

Review of Existing Elizabeth River Steering Committee

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Committee Background:

In 1998, the Corps of Engineers entered into a cost-sharing agreement with DEQ and the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach. The final Elizabeth River Restoration Feasibility Study was published in 2001 and identified seven wetland restoration sites and one sediment cleanup site.

Wetlands Project	Locality	Status	Funding Source
Scuffletown Creek	Chesapeake	Complete (2010)	ARRA
ODU Drainage Canal	Norfolk	Complete (2012)	ARRA
Grandy Village	Norfolk	Partial	Mitigation
Jordan Bridge	Portsmouth	Terminated	
Woodstock Park	Virginia Beach	Under design	City/Federal
Carolanne Farms	Virginia Beach	Seeking design funding	City/Federal
Lancelot Drive	Virginia Beach	Seeking design funding	City/Federal

The Elizabeth River Steering Committee was established to provide local and state guidance to the Elizabeth River Restoration Study conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE). The Committee was later expanded to function as the stakeholder and technical advisory committee for Total Maximum Daily Load water quality studies for the River. Steering Committee membership includes locality representatives from planning, public works, public utilities, economic development, and parks and recreation, and representatives from COE, The Elizabeth River Project, academia, HRSD, HRPDC and several state and federal agencies. The Steering Committee meets the first Friday of every month to discuss ongoing restoration projects and other water quality projects or issues within the Elizabeth River Watershed.

Original Focus of Meetings:

- Discuss projects activities and cost issues associated with design and construction.
- Share information on public involvement activities.
- Discuss Preconstruction Engineering and Design (PED) agreement issues.
- Discuss the status of sponsor funding for the PED phase.

Meeting Topics for the last 3 years:

- Status of restoration projects.
- Updates on Elizabeth River TMDLs for bacteria and PCBs.
- Living Shoreline General Permit.
- Chesapeake Bay TMDL and Implementation Updates.
- Special water quality studies in the Elizabeth/Lafayette.
- Review of reconnaissance study that identified restoration projects for the Feasibility Study.
- Discussion of new effort to identify and prioritize additional restoration sites in the Elizabeth River watershed.

Meeting Schedule for last 2 years:

Quarterly on the first Friday, with occasional cancellations. Meeting schedules for the year are posted in December of the previous year.