

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #12: PROJECT STATUS REPORTS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES

A. DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES

The Directors of Utilities Committee Summary Minutes from the August 1, 2013 and September 4, 2013 meeting are attached.

Attachment 12-A1

Attachment 12-A2

B. HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay Committee and Regional Stormwater Management Committee Meetings from July 11, 2013, August 1, 2013 and September 5, 2013 are attached.

Attachment 12-B1

Attachment 12-B2

Attachment 12-B3

C. PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Attached are the project status reports on other HRPDC programs.

Attachment 12-C

MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on August 7, 2013. The following items were addressed during the meeting:

- HRPDC staff summarized the July 24, 2013 meeting with Department of Environmental Quality staff to review the agency's tentative compliance review of the Hampton Roads Regional Water Supply Plan. DEQ requested HRPDC provide specific items within 60 days. A copy of the response letter to DEQ will be provided to the Committee.
- Committee review of the pre-final water and wastewater rate structures report and two page summary will continue through August 16, 2013. The final report will be presented for approval at the September 4, 2013 Committee meeting. HRPDC staff summarized the Chief Administrative Officers' July 18, 2013 discussion of the draft project presentation. The CAOs had no suggestions for changes or edits in preparation for the September 19, 2013 presentation to the HRPDC Executive Committee. The Directors of Utilities Committee provided comments and revisions to staff.
- HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on Mission H2O Virginia, a group that tracks water supply issues and comments on regulatory proposals on behalf of the membership consisting of industrial, commercial and municipal users, and utilities. Mission H2O Virginia invited the HRPDC Directors of Utilities Committee to participate as a member in a new groundwater initiative. The Committee expressed interest, but requested more information; HRPDC staff will confirm the membership requirements and follow up with the Committee regarding the decision on participation.
- The Committee discussed the summary of comments on the Regional Sanitary Sewer System Asset Consolidation Study, focusing on the comment regarding the potential for a regional approach to system improvements without transfer of assets to a regional entity. Policy and administrative issues and the timeline for local decisions and council actions by the end of February 2014 were also discussed.
- HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on the development of the 2014 HRPDC legislative agenda, potential priorities for the FY14 water and wastewater work program, and the development of the FY15 draft budget.

MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Directors of Utilities Committee met on September 4, 2013. The following items were addressed during the meeting:

- Mr. Ted Henifin, Hampton Roads Sanitation District, provided an update on the regional sewer consolidation study. It is anticipated that the HRSD Commission will take action on the study at the September 24, 2013 meeting.
- The Committee approved the final water and wastewater rate structures report, *Water and Wastewater Utilities, Designing the Rate Structure of the Future*. The report will be presented to the HRPDC Executive Committee at the September 19, 2013 meeting.
- HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on Mission H2O Virginia's planning efforts for a presentation to the State Water Commission on September 11, 2013.
- The Committee discussed the FY14 water and wastewater work programs. Projects related to water and wastewater rate structures, affordability, groundwater policy and mitigation, and source water protection were prioritized.
- The Committee discussed draft FY15 program budgets. The final budgets will be presented for approval at the October 2, 2013 Committee meeting.
- HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on the following:
 - Response letter to Department of Environmental Quality's request for additional information to support to the agency's compliance evaluation of the Hampton Roads Regional Water Supply Plan.
 - HRPDC Regional Environmental Committee (REC) comments on the proposed building code amendments for scope and design of rainwater non-potable water systems.

**THE DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE, THE
REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE
CHESAPEAKE BAY IMPLEMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
July 11, 2013**

1. Summary of the June 6, 2013 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee

The Summary of the June 6, 2013 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee was approved as distributed.

2. Coastal Zone Management Update

Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on developments related to Coastal Zone Management Program grant projects. After discussing possible public access projects in Virginia Beach with city staff, HRPDC staff determined that there were no projects that would be viable in the upcoming fiscal year. HRPDC staff has developed two proposals for FY14 VCZMP grant projects:

- 1) Developing a Native Plants Promotion Strategy for Hampton Roads
- 2) Sea Level Rise Planning and Technical Assistance

These proposals will be submitted to VCZMP by Friday, July 12.

HRPDC staff will make a presentation on the current Section 309 project at the August Committee meeting.

3. Coastal Resiliency Final Report

Mr. McFarlane presented the Coastal Resiliency Final Report to the Committee. The final draft has incorporated several minor changes based on local comments. HRPDC staff requested that the Committee recommend to the Commission that it approve the report for publication and distribution. The Committee voted unanimously, with two abstentions, to recommend approval of the report.

4. Industrial Stormwater Comments

Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, gave a presentation to the Committee on the proposed 2014 General VPDES Permit for Industrial Stormwater. The current permit expires on June 30, 2014. The new permit will be a five-year permit and is based on EPA's 2008 Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP). The new permit will also incorporate some provisions from the draft 2013 MSGP. The industrial permit authorizes stormwater runoff

discharges from 30 different industrial sectors. The public comment period for the permit is July 15 to September 13; there will be a public hearing on August 29, 2013.

Key changes in the proposed permit include:

- a registration statement
- simplified map requirements
- monitoring requirements
- special conditions for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, local ordinance compliance, compliance with new stormwater criteria, and for notification of discharges through an MS4
- several changes to sector definitions and descriptions

Facilities whose primary activity is covered by a sector-specific SIC code will need coverage; “primary activity” is now defined in the regulations (including the definition for co-located activities). Certain activities such as vehicle washing and concrete products are regulated by separate VPDES permits regardless of the primary activity.

Mr. Bill Johnston, Virginia Beach, asked if construction activities are now part of the industrial stormwater permit. Those activities fall under the Construction General Permit.

Mr. LJ Hansen, Suffolk, asked if mulching and composting was considered storage or generation.

Ms. Fran Geissler, James City, asked if the regulation did not require flow numbers. Ms. Tribo stated that she believes the monitoring requirements now included flow measurements as part of the load calculations.

Ms. Connie Bennett, York, asked if the notification requirement applied to both direct and indirect charges through MS4s. Ms. Tribo stated that it probably applied to any discharge from the activity that entered an MS4 system.

The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Commission that they approve the comment letter and send it to DEQ.

5. Flood Insurance Discussion

Mr. McFarlane led a discussion with the Committee on various ongoing issues with property insurance, including flood insurance. Recently the Virginia Association of Counties established a task force to study issues with the availability and affordability of homeowners insurance in coastal Virginia localities. Anecdotal evidence indicates that several insurance companies have withdrawn or limited coverage in coastal areas or localities in Virginia. HRPDC staff attended a meeting of the task force as representatives of VAPDC. The Coastal PDCs have been asked to help coordinate the mapping of areas subject to these new conditions (generally, no policies within 2,500

feet or one mile of the shore, depending on the company) and to estimate the number and value of properties at risk. HRPDC staff is currently working on this effort and will update the Committee when more information is available.

HRPDC staff is also working on developing educational and outreach materials concerning changes to flood insurance maps and regulations. This will include both the ongoing FEMA Region III remapping of coastal flood areas and changes to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as a result of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012.

Staff from several localities, including York and James City, suggested that assistance on explaining the map changes to residents would be useful. There is a regional CRS work group that could provide additional information. Other ideas included putting together educational materials or a regional public outreach effort.

HRPDC staff will send out an email to the Committee to identify interested individuals to help in this effort.

6. Discussion on Committee Restructuring

Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, led a discussion with the Committee on restructuring the Committee's organization and procedures. HRPDC staff has developed, with help from a subcommittee composed of Committee members, draft guidelines to govern Committee actions, including:

- Renaming the Committee from the Joint Environmental Committee to the Regional Environmental Committee
- Specifically establishing membership in the Committee as two official representatives from each city and county in the region, as well as the Towns of Smithfield and Windsor, and HRPDC staff (HRPDC staff will not vote but will chair the meetings). There are also provisions for non-voting members from regional, state, and federal entities.
- Defining the purpose of Committee
- New guidelines for roles, public notices, agendas, decision-making, voting, budget planning, and meeting participation

The proposed guidelines were sent out to the Committee with the agenda package.

Mr. Joe Du Rant, Newport News, stated that a roll call vote should be necessary for any recommendation to the Commission, and that a "sense of the Committee" or similar unofficial consensus would not suffice. The Committee discussion resulted in a recommendation to require a vote, either roll call or voice, on official actions, such as recommendations to the Commission.

The Committee extensively discussed the membership provisions in the guidelines, and whether there should be different levels of and terms for partners, stakeholders, non-

voting members, etc. Based on the discussion, the consensus appeared to be that there should be three classifications:

- 1) Voting members (local government staff)
- 2) Non-voting members, including
 - a. Regional agencies such as HRSD
 - b. Federal agencies and entities such as NAVFAC or representatives from military installations and/or commands
 - c. State agencies such as DCR, DEQ, and VDOT
- 3) The general public, which includes NGOs

In general, public comments will be restricted to a set place in the agenda, and will be restricted to items on the agenda. However, non-members can be invited to participate in discussions at the discretion of the chair.

Based on the results of the discussion, HRPDC staff suggested that the guidelines be modified and brought back to the Committee in August for more discussion and consideration.

7. Status Reports

Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, asked if there were any objections to cancelling the July Stormwater meeting and holding it instead in August. There were no objections. Ms. Erin Rountree, Suffolk, asked if a Phase II meeting could be held in August as well. The meeting will be held August 21.

Mr. Brian Swets, Chesapeake, announced that the City of Chesapeake will be hiring a senior long-range planner and that the position will be advertised soon.

Ms. Beth Lewis, Southampton, announced that Franklin and Southampton will now be sharing a combined Community Development Department. The department will be advertising for a stormwater inspector and a stormwater reviewer.

8. Other Matters

The next meeting of the Joint Environmental Committee is scheduled for August 1, 2013 at the HRPDC office in Chesapeake, Virginia. Materials will be sent in advance for review.

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August 1, 2013

1. Summary of the July 11, 2013 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee

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2. 309 Project Update

Mr. Ben McFarlane and Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of HRPDC's Section 309 grant project. Year 2 of the project consists of three components: coastal plain stormwater BMP guidance, demonstration of a plan evaluation tool using Suffolk and Norfolk as case studies, and modeling of development impacts on water quality using local sites as examples. Ms. Tribo updated the Committee on the first project deliverable. The coastal plain stormwater BMP guidance focuses on new development and redevelopment BMPs and identifies those BMPs that should be preferred in Hampton Roads (such as rooftop disconnections and bioretention), those that are acceptable (such as vegetated roofs and wet ponds), and those that should be discouraged (grass channels and extended detention ponds). The guidance also identifies BMPs that reduce bacteria, and it summarizes coastal plain adaptations or special design features from Virginia's existing BMP specifications. Ms. Tribo has summarized this work into a "LID" (low impact development) checklist to help developers maximize the use of non-structural BMPs. Ms. Tribo will also be developing regional reference maps and GIS layers showing soils with low permeability, groundwater levels, steep slopes, and watersheds with bacteria TMDLs and bacteria-impaired streams. The LID checklist has been distributed to the stormwater working group for comments. A draft of the deliverable 1 report section will be distributed to the Committee prior to the September Committee meeting, with the goal of approving a final draft at the October Commission meeting.

Ms. Gayle Hicks, Hampton, stated that the products should note the limits of data and that people continue to use inappropriate BMPs.

Mr. McFarlane updated the Committee on the status of the second deliverable, which focuses on demonstrating or implementing the plan and ordinance review tools described in the year one report. Mr. McFarlane has been reviewing codes, ordinances, and plans from Norfolk and Suffolk to develop recommendations for changes, with input from local staff. The review has consisted of both untargeted reviews, meant to identify potential areas for change or improvement and personnel or departments with

decision-making or implementation, and targeted reviews, which use two of the tools identified in year one (the CWP Codes & Ordinances Worksheet and the EPA Water Quality Scorecard). Preliminary findings indicate that there are several possible areas of improvement, whether from adopting new ordinances or promoting the use of existing ordinances. HRPDC staff has also met with both cities on three occasions to discuss findings and parallel city efforts. HRPDC staff and locality staff have identified several focus areas, including:

- Changes to nuisance weed ordinances
- Training for public works personnel
- Landscaping standards for stormwater management
- Parking and road standards
- Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) policies
- Cluster development policies

HRPDC staff is also working on the modeling deliverable. A draft of the deliverable 2 report section will be distributed to the Committee prior to the September Committee meeting, with the goal of approving a final draft at the October Commission meeting.

Mr. David Imburgia, Hampton, noted that fire code street width requirements promote increased impervious area; local fire department regulations and the state fire code should be consulted.

Mr. Clay Bernick, Virginia Beach, stated that Virginia Beach had a similar issue with its fire department and had to come to a compromise when updating its requirements.

Ms. Tribo noted that in year 3 HRPDC staff will be documenting obstacles to implementation.

Mr. Andrew Scott, VDOT, stated that there are several products that can support fire equipment.

Mr. Dave Kuzma, Newport News, noted that maintenance issues should also be considered in considering these alternative products.

3. Regional Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Jai McBride, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of the Regional Strategic Plan. The Regional Strategic Plan was proposed and discussed during the Commission's annual retreat in February. Based on recent developments, HRPDC staff is proceeding with a new process for the plan, which starts with determining regional values. This process is based off efforts that have worked in several other regions. The general methodology consists of identifying and establishing stakeholders, committees, and subcommittees, creating guiding principles, engaging the community, identifying community values, and then summarizing the results. The time frame is expected to be twelve months. The next step is to host an initial stakeholder meeting later in August.

Mr. Bernick asked if there was a specific timetable for the effort. None has been established.

Ms. June Whitehurst, Norfolk, asked what stakeholders would be invited. Currently, HRPDC is working on the list, but a diverse and representative group is the goal, including representatives from local organizations and the public sector.

Mr. Imburgia asked what role the Regional Environmental Committee would play in the effort. Ms. McBride stated that the Committee would be involved as stakeholders on the public sector side, along with local boards and the mayors and chairs.

4. Building Code Comments

Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on proposed regional comments on an update to the state building code. The state building code currently treats rainwater like graywater. HRPDC staff will be drafting a comment letter generally supporting the proposed amendments to the building code providing for scope and design of rainwater no-potable water systems. HRPDC staff would like to take the letter to the Commission for a vote in September. Mr. Bernick suggested sending the draft letter to locality building code officials. Ms. Barbara Brumbaugh, Chesapeake, suggested that Committee members could forward it on to their respective building code officials.

5. Nutrient RAP Update

Ms. Katchmark briefed the Committee on updates concerning the Nutrient Credit Trading Regulatory Advisory Panel. The RAP is not done with its work, but has made considerable progress. One regulatory need/goal that has been identified is that the registry should not impede Virginia's progress toward meeting the Chesapeake Bay TMDL or protection of local water quality.

Mr. LJ Hansen, Suffolk, asked if credits would be collected annually and would need to be renewed. Under the current proposal there would be permanent credits and term credits. Term credit rules have not been finalized. The restrictions and assurances for permanent credits would be greater. Mr. Hansen suggested that localities that were "ahead of the curve" could sell their permanent BMPs as term credits to others and then not renew them once they were needed. In that way, term credits provide an incentive to invest in BMPs earlier rather than later. Ms. Jennifer Howell, DEQ, stated that the assurances were borrowed from wetland banks.

Ms. Katchmark stated that the RAP is also looking at land use conversions.

Committee members asked who is responsible for enforcing assurances (states, municipalities), and if those requirements remain with properties. Restrictions stay with properties.

Mr. Bill Johnston, Virginia Beach, noted that he has been having an issue with developers in an impaired watershed asking him to prove that the ditch that leads to an impaired waterbody has a TMDL, not just the waterbody itself.

The next RAP meeting will be on August 22, 2013 and will be public. HRPDC staff will keep the Committee posted on any developments.

6. HRPDC Legislative Agenda

Ms. Katchmark briefed the Committee on the Commission's legislative agenda process. The Commissions generally does not look at specific proposals, instead looking at big issues. She encouraged localities to share any items they were considering.

Ms. Brumbaugh stated that Chesapeake is concerned with the conflict in the current stormwater regulations for grandfathering and vesting. Currently, approved projects are vested for five years, but that is in opposition to the grandfathering provisions in the regulations. Ms. Joan Salvati, DEQ, has responded that they are looking at the issue with DEQ's legal staff. Mr. Scott noted that VDOT is dealing with similar issues.

Ms. Connie Bennett, York, stated that York County was told that if the project does not have an approval by July 1, 2014, then they may have to start over. Ms. Whitehurst stated that projects have to be designed to the new standards if they do not have a permit by 7/1/14. Norfolk has been putting on received plans that they are contingent on meeting the new standards. Ms. Bennett stated that York County is giving projects preliminary approval. Ms. Hicks stated that projects can be designed to the new standard right now.

Mr. Hansen stated that Suffolk is having an issue with carwashes. Specifically, they are discharging to MS4 drainage-ways, but there is nothing in the permit that requires them to use phosphate-free detergent. Suffolk would like to see monitoring requirements for phosphorus for laundry and carwash industrial permits (both have industry-specific permits apart from the Industrial Stormwater General Permit).

7. Committee Restructuring Discussion

Ms. Katchmark briefed the Committee on the effort to restructure the Joint Environmental Committee. An updated version of the by-laws was included in the agenda packet, but that version did not show the changes that had been made. Most of those changes were grammatical.

Mr. Joe Du Rant, Newport News, stated that recommendations to the Commission should be actual votes, not general consensus statements.

Mr. Bernick asked about subcommittees and working groups. The new Regional Environmental Committee will not have any subcommittees, at least to begin with. Working groups will convene to advise HRPDC staff on various issues.

The Committee stated that there needs to be a mechanism to drop or table items of discussion.

The Committee voted to adopt the new by-laws, by a vote of 10 localities in favor, none opposed, and 7 abstaining.

8. Status Reports

Ms. Brumbaugh stated that Chesapeake has reorganized the city's Environmental Services Division; it now reports directly to the Public Works Director.

Mr. Weston Young, Hampton, reported that a Bacteria TMDL public meeting for the Back and Poquoson Rivers was held July 30, 2013.

Isle of Wight County staff reported that the County's Administrator is retiring. The County Fair will be held in September and will have a feature on up-cycled items.

Mr. Bernick reported that the Hampton Roads Sustainable Living Expo, which is targeted at educators, will be held August 28, 2013 at the Sandler Center.

Ms. Howell announced that John McLeod is the new Watershed Coordinator for DEQ's Tidewater Regional Office.

Ms. Whitehurst reported that Norfolk has a new Environmental Coordinator position open; the position will focus on industrial inspections and MS4 administration.

Ms. Tribo reported that the discussion monitoring for PCB TMDLs will be reconvening. The stormwater working group will discuss this at the next meeting. If anyone is opposed to monitoring for PCBs from stormwater, please let her know. Ms. Howell stated that DEQ's goal is to get the monitoring component done as soon as possible. Mr. Kuzma stated that it would be better to get the monitoring component done right than quickly. Mr. Hansen asked how PCB TMDLs would be calculated. Ms. Tribo suggested discussing the matter at the stormwater working group meeting.

9. Other Matters

The next meeting of the Joint Environmental Committee is scheduled for September 5, 2013 at the HRPDC office in Chesapeake, Virginia. Materials will be sent in advance for review.

MEETING SUMMARY
CHESAPEAKE BAY AND REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

The Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees met on September 5, 2013. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. John White, Norfolk, gave a presentation to the Committees on Norfolk's efforts to address coastal flooding impacts through a combination of infrastructure projects and policy changes.
- Ms. Rebekah Eastep, HRPDC, briefed the Committees on the FY13 askHRgreen.org Annual Report. The Committees recommended that the Commission approve the report for publication and distribution. Ms. Eastep also briefed the Committees on some environmental education promotions planned for FY14.
- Ms. Sara Kidd, HRPDC, briefed the Committees on the modeling component of HRPDC's Section 309 Coastal Zone Management grant project. The project aims to develop recommendations to help local governments address land protection and water quality as part of their responses to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and new Virginia Stormwater Management Regulations.
- Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, updated the Committees on the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program. It appears that HRPDC will be awarded two competitive grants for FY14.
- Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, updated the Committees on developments with the Chesapeake Bay Program. Ms. Tribo briefed the Committee on the status of various stormwater best management practices (BMPs) under consideration for inclusion in the Chesapeake Bay Model.
- Ms. Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC, briefed the Committees on HRPDC's draft comments on proposed changes to the state building code concerning rainwater non-potable water systems. The Committees recommended that the Commission approve the comment letter and authorize the Executive Director to submit it.
- Ms. Tribo briefed the Committee on the Annual Regional Cooperation in Stormwater Management Report for FY12-13. The Committees recommended that the Commission approve the report for publication and distribution.
- Status reports and updates from HRPDC staff and locality staff.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

1. Regional Economics Program

Technical Assistance

Economics staff routinely provides technical assistance and support to member jurisdictions and regional organizations. Both the HRPDC Data Book and the Commission's Benchmarking Study provide easy access to a great deal of regional information. Staff also provides special reports and newsletter articles on topics of timely significance, such as payroll and unemployment reports. Over the past month, staff has provided briefings to member localities (per request), provided interviews for information purposes, assisted with the "Jobs Summit" hosted by TCC, and has responded to information requests from individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media.

Analysis of Department of Defense Presence

The Department of Defense plays a significant role in the Hampton Roads economy, a role that is continuously being re-defined. In an attempt to better understand the economic impact of the DoD on the region, staff have begun work on an in-depth analysis of the federal presence in Hampton Roads, specifically as it relates to defense activities. A report on the DoD presence in Hampton Roads will be presented at the October or November Commission meeting.

Hampton Roads Data Center

In keeping with the state mandate that calls for Planning District Commissions to collect and maintain demographic, economic, and other data concerning the region and member localities, and to act as a state data center affiliate in cooperation with the Virginia Employment Commission, staff routinely collect and maintain a variety of data sets. This year, as per the Commission's work program, staff are moving from the publication of data in an annual Data Book, to an online data repository that will enable efficient access for those seeking regional data. Staff are in the process of moving to an online system; a process that is expected to be ongoing as new information is released.

2. Housing and Human Service Technical Support

Staff members are also continuing to assist the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium and are currently working on the planning efforts for Seventh Annual Housing Awards to be held in October. HRHC also recently completed an interactive networking event entitled "Pathways to Partnership" and is working on the second phase of the project that includes best practices in delivering housing-related services. Housing Professionals from public, private and non-profit organizations are working together on important issues such as expanding housing opportunities for low and moderate income households. This initiative to hopes to bridge the "knowledge gap" between housing programs and services and other community

services such as, human services programs, mental health programs, services for the disabled and the elderly. A symposium will be held in late 2013 to discuss best practices.

HRPDC Staff members are also working in collaboration with Housing Virginia to present a symposium entitled "*Housing 2020*". This report was recently released by Housing Virginia on a state level. In this study, Housing 2020 analyzes the future of housing in Virginia through four aspects; Demographics, Economics, Finance and the "Green" Housing. Staff will be working with Housing Virginia in an effort to bring a regional focus to this data. A late October symposium is being planned.

Regional Housing Portal

HRPDC staff members are completing the final stages of the online module for the Regional Housing Portal. While the majority of all housing resources have been identified, staff members will began outreach efforts in November to validate all information. This information will be used to create a regional web-based portal for consumers and housing providers to access appropriate services.

3. Emergency Management Project Update

Ready Hampton Roads

Staff continues to support the Ready Hampton Roads (RHR) program. Current efforts include:

- Development of a coordinated, regional social media campaign
- Website improvement planning
- Development and adoption of a strategic plan for RHR that establishes ReadyHR.org as a 'one stop shop' for citizens looking for emergency and disaster related public information and educational information
- Redesign of practitioner side of ReadyHR.org to include calendar syncing, file library organization, and group/committee collaboration sites.
- Development of a RHR virtual joint information center for aggregating regional emergency public information and providing a way for public information officers to collaborate, share and validate information during response operations

The Ready Hampton Roads Working Group will meet on September 16, 2013 to address:

- Development of a Ready Hampton Roads Strategic Plan
- Use of ReadyHR.org & social media as public information aggregate sites
- Hootsuite groups for posting public info directly to RHR social media
- Coordinated social media preparedness campaigns
- Upgrades and changes to ReadyHR.org
- Integrating mobile technologies for secure information sharing, adding events to RHR Calendar, syncing calendar to Outlook, crowdsourcing, etc.
- Bringing RHR into ADA/LEP compliance

- Recommendation to change from working group to subcommittee and revise balance of subcommittee representation

Regional and Local Jail Exercise

The regional jail exercise series was accomplished with many notable lessons learned and improvements in preparedness. Each participant received a checklist of their capabilities and gaps to work on in the near future. HRPDC Staff will continue to engage local and regional jails by making sure they are included in Regional Catastrophic Planning and other endeavors.

Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee (REMTAC)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Regional Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee and its associated tasks and committees. The REMTAC last met on July 26, 2013, and covered the following:

- A briefing by VDEM on the current and future hazard mitigation funding streams in the Commonwealth and the merits of a regional hazard mitigation plan, as well as options for the next steps in developing a regional or sub regional plan was discussed and decided.
- The Evacuteer concept being used in New Orleans was presented and its viability for certain jurisdictions to use as evacuation rally points was discussed.
- The enhanced capabilities of the augmented HRTacRan system were presented.
- There was a briefing on HRPDC Staffs continued efforts to ameliorate the impacts of the new HIPPA regulations coming into effect.

Mitigation Planning

- Poquoson Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
HRPDC is in the procurement phase of selecting a contractor to update the the 2009 Multi-Hazard Poquoson mitigation plan that expires September 14, 2014.
- Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan
EM Staff, in coordination with the REMTAC, are in the process of developing a planning strategy to encompass the concerns of a few emergency managers in order to best move forward and utilize funds for mitigation planning that are anticipated to be awarded to HRPDC later in the year. Final decisions regarding whether the region uses the funds are delayed until after further analysis by REMTAC and the grant award decision my FEMA.

Special Needs Subcommittee

The REMTAC Special Needs Subcommittee continues to be supported by the Regional Special Needs Planner and EM Staff as needed. The Subcommittee last met July 17, 2013. The Subcommittee is currently overseeing the HRPDC bringing the

Registry into compliance with HIPAA, updating the charter and considering a name change to eliminate the use of 'special needs'. In September, the Subcommittee will begin establishing strategic priorities, goals and objectives for the next 5 years.

WebEOC Subcommittee

The REMTAC WebEOC Subcommittee continues to be supported by HRPDC Staff. The Subcommittee last met on August 7, 2013, and the main topics included:

- Training on the regional WebEOC boards (training manual distributed)
- WebEOC sustainment discussion and decision
- Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail presentation on how it utilizes the Regional WebEOC and Mapper in its operations.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Hampton Roads Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program for the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). Recent activity includes:

- Closeout of UASI Grants
All FY08 and FY09 projects have been closed out. HRPDC is in the process of closing out FY 2010 UASI grants by July 31, 2013. After which, FY 2011 will be the last of the UASI grant received by the region with a performance period ending in July 2013.
- Sustainment
Stakeholders have narrowed down UASI funded projects to five initiatives that will require sustainment funding. A linkages meeting was held to determine how these initiatives are codependent on one another in order to drive sustainment discussion and prioritization. These five initiatives have completed a preliminary 10-year operating budget to forecast ongoing sustainment costs.
- UAWG Restructuring
In order to function in a new role of strategic regional collaboration and coordination, the UAWG has begun a restructuring process. In this effort three subcommittees have been established, one of which is responsible for updating the UAWG Bylaws. Stakeholders in this committee have begun looking into legal frameworks for the operations of a new preparedness committee.
- State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Submission
The HRPDC is coordinating a regional submission for the FY 2013 SHSGP. This will help the region work together and minimize duplication of efforts.

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- **FY 2013 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Submission**
The HRPDC and UAWG have recently completed a lengthy, regional application to the state for grant funding under the SHSGP.

Hampton Roads Interoperable Communications Advisory Committee (HRICAC)

Beginning in June, 2013, the HRPDC began providing project management and support for the HRICAC and associated tasks and subcommittees. Recent activity includes:

- **Regional Interoperability Communication Plan**
The HRPDC applied for and received an FY 2011 UASI grant for the completion of a regional interoperability communication plan. The HRPDC has contracted for professional services and work is under way. Two workshops have been scheduled to engage regional stakeholders; one on September 11th and the other on October 9th.
- **HRTacRan End User Equipment**
The HRPDC applied for and received an FY 2011 UASI grant for the replacement of HRTacRan end user equipment. The HRPDC is in the process of contracting with a vendor to provide the necessary equipment. The equipment will be placed in each locality's Emergency Operation Center and allow for video conferencing over the internet and Hampton Roads Microwave Ring.

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COMMITTEE	DATE	MEDIA OUTLET	REPORT TITLE and LINK	CIRC./IMP	PR VALUE
askHRgreen	Sat. July 14, 2012	Daily Press 'Diggin' In' Blog	Enter summer staveation, save states by in free passes...	31,000	\$ 930.00
askHRgreen	Tues. Sept. 25, 2012	Daily Press 'Diggin' In' Blog	Name that place offers trip for two as prize	31,000	\$ 930.00
CLEAN	Nov. 2012	Tidewater Women	Calendar: Electronics Recycling Events, Nov. 12, 17	30,000	\$ 450.00
CLEAN	Nov. 2-7, 2012	Cox Communications 'Hot Ticket'	America Recycles Day, Electronics Event Newport News, Nov. 12	2,500	\$ 75.00
CLEAN	Nov. 8-14, 2012	Cox Communications 'Hot Ticket'	America Recycles Day, Electronics Event Virginia Beach, Nov. 12	2,500	\$ 75.00
CLEAN	Fri. Nov. 7, 2012	Daily Press 'Diggin' In' Blog	America Recycles Day ... dis pose of you unwanted electronics ...	31,000	\$ 930.00
CLEAN	Thurs. Nov. 15, 2012	The Virginian-Pilot 'Pulse' section	Calendar: Electronics Recycling and Safe Shredding, Nov. 17	156,968	\$ 375.00
askHRgreen	Thurs. Nov. 15, 2012	WVEC-TV Evening News	Green Learning	55,000	\$ 1,500.00
WATER	Sat. Nov. 17, 2012	James River Journal	Holiday shopping got you thirsty? Tap into TapIt.	25,000	\$ 45.00
FOG	Sun. Nov. 18, 2012	The Virginian-Pilot 'Gracious Living' section	Don't let your butterball turn pipes into a grease ball	156,968	\$ 9,000.00
FOG	Wed. Nov. 21, 2012	The Virginian-Pilot 'Flavor' section	Let's talk turkey	156,968	\$ 750.00
FOG	Mon. Nov. 19, 2012	Daily Press 'Diggin' In' Blog	Turkey grease: avoid putting drippings down the drain ...	31,000	\$ 930.00
WATER	Wed. Nov. 21, 2012	Daily Press 'Diggin' In' Blog	Thirsty while you shop? Reuseable water bottle refill network ...	31,000	\$ 930.00
askHRgreen	Mon. Dec. 3, 2012	Daily Press 'Diggin' In' Blog	Tips for making it a green, environmentally friendly Christmas	31,000	\$ 930.00
CLEAN	Tues. Dec. 26, 2012	WVEC-TV News 12 p.m. Newscast	Project Green: Where you can recycle your Christmas tree	31,000	\$ 375.00
CLEAN	Wed. Dec. 27, 2012	WAVY-TV News 6 p.m. Newscast	Recycling Christmas Trees	60,000	\$ 1,425.00
CLEAN	Wed. Dec. 27, 2012	The Virginian-Pilot	Cities want to recycle your old Christmas trees	156,968	\$ 4,500.00
CLEAN	Wed. Dec. 27, 2012	Alt Daily	How to recycle your natural-use-only Christmas trees in Hampton Roads		\$ -
askHRgreen	Mon. Dec. 31, 2012	Daily Press 'Diggin' In' Blog	Living green is a good way to embrace 2013, suggests askHRgreen.org	31,000	\$ 930.00

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