

**THE DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAMPTON ROADS CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMITTEE, THE
REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE
CHESAPEAKE BAY IMPLEMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
December 13, 2012**

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

The Summary of the November 1, 2012 Meeting of the Hampton Roads Chesapeake Bay and Regional Stormwater Management Committees and Chesapeake Bay Implementation Subcommittee was approved as distributed.

2. Small MS4 General Permit Comments

Ms. Jenny Tribo, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the PDC's comment letter regarding the small MS4 General Permit. The latest edition has been sent out to the localities; there have not been too many changes since the previous draft. Dave Evans added some references to bullet #4. Footnotes will be retained in the comments.

Ms. Barbara Brumbaugh, Chesapeake, asked the Committee whether the permit forbids residential car washing. Mr. LJ Hansen, Suffolk, stated that it does not, since that is covered under the definitions, which have not been changed. Mr. Bill Johnston, Virginia Beach, stated that EPA wants to forbid residential car washing eventually.

The Committee voted to approve the comments.

3. Coastal Partners Workshop

Mr. Benjamin McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program's Coastal Partners Workshop, which was held December 5-6 in Richmond. The Workshop included many panels and presentations covering the various projects and programs CZM supports. HRPDC staff participated in panels on four CZM-supported projects: Coastal Resiliency, Water Quality, Working Waterfronts, and Public Access.

4. MARCO Climate Change Adaptation Workshop

Mr. McFarlane briefed the Committee on a sea level rise workshop organized by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean that was held in Wilmington, Delaware on December 10-11. The workshop brought together researchers, state agency representatives (mostly from state coastal zone programs or related agencies), and federal agency representatives (mostly from NOAA) to discuss efforts related to sea level rise adaptation and planning. MARCO is currently deliberating whether and how to pursue a regional effort or policy related to climate change adaptation. At the

workshop, staff from the NOAA Coastal Services Center presented their Sea Level Rise and Coastal Flooding Impacts Viewer, which allows users to visualize the potential impacts of sea level rise on coastal communities. The viewer, which can be found at <http://csc.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/slrviewer/index.html> should be available for the Chesapeake Bay region sometime in the first quarter of 2013.

Mr. Clay Bernick, Virginia Beach, suggested that a regional work group for climate change adaptation composed of local government staff should be convened to develop recommendations for the region and its localities.

5. Coastal Zone Grant Project: Land and Water Quality Protection in Hampton Roads

HRPDC staff updated the Committee on the status of the 309 grant project. The project consists of three parts. Ms. Tribo briefed the Committee on the project's overview and the first section, which summarizes the new stormwater regulations, Chesapeake Bay TMDL, and the link between these regulations and local codes and ordinances. This section also includes a description of the new performance standards for water quality and a discussion of the impacts of these regulations on localities. Mr. McFarlane briefed the Committee on the second section, which discusses in greater detail the connection between the regulations and local ordinances and policies. This section discusses how policies related to new development, redevelopment, and public lands can be adjusted to help localities better meet the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, and includes suggestions for new policies or ordinance changes. Ms. Sara Kidd, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the third section, which includes a review of tools localities can use to model development impacts on water quality and a demonstration of the use of one tool, CommunityViz. HRPDC staff is currently working to integrate the various formulas from the Virginia Runoff Reduction Method spreadsheets into CommunityViz to enable modeling at various scales of potential changes to development plans or local ordinance and policy changes.

HRPDC staff will present drafts of the report sections at the January JEC meeting for Committee comments and discussion.

6. Status Reports

HRPDC staff reported the results of a conversation with DCR staff regarding the application of new development standards to redevelopment projects which involve clearing areas prior to new plans being in place. HRPDC staff had previously discussed the change in the definition of redevelopment with the region's Chief Administrative Officers, and in order to make local policies consistent with state policies contacted DCR about the issue. Mr. Dave Dowling, DCR, agreed that the wording of the definition was strange, and stated that documentation of the site's conditions prior to demolition (such as photographs, impervious cover percentage, etc.) would be sufficient and the standard redevelopment criteria would apply. Ms. Brumbaugh inquired whether aerial photography would suffice. Mr. Bernick asked if this would be included in DCR's

guidance documents so that there would be consistency across the region in terms of local policies.

Chesapeake staff reported that the city's new planning director is Jaleh Shea. The city is also advertising a stormwater administrator position until January.

Windsor staff reported that the town is working with the PDC on its comprehensive plan update and will be holding a work session January 5th.

Suffolk staff asked the Committee if the Construction General Permit LGAC is still meeting. Ms. Brumbaugh reported that the next meeting will be held January 4th.

Virginia Beach staff reported that they are finishing work on the site design guidelines and that the sustainability plan will be going before council in February.

DCR staff reported that the stormwater training previously canceled due to Hurricane Sandy has been rescheduled and will be held at VIMS on December 19th. Todd Herbert has also left DCR for another position.

7. Other Matters

The next meeting of the Joint Environmental Committee is scheduled for January 3, 2012 at the HRPDC office in Chesapeake, Virginia. Materials will be sent in advance for review.