

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

### **ITEM #18: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST**

**A. Letter from The Honorable John Miller, Senate of Virginia 1st District, to HRPDC Executive Director Dwight Farmer, August 4, 2011**

Attached is a letter to HRPDC Executive Director Dwight Farmer from Honorable John Miller, Senate of Virginia 1st District, acknowledging receiving HRPDC letter and resolution regarding funding of programs to restore the Chesapeake Bay.

Attachment 18A

**B. Letter from Mr. Anthony Moore, Assistant Secretary of Natural Resources for Chesapeake Bay Restoration to HRPDC Executive Director Dwight Farmer, August 26, 2011**

Attached is a letter to HRPDC Executive Director Dwight Farmer from Mr. Anthony Moore, Assistant Secretary of Natural Resources for Chesapeake Bay Restoration, acknowledging receiving HRPDC letter and resolution regarding funding of programs to restore the Chesapeake Bay.

Attachment 18B

**C. Letter from Mr. Michael Caldwell, National Park Service to HRPDC Executive Director Dwight Farmer, August 22, 2011**

Attached is a letter to HRPDC Executive Director Dwight Farmer from Mr. Michael Caldwell, National Park Service, thanking HRPDC for Resolution 2011-07 which endorsed the establishment of a unit of the National Park System at Fort Monroe in Hampton Virginia.

Attachment 18C

**D. Letter from Michael Cline, State Coordinator, Department of Emergency Management to HRPDC Regional Special Needs Planner, Jenny Redick, August 23, 2011**

Attached is a letter to HRPDC Regional Special Needs Planner, Jenny Redick from Mr. Michael Cline, State Coordinator, Department of Emergency Management, thanking her for assisting with the process of revising the local emergency operations plan.

Attachment 18D

**E. Letter from Christine Morris, Vice President of Initiatives, Hampton Roads Community Foundation Vice President of Initiatives, to HRPDC Executive Director Dwight Farmer.**

Attached is a letter to HRPDC Executive Director Dwight Farmer from Christine Morris, Vice President of Initiatives, Hampton Roads Community Foundation State Coordinator, thanking him for meeting with the Hampton Roads Community Foundation to discuss the regions challenges and providing the Foundation with an overview of the work HRPDC has done through the region.

Attachment 18E

**F. Letter from Christine Morris, Vice President of Initiatives, Hampton Roads Community Foundation Vice President of Initiatives, to HRPDC Chief Economist Greg Grootendorst.**

Attached is a letter to HRPDC Chief Economist Greg Grootendorst from Christine Morris, Vice President of Initiatives, Hampton Roads Community Foundation State Coordinator, thanking him for providing the region with outstanding data and analysis.

Attachment 18F

**G. Certificate, to Robert Lawrence, HRPDC Senior Regional Emergency Management Planner from FEMA**

Attached is a certificate for Robert Lawrence, HRPDC Senior Regional Emergency Management Planner from FEMA, certifying that he has demonstrated exemplary performance and commitment to the Nation's continuity program by completing all requirements for, and is officially recognized by FEMA as a Continuity of Operations Excellence Series – Level 1 Professional Continuity Practitioner.

Attachment 18G

**H. Letter from Mr. Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director to Mr. Clyde Cristman, Legislative Analyst, Senate Finance Committee**

Attached is a letter from Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director to Mr. Clyde Cristman, Legislative Analyst, Senate Finance Committee, outlining HRPDC activities associated with the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and state Watershed Implementation Plan, Phase II.

Attachment 18H

**I. Email from Mr. Richard Batiuk, Associate Director for Science, U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office to John Carlock, HRPDC Deputy Executive Director**

Attached is an email from Mr. Richard Batiuk, Associate Director for Science, U.S. EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office to John Carlock, HRPDC Deputy Executive Director, requesting a copy of Jennifer Tribo's presentation to the 2011 Environment Virginia Conference and recognizing that it was excellent.

Attachment 18I

**J. Letter from Dwight L. Farmer , HRPDC Executive Director to Governor Robert McDonnell, September 7, 2011**

Attached is a letter from Dwight L. Farmer, HRPDC Executive Director to Governor Robert McDonnell referring him to the recently completed HRPDC report, *Hampton Roads Regional Competitiveness*, and offering HRPDC assistance to the Governor and the new Governor's Task Force on Economic Competitiveness and Versatility.

Attachment 18J

**K. Letter from Dwight L. Farmer , HRPDC Executive Director to Lt. Governor William T. Bolling, September 7, 2011**

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Attachment 18K

# SENATE OF VIRGINIA



JOHN MILLER  
1ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
ALL OF THE CITY OF POQUOSON; PART OF  
YORK COUNTY, AND PART OF THE CITIES OF  
HAMPTON AND NEWPORT NEWS  
POST OFFICE BOX 6113  
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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:  
EDUCATION AND HEALTH  
GENERAL LAWS AND TECHNOLOGY  
REHABILITATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
TRANSPORTATION

August 4, 2011

Dwight Farmer  
Executive Director/Secretary  
Hampton Roads PDC  
723 Woodlake Drive  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Dear Dwight:

I received your recent letter and the resolution passed by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission regarding funding of programs to restore the Chesapeake Bay.

I fully support efforts to clean up the Bay. However, since these are federal mandates, I would hope the federal government would provide the bulk of the funding to implement their plan.

I appreciate you letting me know of the action of your board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Miller", written over a large, stylized, light-colored scribble.

Senator John Miller  
1st District

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Attachment 18A



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Doug Domenech  
Secretary of Natural Resources

August 26, 2011

Mr. Dwight L. Farmer  
Executive Director/Secretary  
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
723 Woodlake Drive  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320

Dear Mr. Farmer:

Thank you for your recent letter and resolution to Governor McDonnell regarding funding for the implementation of Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP). The Governor has asked that I respond to you on his behalf.

Governor McDonnell and I share the concerns of the members of your commission. Throughout this process we have expressed our commitment to promote the most cost-effective practices to reduce nutrients and sediment. We have embarked on a process to determine how changes to our current nutrient credit program might allow for greater flexibility and cost effectiveness in the implementation of nutrient and sediment reduction practices.

As you know, despite the difficult economic and budget climate, funds have continued to flow to the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund. We anticipate an additional substantial deposit to the fund this year as the result of the end of fiscal year surplus. Governor McDonnell has personally informed our congressional delegation and most recently the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency of the need for additional federal funds to support this significant mandate.

I am grateful for the participation of the commission and your local government's involvement in this effort. We will continue to work hard to minimize the financial burden on Virginia's localities.

Sincerely,

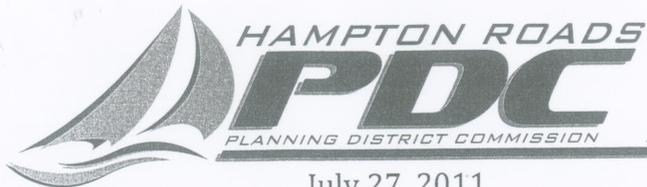
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Anthony U. Moore  
Assistant Secretary for  
Chesapeake Bay Restoration

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DWIGHT L. FARMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

July 27, 2011

MEMBER JURISDICTIONS

This letter was sent to the attached list.

CHESAPEAKE

RE: Chesapeake Bay Restoration Funding  
(POW: CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL)

FRANKLIN

Dear :

GLOUCESTER

At its Quarterly Commission Meeting on July 21, 2011, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission adopted the enclosed Resolution 2011-05 in support of continued funding to support restoration of the Chesapeake Bay.

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In 2010, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, in cooperation with six states and the District of Columbia that lie within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, completed development of a Total Maximum Daily Load for the Bay and its Tributaries and Phase I Watershed Implementation Plans (WIP). Through the Phase II WIP planning process, these Plans will be translated into requirements for pollutant reduction and implementation measures for all levels of government as well as the private sector, including agriculture. Because of the considerable expense associated with implementation of this program, local governments and the private sector require financial assistance in order to achieve the restoration goals. Your support of continued state and federal funding is critical to our hopes for success in the Chesapeake Bay Restoration effort.

JAMES CITY

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PORTSMOUTH

The HRPDC and its member localities appreciate your favorable consideration of this matter.

SOUTHAMPTON

Sincerely,

SUFFOLK

SURRY

Dwight L. Farmer  
Executive Director/Secretary

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Attachment

**MAILED**  
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**HRPDC**



**HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION 2011-05**

**RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED FUNDING TO SUPPORT RESTORATION OF THE  
CHESAPEAKE BAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries are vital elements of the economy and quality of life of the 1.7 million plus people living in the Hampton Roads Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hampton Roads region faces significant new requirements to reduce nutrients and sediments going to the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries, which will result in substantial increased costs for stormwater management, wastewater treatment and land development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hampton Roads region has worked cooperatively with the Commonwealth of Virginia, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other regional partners to devise cost-effective strategies for restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and to implement those strategies within their financial and legal resources for more than twenty (20) years; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2011, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission adopted HRPDC Resolution 2011-01 endorsing the "Hampton Roads Statement of Legislative Principles Regarding Implementation of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL," and requesting the support of the Governor, Virginia General Assembly and Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation for appropriate legislative authority and funding to support the restoration effort, particularly the efforts of the region's local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 21, 2011, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission formally advised the Commonwealth of Virginia of its commitment to facilitate and coordinate development of a local/regional implementation strategy to support the Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission requests the Governor and Virginia General Assembly and the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation support the continued funding of programs, including the Virginia Water Quality Improvement Fund, that support clean water, including state and federal funds to support local and regional development and implementation of watershed implementation plans and cost-share programs for agriculture to support those efforts; and

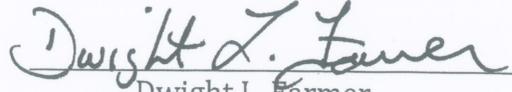
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission requests the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation to resist all attempts to defund the Chesapeake Bay restoration effort.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission this 21 day of July, 2011.



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Stan D. Clark  
Chairman



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Dwight L. Farmer  
Executive Director/Secretary

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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## United States Department of the Interior

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Philadelphia, PA 19106

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Dwight L. Farmer, Executive Director  
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
The Regional Building  
723 Woodlake Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Mr. Farmer:

Thank you for your letter of July 26, 2011, to Director of the National Park Service Jonathan B. Jarvis regarding the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission's Resolution 2011-07 endorsing the establishment of a unit of the National Park System at Fort Monroe in Hampton, Virginia.

As you are aware, Fort Monroe has a lengthy history including as an artillery training school and as a bastion of Union Forces during the Civil War in the heart of the Confederacy. Fort Monroe is also recognized as the place where enslaved persons sought and were granted safe haven during that conflict. The importance of Fort Monroe to the history of the United States was initially recognized by its designation as a National Historic Landmark in 1960.

In light of the closure of Fort Monroe as an active military installation scheduled for September 15, 2011, there has been great interest in the preservation of the resources located there. Legislation has been introduced by the Virginia delegation in both houses of the United States Congress for the purpose of establishing Fort Monroe as a unit of the National Park System. Public interest has also been expressed in the designation of Fort Monroe as a National Monument by the President of the United States through the Antiquities Act of 1906. The National Park Service has taken an active role in evaluating the public interest in the designation of a National Monument or National Historical Park at Fort Monroe through public meetings and an interactive website. The National Park Service has also been a party to a Programmatic Agreement between the United States Army, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Fort Monroe Authority that will serve to preserve the historic resources of Fort Monroe.

Should you have additional questions regarding the potential for designation of Fort Monroe as a National Monument, please contact Gay Vietzke, Deputy Regional Director for Park Operations for the Northeast Region of the National Park Service. Ms. Vietzke may be reached at 215-597-7013.

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HPPC

Thank you for your interest in the National Park System.

Sincerely,

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*for* Dennis R. Reidenbach  
Regional Director  
Northeast Region



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
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August 23, 2011

Ms. Jenny Redick  
Regional Special Needs Planner  
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
723 Woodlake Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Ms. Redick:

Thank you for assisting with the process of revising the local emergency operations plan (LEOP). I am pleased to share with you that it has been posted to the website of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM). You may review it at <http://www.vaemergency.gov/em-community/plans/local-templates>.

Because of the time and talent you brought to this process, I expect the new template will guide local emergency managers through an efficient planning process and help them to address the needs of all citizens in their jurisdictions.

Your participation reflects your dedication to the safety and well being of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Please contact Eileen Tarr with questions or comments at (804) 897-9773 or by email at [Eileen.Tarr@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:Eileen.Tarr@vdem.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,

Michael M. Cline

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C: Mr. Richard Flannery, Emergency Management Administrator  
Mrs. Eileen Tarr, Local Planning Assistance Program Manager

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**HRPDC**

*"Working to Protect People, Property and Our Communities"*

Attachment 18D



Dear Dwight,

Listening to you and Greg yesterday discuss the work of the HRPDC and the environment in which you operate gave me a new perspective to the challenges of positioning Hampton Roads as a region.

I want to thank you for taking the time to discuss the issues and for educating me about the work that is currently underway. I hope you will continue to offer your insights as we work to find the proper role the Foundation can play to bring added value to the tremendous work already being done to position our region to be competitive in important sectors in the coming decades.

I look forward to our next meeting  
Best regards,  
Christine



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*Uniting The Norfolk Foundation  
and The Virginia Beach Foundation.*

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**Christine R. Morris**

*Vice President of Initiatives*

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Dear Greg,

For years the HRPDC's website has been my go to place for data and analysis. Your work brings such value to decision making across the region.

I want to thank you for giving us your valuable time and expertise yesterday. The conversation was enlightening and your suggestion on the preliminary work that still needs to be done resonated with both Dabby and me.

I look forward to our next discussion.

I know with your help the foundation can find a value-added role in the tremendous work being done to position our region to be competitive in economically important sectors well

into the future.

Thank you again for your time &  
expertise.

My best regards,  
Christine



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Community Foundation

*Uniting The Norfolk Foundation  
and The Virginia Beach Foundation.*

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# Emergency Management Institute



## FEMA

This is to certify that

### **Robert Lawrence**

has demonstrated exemplary performance and a commitment to the Nation's continuity program by completing all requirements for, and is officially recognized by FEMA as a  
CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS EXCELLENCE SERIES - LEVEL I  
PROFESSIONAL CONTINUITY PRACTITIONER

Awarded this 17th day of June 2011

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**Damon C. Penn**  
Assistant Administrator  
FEMA National Continuity Programs

Handwritten signature of Vilma Schifano Milmoe in black ink.

**Vilma Schifano Milmoe**  
Superintendent (Acting)  
Emergency Management Institute



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August 30, 2011

CHESAPEAKE

Mr. Clyde Cristman, Legislative Analyst  
Senate Finance Committee  
General Assembly Building, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

FRANKLIN

GLOUCESTER

RE: HRPDC Involvement with Chesapeake Bay TMDL  
(POW: Chesapeake Bay TMDL)

HAMPTON

Dear Mr. Cristman:

ISLE OF WIGHT

At the VAPDC Meeting in Virginia Beach in July, you talked about areas where the Planning District Commissions could get involved in programs to assist the state in meeting its obligations. One of the areas that you discussed was the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Program and the state's effort to develop the Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan. You indicated some concern that the PDCs were not playing an active role in that effort.

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NEWPORT NEWS

NORFOLK

I wanted to provide you some background on the very active role that the HRPDC has and is playing in this important state initiative. The following paragraphs provide an overview and summary of the HRPDC efforts.

POQUOSON

PORTSMOUTH

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) has a long history of helping State agencies and localities evaluate and understand the requirements and challenges of implementing the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. HRPDC has served as a conduit for information between Virginia, EPA, and local governments' staff from the development of Tributary Strategies in the 1990s and the development of the Chesapeake Bay 2000 Agreement to the current Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) process.

SOUTHAMPTON

SUFFOLK

SURRY

The HRPDC is uniquely positioned to be a source of valuable information to Virginia, EPA, and local governments due to its partnerships with State agencies, access to local elected officials and city and county managers, and ability to communicate with locality staff through stormwater and planning committees. (As you are aware, the HRPDC Board consists of local elected officials the chief administrative officers, appointed by the local governing bodies.) The HRPDC staff is able to deliver and solicit information quickly and effectively to and from its 16 member local governments. This provides Virginia agencies and EPA with one stop shopping to meet with local government staff and elected officials to discuss regulatory requirements and local government concerns. The HRPDC staff has the technical expertise to evaluate the water quality issues addressed by the

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YORK

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Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and delve into details of the Chesapeake Bay models used to develop the TMDL requirements. Without the combination of technical expertise and understanding of local programs, the region could not provide comments and input to the State given the breakneck schedule of the TMDL process.

The following list is a description of many of the key contributions that HRPDC has made to the development of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL:

- Reviewed both the draft TMDL and Virginia's Phase I WIP and helped a subcommittee of local government staff and elected officials develop Regional comments on both documents.
- Developed preliminary estimates of the cost to implement the urban stormwater controls called for in the draft WIP and the TMDL. The resulting cost estimates gave local governments the leverage to put pressure on Virginia to develop a revised Phase I WIP that would provide greater reasonable assurances that agricultural targets could be met and require Hampton Roads' wastewater discharges to meet nutrient targets consistent with the rest of Virginia. The revised Phase I WIP convinced the EPA to remove the backstops placed on stormwater discharges in the draft TMDL, resulting in an estimated savings of \$7 billion to Hampton Roads local governments.
- Hosted the EPA's senior adviser on Chesapeake Bay restoration, Jeff Corbin and Virginia's Assistant Secretary of Natural Resources for Chesapeake Bay Restoration, Anthony Moore to answer questions on details of the final TMDL and Phase I WIP and provide some guidance on the Phase II WIP process.
- Outlined a Regional approach to local government involvement in the Phase II development process. HRPDC staff recommended that local governments form teams composed of City managers and staff from various city departments to groundtruth the baseline information provided by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and develop local strategies to meet nutrient and sediment reduction targets. The HRPDC staff also recommended the creation of a Regional Steering Committee to facilitate information transfer between the State and local government staff and between local governments.
- In June, the HRPDC communicated to the Secretary of Natural Resources its intent to assist Virginia in the development of the Phase II WIP. HRPDC convened the Regional Steering Committee, and the first meeting was held on July 14, 2011. At this meeting, members identified key issues and questions that need to be addressed during the Phase II process.

Mr. Clyde Cristman  
August 30, 2011  
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- Convened a Regional Steering Committee, which will meet at least monthly through March 2012 or until the Phase II development process is complete to discuss the possible solutions and answers to these questions and issues.
- Represent the Region on Virginia's Phase II WIP Stakeholder Advisory Committee and will serve as conduit to communicate local government concerns to Virginia and keep local governments current on Virginia's progress on developing the Phase II WIP.
- Meet regularly with the Governor's appointed representatives to the Chesapeake Bay Program's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC). LGAC advises the Bay Program's Executive Council on how to develop policies and programs that have the best chance to succeed at the local level. Staff developed binders of relevant materials for the representatives and accompanied them to their May 2011 meeting. Following the meeting, HRPDC composed a letter on behalf of Virginia's LGAC representatives and distributed it to local government officials within the Bay watershed informing them of the TMDL process.
- Provided regular briefings and presentations on the Bay TMDL, Watershed Implementation Plan and Hampton Roads efforts to address them to local governing bodies in the Hampton Roads region, state associations and conferences and both the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Local Government Advisory Committee to the Chesapeake Bay Program.
- Served on several Chesapeake Bay Program Committees and Task Forces, most notably, continue to serve on the Urban Stormwater Task Force.

I hope that this information is helpful in giving you a sense of the involvement and role of the HRPDC and its staff in the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program - TMDL and Virginia's Watershed Implementation Plan. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please give me a call.

Sincerely,



Dwight L. Farmer  
Executive Director/Secretary

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