you for your many outstanding contributions to improve the lives of so many citizens in this area. Your commitment on these issues has been felt on the local and state levels. Congratulations on receiving this prestigious and much-deserved award!

Sincerely,

Wendy A. Hunter
HRHC Board President
757-391-2936

CC:

- ✓ Dwight L. Farmer, Executive Director
- Greg Grootendorst, Chief Economist

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Attachment 20-B



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The Honorable Elizabeth M. Psimas
Councilwoman
City of Portsmouth
801 Crawford Street
Portsmouth, Virginia 23704

Dear Councilwoman Psimas:

This is to notify you that at the City Council meeting of July 27, 2010, you were appointed as a **MEMBER** of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (Executive Committee) for a term beginning July 16, 2010 and ending June 30, 2012, replace Douglas L. Smith

Boards and commissions serving the community are valuable to our citizens and to municipal government. Their work is both important and demanding. We are confident that you will contribute much to the effectiveness of this commission through regular attendance and utilization of the talent and knowledge you have to offer.

Your appointment requires you to take an oath of office. Please call me at your convenience to arrange a time for you to take this oath.

Your acceptance of this important civic duty is deeply appreciated by City Council and the citizens of Portsmouth.

Sincerely,

Debra Y. White, CMC/AAB
City Clerk

cc: Dwight Farmer, HRPDC



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Mr. Kenneth R. Chandler
City Manager
City of Portsmouth
801 Crawford Street
Portsmouth, Virginia 23704

Dear Mr. Chandler:

This is to notify you that at the City Council meeting of July 27, 2010, you were re-appointed as a member of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission for a term ending June 30, 2012.

The City Council and the citizens of Portsmouth appreciate your acceptance of this important civic duty and your continued interest in the City of Portsmouth.

Sincerely,

Debra Y. White, CMC/AE
City Clerk

cc: Dwight Farmer, HRPDC

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August 9, 2010

Ms. Julia Hillegass
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Ms. Hillegass:

Thank you for your support of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce's 57th Annual Seafood Outing and Coast Guard Celebration.

The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce provides you, our valued member, opportunities to network and grow your business, increase your visibility, learn from the pros at a fraction of the cost, join the most powerful voice of local business and access exclusive, bottom-line benefits like discounts on office supplies, shipping, telecommunications, and services businesses use most. We could not continue the work of the Chamber without your ongoing support.

Thank you again for helping us celebrate the Coast Guard and your ongoing support of the Chamber! Together we serve the Hampton Roads community by creating economic prosperity and enhancing the quality of life in the region.

Kind Regards,



Lindsey Sigafos
Coordinator, Program Development

Jed Lynch
Coordinator, Program Development & Sustainable Resource Campaign

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From: Finnerty, Catherine <CTR> [mailto:Catherine.Finnerty@associates.dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2010 1:22 PM
To: Richard Flannery
Subject: UASI Conference Thank You

Dear Richard:

Thank you for your significant contributions to the Public-Private Partnerships Track at the 2010 National UASI Conference. The expertise of and presentations by speakers and moderators are the reason attendees engage in the sessions. We appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedule to travel and present the public-private partnership and information sharing best practices, challenges, and recommendations important to your work in Hampton Roads. The overwhelming positive feedback we received from participants affirms the value your presentation added to the participants' experience. In fact, our track was one of the highest rated at the conference by participants.

As a token of our appreciation, attached is a report that documents the key information gathered from speaker presentations and dialogue with participants, a summary of each session, and a resource guide of programs and capabilities referenced in the dialogue. We hope it is a useful tool for identifying challenges, best practices, and contacts in building and sustaining partnerships.

Sincerely,

Bill Anderson, President, Board of Directors, National UASI Conference, Inc.
Renee Murphy, Section Chief, Partnership Programs, DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection

Public-Private Partnerships in Action: The Commonwealth of Virginia

Moderator: Bill Lawson, Grants Specialist, Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Speakers: Mike McAllister, Deputy Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness, and SLTTGCC Member
Richard Flannery, Emergency Management Administrator, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Gary Lupton, Senior Vice President of Towne Bank, Executive Director of Virginia 1st

Pivotal to the success of ensuring that Commonwealth communities, businesses, and government are safe, secure, and prepared is the ability to protect CIKR through coordination between all levels of government and the private sector. In this session, representatives from across Virginia shared the Commonwealth's holistic approach to critical infrastructure preparedness, including an overview of the state plan to implement the NIPP, building and sustaining partnerships, and applying the partnership model to the financial sector.

Commonwealth of Virginia

Primary CIKR activities of the Commonwealth include implementing the NIPP, utilizing DHS critical infrastructure tools, and conducting local outreach. As a counterpart to the NIPP, Virginia created the Virginia Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resiliency Strategic Plan (Virginia Plan) with objectives to: understand and share information with CIKR partners; build partnerships; implement a long-term risk management program; and maximize efficient use of resources. Virginia also utilizes DHS ACAMS as a free tool to facilitate information sharing across the Commonwealth with partners in both the public and private sectors. Local outreach is conducted through Virginia's four CIP regions (Richmond, National Capital Region, Southwest Virginia, and Hampton Roads) and through InfraGard.

Hampton Roads

As one of the Commonwealth's four regions, Hampton Roads has worked to implement initiatives consistent with the Virginia Plan. However, before proceeding, Hampton Roads had to convince local officials to focus on critical infrastructure protection. This was accomplished in part by speaking to the officials about what was being done on the national and Commonwealth levels, balanced by the need to think about regional catastrophes and evacuations, as well as local military assets. The following summarizes the primary activities of the Hampton Roads Planning Commission, utilizing funding from the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP):

- CIKR Resiliency Study (University of Virginia) – helped the development of the Hampton Roads Critical Infrastructure Program (HRCIP) by producing a guidance document that lays out objectives and a strategic path forward.
- Working with the Commonwealth to implement the Virginia Plan, facilitate sector-specific planning, and utilize ACAMS.

John Carlock

From: Richard Flannery
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 8:59 AM
To: John Carlock; 'Mike.McAllister@governor.virginia.gov';
'Megan.Samford@governor.virginia.gov'
Subject: Fw: Hampton Roads Critical Infrastructure Protection Program Follow-up

FYI

Richard Flannery
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
(757) 420-8300

From: Davis, Charles H <Charles.H.Davis@dhs.gov>
To: May, Larry <Larry.May@dhs.gov>; Richard Flannery
Sent: Thu Jul 29 17:53:37 2010
Subject: RE: Hampton Roads Critical Infrastructure Protection Program Follow-up

Thanks for the note Richard! As Larry mentioned, we were quite elated to attend and observe the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and the Governor's Office of Preparedness teamed to implement and operationalize the NIPP at the regional and state levels. It was apparent that you, your team and Mike McAllister are committed to ensuring that critical infrastructure protection and resilience is a priority for Hampton Roads region and Virginia.

As you are quite familiar (from your Navy days) with being a staffer, planner, manager and strategist; you generally don't often get the opportunity to observe the realization and execution of your planning contributions. In this case, Larry and I were very pleased to see some of the fruits of our labor here at the National level and the NIPP Program Management Office. It was very obvious that you and Mike have put a lot of effort into making this CIPR strategy initiative in the HR region and the commonwealth big a success. And, it looks like you all are well on your way as evidenced through the outstanding workshop participation. We will definitely stay connected with you to follow your efforts and success to develop the HR Regional CIPP. If there is anything that we can do for you from here, please don't hesitate to contact us as needed.

Thanks again for inviting us to the workshop, we were very impressed by all supporting and participating this very important initiative.

Best Regards,

Charles

COL Charles H. Davis, (US Army, Retired, MS)

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From: May, Larry
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 10:27 AM
To: Richard Flannery
Cc: Davis, Charles H
Subject: RE: Hampton Roads Critical Infrastructure Protection Program Follow-up

Rich,

A short personal note of thanks.

I expect Charles will respond back as well, but I wanted to tell you how much we both enjoyed the workshop. But even more importantly, we found it to be an outstanding approach to operationalizing the NIPP and the Commonwealth's CIPR Strategic Plan; I believe exactly where it needs to be-at the local & regional level.

I could not have written a better script for this effort and forum; as you reached out to a very broad representation of public and private sector owners and operations. Starting with Ms Suit, Mr. McAllister, Ms Samford, Ms Wilkins, Dr. Haimes, yourself and others I probably missed, you guys did an outstanding job! It clearly showcased the commitment from the governor's office to the local level and all of you displayed a level of enthusiasm we won't soon forget.

So once again, thank you for the invitation to sit-in and all the best as you move out on this critical program.

/R
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From: Richard Flannery [<mailto:rflannery@hrpdcva.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 12:29 PM
To: Richard Flannery
Subject: Hampton Roads Critical Infrastructure Protection Program Follow-up

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I would like to thank those of you that attended our workshop on July 14 to kick off the Hampton Roads Critical Infrastructure Protection Program and welcome those that could not attend and have an interest in participating in this initiative. We are working through the proceedings from the workshop and hope to get that out to everyone in the very soon.

As discussed at the workshop, we are soliciting interested stakeholders in further developing this initiative as we move forward. With that said, if you would like to participate in furthering this

initiative, please let me and/or Mr. John Sadler (jsadler@hrpdcva.gov) know. We anticipate having a working group meeting in late August/early September to begin the vetting process for the regional Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan and supporting items. This will not be labor intensive on your part and be more of an opportunity to use your knowledge and expertise to move this initiative forward. A date and time for the meeting with the working group will be forthcoming.

We also wanted to provide an opportunity for you to review the Virginia Plan (known as the Virginia Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resiliency Strategic Plan). It can be found on the Governor's Office of Commonwealth Preparedness webpage (<http://www.commonwealthpreparedness.virginia.gov/CIP/index.cfm>) or for ease, I've attached it. I recommend you visit the webpage as well so that you are familiar with the Commonwealth's vision.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,
Richard

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AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #21: OLD/NEW BUSINESS