

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #10: HAMPTON ROADS WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE – FINAL REPORT

SUBJECT:

The HRPDC is facilitating the ongoing Hampton Roads regional watershed roundtable process and has completed an annual report for its 2010 activities.

BACKGROUND:

A report entitled *Hampton Roads Watershed Roundtable: Final Report 2010* has been completed to document the activities of the regional watershed roundtable group in calendar year 2010 and to recommend a course of action for the group in 2011. The purpose of the Hampton Roads Watershed Roundtable is to serve as a viable regional mechanism for improving dialogue between the private sector and state, local, and regional agencies on environmental issues. The Roundtable includes representatives from the agricultural community, the development community, chambers of commerce, and industry and civic organizations, in addition to local and regional environmental organizations. Through a series of meetings, opportunities were provided for education and regional dialogue. Recommendations for Calendar Year 2012 include expansion of the group to include additional small and start-up organizations and development of an electronic community to facilitate increased exchange of information.

The Hampton Roads Watershed Roundtable project is funded, in part, through a grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Enclosure – *Hampton Roads Watershed Roundtable – Final Report 2010*

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve report for distribution.

STAFF COMMENTARY:

The report was presented to the HRPDC Joint Environmental Committee at its meeting on March 3, 2011. The Committee recommended the report for approval by the Commission at the HRPDC Executive Commission Meeting in March 2011. It has been submitted as a draft report to the Department of Conservation and Recreation