

AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #20: PROJECT STATUS REPORTS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

A. HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

The summary minutes of December 1, 2011 Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay Committee and Regional Stormwater Management Committee Meeting are attached.

Attachment 20A

B. SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

The summary minutes of the December 1, 2011 Chesapeake Bay TMDL Steering Committee are attached.

Attachment 20B

C. PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Attached are status reports on other HRPDC programs.

Attachment 20C

ATTACHMENT 1A
THE DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE, THE
REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE
CHESAPEAKE BAY IMPLEMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
December 1, 2011

The Joint Environmental Committee met on December 1, 2011. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of various climate change related projects underway in the region, including Coastal Zone Management projects at HRPDC, collaborative projects with Old Dominion University and the University of Virginia, and several projects that are proposed or beginning.
- Mr. McFarlane briefed the Committee on the Working Waterfronts planning process that is currently getting underway. This process is being led by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and includes participation by three other planning district commissions in addition to HRPDC, including the Accomack-Northampton, Middle Peninsula, and Northern Neck PDCs.
- Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan.
- Ms. Tribo and Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the proposed Stormwater program budget. The Committee voted to recommend approval of the budget by the Commission.
- Ms. Virginia Sneed, Regulatory Programs Manager in the Department of Conservation and Recreation, briefed the Committee on changes to local program adoption in response to new stormwater regulations. DCR is developing new guidance and tools for localities.
- Ms. J. Rax-McBride, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on a HRPDC project funded by the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program that will provide guidance to localities in adopting policy or plan changes to meet requirements from state regulations and the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.
- HRPDC staff led a discussion of items currently in the proposed HRPDC legislative agenda. The Committee discussed items related to the organization of DCR and DEQ, eminent domain, and responsibility for enforcing septic tank maintenance requirements.

Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee for the Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan:

The Regional Steering Committee for the Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) met on December 1, 2011. The following items were addressed during the meeting:

- HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on the Stormwater Subcommittee's and the HRPDC Board's discussion of Virginia's November letter to local governments within the Bay Watershed outlining the expectations for Phase II cooperation and data submittal. The Stormwater subcommittee and the HRPDC Board recommended that local governments should: 1) use VAST to update BMP and land use data; 2) submit narratives on strategies and funding gaps to Virginia using the attached templates; 3) submit information and data to HRPDC staff on BMP scenarios that local governments can implement. HRPDC staff will take the information and data that local governments provide and create a Regional VAST scenario. HRPDC staff reviewed this process and proposed schedule for data submission to HRPDC and Virginia. There were no objections to this approach. Localities will proceed with the development of local plans and the submittal of data to HRPDC by December 28, 2011 for the Regional VAST scenario.
- HRPDC staff summarized reports by the Chesapeake Stormwater Network, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Virginia Senate Finance Committee that provide information on nutrient removal efficiencies, non-traditional management actions, and the cost of implementing the Bay TMDL. Staff then presented a draft BMP decision matrix developed in part based on these documents, and explained how the matrix, along with cost estimating tools developed by Maryland, may assist localities in evaluating and selecting BMPs for use in strategies. Some localities commented that such a tool will be useful to them immediately, while other localities will likely rely on their existing CIP-related procedures for prioritizing actions. HRPDC staff will convene a work group consisting of volunteers from the Committee to review and comment on the BMP decision matrix. The final matrix is anticipated for distribution by mid-December.
- HRPDC staff reviewed the analysis and calculation of land areas owned and operated by VDOT that local governments can exclude from their nutrient reduction goals. Staff presented the results and explained how the analysis could be augmented to derive estimates of VDOT pervious and impervious land areas. Localities may contact HRPDC staff to provide any additional data to help validate estimates or request a copy of the analysis. The results will be incorporated into the Regional VAST scenario.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

1. Regional Housing Program

Hampton Roads Loan Fund Partnership

The Housing and Human Services staff was recently notified of their FY12 award of HOME funds from the Department of Housing and Community Development. (DHCD). The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission was awarded \$87,500 to provide down payment and closing cost assistance to qualified individuals in Planning District #23. A training teleconference will be held to educate regional partners on the new guidelines for funding and discuss the current mortgage criteria changes. The HRPDC hopes to request additional funds in the spring of 2012.

Housing & Human Services Technical Assistance

The staff attended the Virginia Governor's Housing Conference in November. The Governor's Housing Conference is the largest and most comprehensive housing-related event in Virginia. The staff assisted in the development of a regional exhibit that showcased affordable housing opportunities and activities in the Hampton Roads area. Planners from the HRTPO as well as the HRPDC jointly attended a special pre-conference training entitled "*Getting Transportation and Housing Right*". Local planners from James City County, Newport News, York County and Virginia Beach also participated in this interactive session. Utilizing the "Transportation and Housing Alliance Toolkit", developed by Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, planners were given information on how to fully integrate transportation, housing planning, and accessibility into more successful community planning. The HRPDC is exploring more opportunities to strengthen the linkage between housing and transportation in the effort of creating better communities.

2. Regional Economics Program

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. Staff also provides special reports on topics of timely significance. Over the past month, staff produced a report on the implications of the super committee failing to act and have responded to information requests from individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media.

HRPDC Annual Economic Forecast

Each January, the HRPDC Economics Department delivers a regional economic forecast. This effort includes a review of trends in the regional economy over the preceding year along with a detailed regional forecast for the coming year. Staff are

currently preparing for the forecast which will be delivered at the HRPDC Quarterly Meeting on January 19, 2012.

3. Emergency Management Project Update

Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee (REMTAC)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee and its associated tasks and committees. Below is a summary of the meeting from November 25, 2011:

- It was agreed that REMTAC FY08 UASI Project Funds would be allocated to supplement funding an emergency generator for a Gloucester shelter and additional regional WebEOC System enhancements.
- Lessons learned from Hurricane Irene were discussed. It was agreed to perform several website enhancements as well as survey emergency management on the utility of the special needs registry and possibly survey registrants as well.
- Special Needs Subcommittee Progress: The Subcommittee discussed public outreach initiatives recommended by the Public Outreach Workgroup. Public and private transportation logistics issues highlighted during Irene were discussed and are being addressed by the Subcommittee.

Hampton Roads Regional Jail and Inmate Evacuation Committee

The HRPDC on behalf of the Jail and Inmate Evacuation Committee has released an RFP for a functional jail assessment. The assessment is funded by the FY 10 UASI grant.

Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (HRTacRAN)

HRPDC staff continues to work with Virginia Beach to begin HRTacRAN redundant system installation. In review, Virginia Beach (as recipient of the FY08 UASI Communication award) received approval from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to modify the FY08 UASI grant to support HRTacRAN. The intent was to utilize a preexisting contract. However, a contract to support this initiative could not be found requiring Virginia Beach to go out for bid. With the addition of the bid process, Virginia Beach requires additional time to expend the funds before the end of the FY08 performance period (currently extended to February 29, 2012). HRPDC staff and Virginia Beach continue to explore several options to utilize allocated FY08 UASI funds.

Since the October update, the HRPDC has formally requested an extension from DHS. The decision is still pending and would constitute an exception on the part of DHS as extension requests are usually not considered until the last 60 days of the performance period (January 1, 2012 for the fiscal year 2008) However, during the October 24, 2011, Urban Area Work Group (UAWG) meeting, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) indicated that work on the fiscal

year 2008 project must be completed by February 29, 2012, but Virginia Beach would be allowed an additional 60 days to close out the project administratively. Based on this information, communications representatives from Virginia Beach indicated that it would be possible to release the bid without approval of the extension. Furthermore, a preexisting contract may have been discovered that could be utilized to install the redundant HRTacRan microwave ring.

Peninsula Local Emergency Planning Commission (PLEPC)

The quarterly PLEPC meeting was held on November 17, 2011.

FY12 Healthcare Organization Emergency Preparedness Seminars (HOEPS)

The HOEPS committee met in November and further focused seminar goals and objectives. Conflicting conferences were identified and are being resolved. One facility manager of a Sentara facility on the coast with evacuation/reentry experience is confirmed as a keynote speaker, with a possible second speaker being investigated in the areas affected by wildfires in Texas.

Hazard Mitigation Planning

The HRPDC and Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee plan updates (for the Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Southampton Hazard Mitigation Plan) are nearly complete and are being scheduled for adoption. The City of Franklin and Southside Hampton Roads Plans have been reviewed and are undergoing final corrections in response to minor FEMA comments for formal approval. The Southampton County plan is expected to begin review shortly.

Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGP) Support

The Emergency Management staff continues to support the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team (RCPT) to ensure existing projects and data are integrated.

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). During the October meeting, the FY 08 project managers briefed the UAWG on the status on their initiatives and provided a spending plan to close projects out before the end of the extended fiscal year 2008 performance period. Based on the presentations, the UAWG decided to allow all FY08 projects to retain their funding. As such, all FY08 projects have until February 29, 2012 to be completed. The UAWG will ask for a project briefing in February, 2012 for initiatives funded with the fiscal year 2009 UASI grant. Lastly, Hampton Roads has not been awarded fiscal year 2011 funds as they are currently tied to the award of the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), which is still going through the application process.

Hampton Roads Medical Special Needs

The Special Needs Subcommittee was briefed by the RCPT as it relates to special needs planning, sheltering status and other findings. Separately, the initial findings of the Hurricane Irene After Action Report being developed by the Endependence Center were discussed with possible follow up, based upon the report's recommendations once finalized. The Special Needs website and registry (www.hrspecialneeds.org) continues to be populated by/for citizens with special needs in Hampton Roads. The registry continues to mature and find better utility by emergency management, while recognizing the continuing need to manage public expectations of local capabilities.

Multi-Region Target Capabilities Assessment (FY08 UASI Project)

The project was completed following the adoption of the Hampton Roads Homeland Security Strategy by the Urban Area Working Group in October.

Pet Sheltering Support (FY09 UASI Project)

The project has been completed.

Hampton Roads Critical Infrastructure Protection Program (HR CIPP)

HRPDC staff is working with the Office of Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs to reengage stakeholders and the HR CIPP working group.

4. HR Green

Staff continues to promote a consistent regional environmental message via www.askHRgreen.org and the associated blog.



Initial data from our fats, oils and grease (FOG) Thanksgiving campaign:

Online Impressions	# of Ads	Click Thru Rate
Radio	230,690	data not provided by vendor
PilotOnline	83,512	0.18%
DailyPress.com	66,092	0.35%
Total Campaign	380,294	0.25%
	**Industry average click thru rate is .09%	
Total Impressions	380,394	Cost per impression: \$.02



Radio Spots	# of ads
:60	78
:15	12
:05	10
Total	100

5. Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program

The HRPDC and HRTPO staff submitted an application on October 6, 2011 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 on the grant proposal during the Board meetings held on July 21, 2011. The application was developed through cooperation between the HRPDC and HRTPO staffs, locality staffs, and the Hampton Roads Center for Civic Engagement.

Unfortunately, the HRPDC proposal was not awarded funding through the program. The HRPDC staff will distribute the Proposal and related materials to the Chief Administrative Officers and Planning Directors of the participating localities and the regional agency partners in this proposal.

6. Hampton Roads H2O – Help to Others – Program Status Report

The Hampton Roads H2O – Help to Others – Program was re-launched this past November. H2O is a community-based, nonprofit, 501(c)3 program that assists people in crisis through the generosity of donations. Through H2O, families or individuals in danger of losing residential water service because of a family crisis can receive one-time financial assistance to pay their local public utility and/or HRSD bill. Donation envelopes are included in citizen's November or December HRSD bills. The current donation period runs until January. Funds will be available for eligible citizens in February. More information about the program can be found at: http://www.hrpdcva.gov/H2O/H2O_Home.asp.