

## **AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC QUARTERLY COMMISSION MEETING**

### **ITEM #13: CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST**

- A. Letter to Virginia Coastal Zone Management Partners from Ms. Barbara Young, Virginia Department of Education and Council Chair, June 8, 2012.**

Attached is a letter to Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Partners from Ms. Barbara Young, Virginia Department of Education and Council Chair, which announces the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program as this year's recipient of the Otter Award. A copy of the Otter Award Certificate presented to the HRPDC as a Virginia CZM Partner is also attached.

Attachment 13A

- B. Letter to Mr. Dwight Farmer, Executive Director, HRPDC from Mr. Robert Orlando, HRACRE, Chair and Mr. Donald Britt, HRACRE, Vice Chair, June 12, 2012.**

Attached is a letter to Mr. Dwight Farmer, Executive Director, HRPDC from Mr. Robert Orlando, HRACRE, Chair and Mr. Donald Britt, HRACRE, Vice Chair, thanking him for attending and presenting at the HRACRE Local Affairs Committee meeting.

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- C. Letter to Mr. Kenneth Chandler, City Manager, City of Portsmouth and copied to Mr. Dwight Farmer, Executive Director, HRPDC from Ms. Debra White, City Clerk, City of Portsmouth, June 22, 2012.**

Attached is a letter to Mr. Kenneth Chandler, City Manager, City of Portsmouth and copied to Mr. Dwight Farmer, Executive Director, HRPDC from Ms. Debra White, City Clerk, City of Portsmouth notifying him of his re-appointment to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

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**E. Letter to Mr. Dwight Farmer, Executive Director, HRPDC from Ms. Judy Wiggins, Assistant City Manager, City of Poquoson, June 28, 2012.**

Attached is a letter to Mr. Dwight Farmer, Executive Director, HRPDC from Ms. Judy Wiggins, Assistant City Manager, City of Poquoson notifying him of the re-appointment of Mayor Eugene Hunt to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

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**F. Letter to Honorable Delores Darden, Isle of Wight and copied to Mr. Dwight Farmer, Executive Director, HRPDC from Ms. Carey Storm, Clerk, County of Isle of Wight, July 5, 2012.**

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**G. Letter to Mr. Douglas Caskey, County Administrator, Isle of Wight and copied to Mr. Dwight Farmer, Executive Director, HRPDC from Ms. Carey Storm, Clerk, County of Isle of Wight, July 5, 2012.**

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Attachment 13G



**Virginia Resource-Use Education  
Council**  
**P.O. Box 11104**  
**Richmond, Virginia 23230-1104**

**State & Federal Agency Members**

Danville Science Center  
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Dept. of Forestry  
Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries  
Dept. of Health  
Dept. of Historic Resources  
Dept. of Mines, Minerals & Energy  
Dept. of Transportation  
Marine Resources Commission  
NOAA  
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Shenandoah National Park  
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VA Master Naturalists

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UVA State Arboretum of Virginia  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
VA State University  
VA Tech  
Virginia Institute of Marine Science

**Private Organizational Members**

Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
VA Association of Science Teachers  
VA Foundation for Ag in the Classroom  
VA Council for Litter Prevention & Recycling  
VA Science Education Leadership Assoc  
VA Soil & Water Conservation Districts

**MEMO**

Date: June 8, 2012

To: Virginia Coastal Zone Management Partners

From: Barbara Young, VA Dept. of Education and Council Chair

The Virginia Resource-Use Education Council is pleased to announce this year's recipient of the Otter Award is the **Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program**. The award was presented to Laura McKay, CZM Manager, by Dr. Greg Eaton, Vice Chair of the Council and Director Claytor Nature Study Center at Lynchburg College, at the Council's annual meeting and awards ceremony in Richmond on May 30, 2012. Superintendent Dr. Pat Wright and Doug Domenech, Secretary of Natural Resources assisted in the presentation.

The following text is from the presentation: "Every four years, VRUEC awards its "Oscar"—The Otter—for outstanding contribution to Environmental Education in Virginia. This year, we want to recognize, not a person, but a program—the Virginia CZM. Every year, since 1989, the Virginia CZM has funded a grant project called Environmental Education. The CZM program director is Laura McKay at DEQ. The CZM program is a network, much like VRUEC, comprised of state and local agencies. The NOAA program manager is John Kuriawa, who is unable to be here today but sends his congratulations. The project manager of the Environmental Education program (Task 4) is Ann Regn at DEQ. The grant has initiated and coordinated professional development of teachers, an annual conference and a resource directory and other projects. In the early years the program focused specifically on the Chesapeake Bay. In 2001 the program was recognized as the Virginia Office of Environmental Education. The office also coordinates the work of the Council. The office has worked with the Department of Education and VRUEC agencies to implement the standards through Virginia Naturally and the Commonwealth's commitments to Chesapeake Bay education and restoration. In 2004 measurable goals for specific projects—Meaningful Watershed Experiences, Classroom Grants, Professional Development, EE Leadership and School Recognition—were developed and the office staff, funded by CZM, coordinated implementation. We are happy to report today those environmental science concepts—from estuary science and Chesapeake Bay stewardship to pollution prevention as well as other environmental literacy concepts—is solidly integrated throughout K-12 education in Virginia's Science Standards of Learning and Virginia's 8<sup>th</sup> graders rank fifth in the nation in science. Over the last 23 years, the program has leveraged more than \$2 million dollars in other public and private funding to support environmental education in Virginia. Through sustained support from CZM, Virginia's environmental education (EE) program has matured to being one of the leading EE programs in the country. Today's other awards given to Virginia's two national Green Ribbon Schools and to our EE and watershed leaders are tangible measures of environmental education progress and success. On behalf of the Council we'd like say thank you to the Coastal partner agencies."

Attachment 13A

Virginia Resource Use Education Council  
Presents

# “The Otter”

To the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Partner:

## Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

In appreciation of 23 years of support for environmental  
education in the Commonwealth.



Presented on May 30, 2012

Barbara Young, Chair





## **VRUEC Environmental Education Award**

The **VRUEC Environmental Education Award** recognizes an outstanding Virginian who has made major contributions to promoting public knowledge and understanding of natural resources in the Commonwealth. This award is given to a person who has demonstrated state and/or regional leadership in fostering working relationships and programs that benefit the educators and students of Virginia. Recipient may not receive the award more than once. Nominee must be a resident of Virginia.

The Virginia Resource-Use Education Council (VRUEC) is comprised of representatives from Virginia's state and federal natural resources agencies, the Dept. of Education, institutes of higher education and private organizations dedicated to environmental education.

Nominations will be evaluated by a panel of judges representing a cross section of environmental agencies and groups. Selection of winner will be based on demonstrated commitment to Environmental Education throughout their career and documented accomplishments in the field of environmental education.

Award will be presented at the VRUEC annual meeting or the Virginia Naturally conference of partners. The award will be presented at following year's spring meeting.

### **Nomination Requirements:**

1. One-page biography of the nominee, and supporting material as needed.
2. A one page abstract giving as overview of contributions and accomplishments.
3. Detailed description of local, regional and statewide educational projects/activities and their impact on the educators and students in Virginia. Include objectives and results of activities. No more than three pages.
4. Describe nominee's ability to inspire and encourage environmental awareness.

### **Deadline:**

Nominations must be submitted to the VRUEC Awards Committee by **July 1 of the current year**. Nominations postmarked later than July 1st will not be considered. Individuals may nominate themselves.

### **Send nominations to:**

VRUEC Award Committee  
c/o Suzie Gilley – Chair  
P.O. Box 11104  
Richmond, VA 23230-1104



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### **Past Recipients:**

Secretary John P Woodley

Jim Firebaugh

Laurie Sorabella

Jeff Kirwin

**The 2012 recipient is ???**

## History of the Virginia Resource – Use Education Council

**1952** – Mr. Quinn, the Director of CGIF called together representatives from the various natural resource agencies, the Dept of Public Instruction and several colleges. The first project the newly formed Council took on was the publication and distribution of the booklet, “**A Look at Virginia’s Natural Resources**” More than 25,000 copies were distributed to elementary schools statewide.

**1956** – The Council began the first “**Conservation Short Course**” at VPI with 29 educators. The teachers spent 3 weeks learning about all aspects of natural resources. The Course was divided into small 2-3 day sessions followed by an exam. A typical session covered all aspects of a resource along with one or more field trips. A representative of a resource agency taught each topic. The course rapidly expanded to William and Mary, Virginia State University, Longwood and several other universities. Teachers spent the 3 weeks on campus, receiving full or partial scholarships from the Council.

Due to declining enrollment and changes in the teacher re-certification process the Council decided to discontinue the course in 1993.

**1964** – Governor Harrison with the VRUEC invited over 3,000 citizens to attend a conference on the future of conservation education in Virginia. 1,200 citizens met at the John Marshall Hotel here in Richmond to discuss ways to increase conservation and stewardship among Virginians.

During the 60’s the Council produced two 16mm films on Virginia. These were available on loan from the Department of Education and several other agency loan libraries. The films were also shown on PBS across the Commonwealth.

**1975** – The booklet “**Virginia Natural Resources**” was updated and sent to all the schools in Virginia. The booklet was again updated and distributed in 1999, renamed the “**Virginia’s Natural Resources Education Guide**” it is currently available on the Virginia Naturally website, [www.vanaturally.com](http://www.vanaturally.com)

**1995** – The Council collaborates on an **Environmental Education Directory** that currently exists on the Virginia Naturally Web Site.

**1998**– The Council receives Litter grant and produces **Pollution Solutions** – holding teacher workshops statewide and training hundreds of teachers in waste management and pollution prevention and dozens of local litter and recycling coordinators in EE.

**2000**–VRUEC is recognized by the General Assembly to serve as staff for the newly created Governor’s Environmental Education Advisory Committee. The Council is also named as the interagency work group for the recently signed Chesapeake Bay 2000 Agreement.

**2002** – In an effort to assist teachers in meeting Bay educational goals, the Council partners with natural resource agencies, NOAA and the VEE to establish and administer a small grants program for classroom teachers.

**2003** – The Council receives a NOAA grant to offer professional development for teachers. The residential one-week course focuses on the Chesapeake Bay to help teachers meet the meaningful watershed educational goals of the Bay Agreement.

**2005** – The Council expands its efforts to include a headwaters course on the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The 2 Bay Academies reach over 50 teachers. To assist teachers in providing a Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) the Council awards over \$50,000 in classroom grants to schools.

**2006** - Survey of Virginia School Systems shows that 80% of schools are meeting their MWEE goals. Survey for Virginia Outdoors Plan to be distributed to partners to assess suitability of sites for field education. Member agencies are continuing to support MWEE and other goals in the Environmental Education Business Plan.

**2009**-- The Virginia Office of Environmental Education reports that there are 936 Virginia Naturally Partners.

**2010**—The Council expands its Bay Academies to 4 sites. Tenth anniversary of Virginia Naturally is celebrated. 65 schools recognized as Virginia Naturally schools demonstrating exemplary practices in environmental education. Many classrooms around the state are conducting “Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences” thanks to the Virginia Naturally Classroom Grants and Partner Grants. Combined, 654 grants have been awarded for a total of \$538,250 since start of program. Discussion begins on revising the state Business Plan and integrating national Environmental Literacy Plan criteria.

**2012**—The Bay Academies expand to 6 sites and 100 teachers. More than 1,000 partners and 10 regional teams participate in the network. The Council participates in the development of a regional Mid-Atlantic Environmental Literacy Plan. 2 Schools are recognized by USED as Green Ribbon Schools.



June 12, 2012

Dwight Farmer  
 Executive Director  
 Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
 723 Woodlake Drive  
 Chesapeake, VA 23320

Dear Dwight:

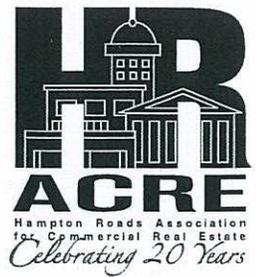
I would like to thank you for attending and presenting at the HRACRE Local Affairs Committee meeting last week. Your comments were most helpful in helping the committee understand the Hampton Roads transportation situation. In that regard, we would be delighted to assist the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission in any way possible. Please keep us posted as to how we may help.

As you can probably imagine, we've received very positive feedback from our committee members on your presentation.

Sincerely,

Robert Orlando *du*  
 Chair  
 HRACRE Local Affairs Committee

Donald H. Britt, CPA *du*  
 Vice Chair  
 HRACRE Local Affairs Committee



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Deputy City Clerk

Mr. Kenneth R. Chandler  
City Manager  
City of Portsmouth  
801 Crawford Street  
Portsmouth, Virginia 23704

Dear Mr. Chandler:

This is to notify you that at the City Council meeting of June 12, 2012, you were re-appointed as a member of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission for a term ending June 30, 2014.

The City Council and the citizens of Portsmouth appreciate your acceptance of this important civic duty and your continued interest in the City of Portsmouth.

Sincerely,

Debra Y. White, CMC/AE  
City Clerk

cc: Dwight Farmer, HRPDC



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The Honorable Kenneth I. Wright  
Mayor  
City of Portsmouth  
801 Crawford Street  
Portsmouth, Virginia 23704

Dear Mayor Wright:

This is to notify you that at the City Council meeting of June 12, 2012, you were re-appointed as a member of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission for a term ending June 30, 2014.

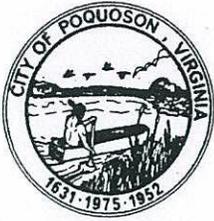
The City Council and the citizens of Portsmouth appreciate your acceptance of this important civic duty and your continued interest in the City of Portsmouth.

Sincerely,

Debra Y. White, CMC/AE  
City Clerk

cc: Dwight Farmer, HRPDC





## CITY OF POQUOSON

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Office of the City Manager

J. Randel Wheeler

June 28, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Farmer:

On Monday, June 25, 2012 Poquoson City Council reappointed Mayor W. Eugene (Gene) Hunt, Jr. to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission for a term which expires on June 20, 2014.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Judy F. Wiggins  
Assistant City Manager

cc: The Honorable W. Eugene Hunt, Jr.

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# COUNTY of ISLE OF WIGHT

THE COURTHOUSE

July 5, 2012

The Honorable Delores C. Darden  
16249 Bowling Green Road  
Smithfield, Virginia 23430

Dear Supervisor Darden:

As you know, the Board of Supervisors, at its regular meeting of June 28, 2012 reappointed you to serve on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission for an additional two-year term which will expire in June of 2014.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity.

Sincerely,

Carey Mills Storm  
Clerk  
Board of Supervisors

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Cc: Mr. Dwight L. Farmer, Executive Director, HRPDC

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# COUNTY of ISLE OF WIGHT

THE COURTHOUSE

July 5, 2012

Mr. W. Douglas Caskey  
County Administrator  
Isle of Wight County  
Post Office Box 80  
Isle of Wight, Virginia 23397

Dear Doug:

As you know, the Board of Supervisors, at its regular meeting of June 28, 2012 reappointed you to serve on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission for an additional two-year term which will expire in June of 2014.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity.

Sincerely,

Carey Mills Storm  
Clerk  
Board of Supervisors

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Cc: Mr. Dwight L. Farmer, Executive Director, HRPDC ✓