

**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**  
**February 2, 2012**

**1. Summary of the January 5, 2012 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee**

The Summary of the January 5, 2012 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee was approved as distributed.

**2. Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Update**

Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP). The HRPDC regional appendix has been sent out to localities for inclusion in their plans. All localities should have submitted their plans to DCR. Regional DCR offices are conducting the initial reviews. Localities should, if possible, send digital copies to Todd Herbert (todd.herbert@dcr.virginia.gov). Also, localities should submit hard and/or digital copies to HRPDC staff along with DCR. The Regional Steering Committee will not be meeting on February 15; the next meeting will be March 1. HRPDC staff does not expect anything to occur regarding the TMDL prior to March. In addition, HRPDC staff received an email from Ms. Joan Salvati, DCR, stating that DCR is treating the Phase II WIPs and Permit processes as separate.

Questions or comments on the WIP or TMDL should be sent to either Ms. Tribo (jtribo@hrpdcva.gov) or Ms. Whitney Katchmark (wkatchmark@hrpdcva.gov).

**3. HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Update**

Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committee on HRPDC's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant application. HRPDC's grant debriefing from HUD has been postponed until February 9. HRPDC staff will report on the findings at the March Committee meeting. In addition, HUD has released the funding notice for the 2012 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Implementation Grants. These grants are available for planning or implementing redevelopment plans. Eligible applicants include public housing authorities, local governments, tribal entities, nonprofits, and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity. More information is available on HUD's website and through Grants.gov. The CFDA number for the notice is 14.889, "Choice Neighborhoods."

#### 4. Great American Cleanup Update

Ms. Lisa Hardy, HRPDC, updated the Committee on The National Kickoff of the Great American Cleanup™. Hampton Roads has been selected by Keep America Beautiful (KAB) as one of 10 Kickoff locations across the country. Kickoff events include litter cleanups, park spruce-ups, beautification projects, garden planting, graffiti removal, or waste reduction/reuse/recycling. Events are scheduled across Hampton Roads on April 27-28. . The Kickoff will generate national media attention as well as some funding from KAB. HRPDC is partnering with askHRgreen.org, Keep America Beautiful, and Keep Virginia Beautiful to organize the region's Kickoff events. The region's goals for the Kickoff are:

- To hold a transformational project in each Hampton Roads municipality
- To recruit at least 1,000 volunteers from across the region
- To raise at least \$100,000 for future projects
- To heighten awareness through media coverage
- To engage more people in local stewardship through askHRgreen.org

Information about the Great American Cleanup can be found at <http://askhrgreen.org/the-great-american-cleanup/>.

Ms. Hardy also updated the Committee on askHRgreen.org's recent educational campaigns. These include campaigns focusing on garbage disposal use and proper disposal of fats, oils and grease during the holidays and the Superbowl, fertilizer use and pet waste management during the spring, and water pipe leaks and promoting the use of tap water instead of bottled water during the spring. On April 19<sup>th</sup> an askHRgreen.org editorial tab will be published and included in the Virginian Pilot and the Daily Press. Ideas for FY13 campaigns include a TMDL/water quality media campaign, recycling basics, and garbage disposal use. FY 13 will include a 6<sup>th</sup> grade edition of newspapers in education.

Questions about the National Kickoff of the Great American Cleanup or askHRgreen.org should be directed to Ms. Hardy (lhardy@hrpdcva.gov), Ms. Julia Hillegass (jhillegass@hrpdcva.gov), or Ms. Katie Cullipher (kcullipher@hrpdcva.gov).

#### 5. Legislative Agenda Update

Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC, updated the Committee on bills of interest to the Committee.

Bill	Description	Status
HB426	Planning districts preparing regional strategic plans	Assigned to subcommittee
HB823	Planning district functional areas	Assigned to subcommittee
HB105	Machinery and equipment recyclable materials tax credit	Passed by indefinitely
HB913	Solid waste management plans made optional	Subcommittee recommended reporting to GA with amendments
SB676	Recycling survey reports must be submitted	Referred to committee

HB114	Cigarettes deemed litter	Tabled
HB124	Plastic bag tax	Tabled
HB67	Nonnavigable state waters regulated exclusively by the Commonwealth	Assigned to subcommittee
HB169	Enterprise zones criteria	Assigned to subcommittee
HB222	Locality legal notices	Tabled
SB129	(Unfunded) State mandates on localities temporarily suspended by Governor	Re-referred to committee
SB123	Environmental covenants; compliance with Uniform Environmental Covenants Act not required	Referred to committee
HB1137	Properties within a historic district can be excluded if a majority of affected property owners object to district	Assigned to subcommittee
HB732	Transfer of Development Rights; sending area may be used for parks and campgrounds	Assigned to subcommittee

Several subcommittee studies have also been called for by the House. These include H.J.R. 85, which calls for a study of the multiplier effects of various types of income tax credits, public-private partnerships, and other public-private investment programs; H.J.R. 132, which calls for a study of the ongoing planning and preparedness efforts throughout the Commonwealth with regard to homeland security and emergency management; H.J.R. 137, which calls for the Secretary of Natural Resources to study the possibility that regulatory requirements may be modified to alleviate the cost and time required to pursue land-disturbing activities; H.J.R. 141, which calls for the study of the impact of unfunded federal mandates in the Commonwealth; H.J.R. 243, which calls for DEQ to study the benefits and costs of seeking authority from U.S. EPA to administer the Section 404 permitting program under the federal Clean Water Act; and H.J.R. 50, which calls for the Virginia Institute of Marine Science to study strategies for adaptation to relative sea level rise in Tidewater localities.

## 6. Virginia Coastal Geospatial and Educational Mapping System (GEMS) Training

Mr. Nick Meade, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program, gave a presentation and workshop to the Committee on the Virginia Coastal Geospatial and Educational Mapping System, or Coastal GEMS, an online GIS that allows individuals to access many of the Commonwealth's water and land natural resources data layers. Coastal GEMS is designed for all users, from basic to advanced. Data providers for Coastal GEMS include DCR, VIMS, VDH, VCU, and DEQ. Coastal GEMS includes fact sheets for each dataset, including a description, its source, and other information. VCZMP is currently working on the next version of Coastal GEMS, which will utilize Microsoft Silverlight to add functionality, including adjustable transparency of layers. The new version will be based on ArcGIS 10. At this point, there are no plans to share raw data through Coastal

GEMS, but many datasets can be downloaded directly from the providing agency. The new version should be out by summer 2012.

## 7. Status Reports

### A. Hampton Roads Sanitation District

HRSD representatives had nothing to report.

### B. Hampton Roads Planning District

HRPDC staff reported that Frank Dukes, Institute for Environmental Negotiation, will be at the next Stormwater Committee meeting (2/15). HPRDC staff is currently working on the Section 309 Grant, which will be looking at the impacts of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and Stormwater Regulations on locality plans and policies; Committee members should encourage their planner counterparts to attend the next JEC meeting. The Hampton Roads Watershed Roundtable met at the Norfolk Zoo on January 25 to discuss ideas for private property BMPs and how to count them for TMDL credit; attendance was excellent.

### C. Soil and Water Conservation Districts

In the absence of a SWCD representative, there was no report.

### D. Department of Conservation and Recreation

In the absence of a DCR representative, there was no report.

### E. Department of Environmental Quality

DEQ representatives had nothing to report.

### F. U.S. Geological Survey

In the absence of a USGS representative, there was no report.

### G. Department of Transportation

VDOT representatives had nothing to report.

### H. U.S. Navy

In the absence of a U.S. Navy representative, there was no report.

### I. Local Programs

Norfolk staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR and is now working on long range plans for BMPs.

Virginia Beach staff reported that initial results from the City's oyster reef BMP studies indicate that oyster reefs could be the most cost-effective water quality BMP.

Chesapeake staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR.

Hampton staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR.

Poquoson staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR.

Newport News staff reported that the City has submitted its WIP document to DCR.

The Virginia Lakes and Watersheds Association (VLWA) will be holding the Virginia Water Conference in Richmond from March 4-6; the conference will include technical sessions.

## 8. **Other Matters**

The next meeting of the Joint Environmental Committee is scheduled for March 1, 2012 at the HRPDC office in Chesapeake, Virginia. Materials will be sent in advance for review.