

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM #4: COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

SUBJECT:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality manages the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. During FY 2013 the HRPDC received a grant to support the Coastal Zone Management Technical Assistance Program.

BACKGROUND:

In March 2012, the HRPDC applied for and received grant funding from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality through the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program to continue the HRPDC Technical Assistance (Regional Coastal Resources Management) Program. The HRPDC has received annual funding through this grant program since 1986. This program encompasses HRPDC staff efforts to review state and federal Environmental Impact Assessment/Statements, support the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay Committee, the evolving Chesapeake Bay-wide TMDL process, and provide regular technical assistance on environmental issues. It also supports HRPDC staff participation in the Chesapeake Bay Program and a variety of state and federal environmental initiatives. In the past, this program has provided the seed money for the establishment of the regional water, stormwater and environmental education programs.

The HRPDC staff has completed the enclosed report, *Hampton Roads Technical Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Final Report*. The report documents HRPDC CZM Technical Assistance Program activities for the period from October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012.

Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC Regional Planner will provide an overview of the HRPDC FY 2013 CZM Program.

Enclosure

Note: This item will be presented for action under agenda Item 9F.