

# FISCAL YEAR 2012 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA - REVISED

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Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

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# Funding Items

## ◆ Water Quality Funding

- Support full funding for Water Quality Improvement Fund.
- Support consideration of costs for TMDL, MS4 Permit & SSO Implementation.
- Support issuance of bonds for wastewater treatment plants.

## ◆ BRAC-related Land Acquisition

- Support funding for land acquisition at NAS Oceana.
- Support funding for land acquisition at Langley AFB.

## ◆ Restoration of PDC Funding

- Support restoration of funding to FY 2001 level of \$0.24 per capita.

# Funding Items (cont.)

## ◆ Sea Level Rise

- Support City of Norfolk proposed one year study of effectiveness of measures to adapt to sea level rise and coastal flooding.
- Study will benefit all of Hampton Roads as it explores adaptation to sea level rise.

# Housing

## ◆ Secure And Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (SAFE Act)

- Support legislation providing exception to the definition of “mortgage loan originator” for local government entities & regional agencies.

## ◆ Virginia Housing Trust Fund

- Support establishment of Virginia Housing Trust Fund.

# Environmental Initiatives

## ◆ Uranium Mining

- Support maintenance of moratorium on uranium mining.

## ◆ Recycling Requirements

- Support enabling legislation for localities to require glass recycling.
- Support incentives for businesses that recycle certain materials.

## ◆ Environmental Education

- Support “No Child Left Inside Act” and equivalent state programs.

# Environmental Initiatives (cont.)

## ◆ Tree Canopy Requirements

- Support enabling authority for all localities to adopt tree canopy preservation programs.

## ◆ Water Quality Programs Addressing Nutrient Reductions

- Support legislation addressing septic systems.
  - ◆ Tax credits for system replacement
  - ◆ Grant all counties the authority to require hook-ups.
  - ◆ Cost share program for system improvement and replacement
  - ◆ Amend CBPA to require pump-out **regulation & enforcement** to be conducted by Virginia Department of Health.
- Support fully staffed & adequately funded program, **including cost share assistance**, to manage nonpoint source pollution associated with agricultural operations.

# Environmental Initiatives (cont.)

## ◆ Nutrient Credit Expansion

- Support to cover all sectors addressed in Chesapeake Bay TMDL.
- Allow trading between sectors such as urban stormwater and wastewater treatment plants.
- Enable localities to establish local programs and banks.

# State Government Administration

## ◆ Stormwater Program Consolidation

- Support integration of state stormwater programs and require all localities to administer program.
- Monitor and evaluate proposal to move MS4 Permit Program from DCR to DEQ.

## ◆ Federal Facilities and Defense Industry Caucus

- Support creation of Virginia Federal Facilities and Defense Industry Caucus

## ◆ State Fees on Local Government Services

- Oppose state taxes, fees or surcharges on local services.

# State Government Administration (cont.)

## ◆ Unfunded Mandates

- Oppose unfunded mandates.

## ◆ Eminent Domain

- Concerned about consequences of provisions dealing with lost access and lost profits.
- Impacts on delay and costs for public infrastructure projects.
- Do not support in current form.

# Recommended Action

- ◆ Approve HRPDC Legislative Agenda
- ◆ Authorize Chairman to transmit Legislative Agenda to the Hampton Roads General Assembly Delegation