

## **AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **ITEM 14: GRANT PROPOSAL – NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION (NFWF)**

#### **SUBJECT:**

The HRPDC staff submitted a grant application to support the development of the region's input to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan on June 3, 2011.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Small Watershed grant program offers grants from \$20,000 to \$200,000 for a host of conservation planning and restoration implementation purposes. DCR encouraged local governments, PDCs and local nonprofits to apply for grants to assist with watershed implementation planning for the Phase II WIP process. Grants will be awarded in September 2011. The grant application was submitted on June 3, 2011 to meeting the grantor's deadline.

Grant Amount: \$64,577.61 with a match of \$56,304.15. The match will be met through the FY 2012 HRPDC Operating Budget.

Period of Performance: June 3, 2011 through June 30, 2012

General Scope of Work: The proposed project will assist in establishing regional stakeholder involvement in the Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) process by establishing a Regional Steering Committee and local working groups. HRPDC staff will facilitate Steering Committee meetings, provide briefings to the Commission at its regular meetings, develop outreach materials for local governments to engage citizens, and provide briefings to local government officials at City Council and County Board meetings.

HRPDC staff will also develop a BMP Decision Support Matrix to help local governments identify strategies to meet the TMDL requirements. The matrix will incorporate the ancillary benefits of management practices so decision makers can prioritize the practices that maximize natural resource and quality of life benefits.

HRPDC staff will develop a BMP Suitability Map. Staff will work with local stakeholders to identify the GIS layers that are most useful for determining the appropriate location for structural stormwater management actions or restoration activities. HRPDC staff will compile these layers into a mapping tool that will be distributed to local governments to assist them in implementing their Community Conservation Information plans.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the Executive Director to submit the grant application and accept a grant award if offered.