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## HRPDC Editor's Note

Arguably, summer is one of the best times to live in or visit Hampton Roads. A person can explore the rich history of the region or one of the many waterways and parks found throughout. Or, maybe a relaxing day at the beach is more your cup of tea. Whatever the case, I hope you're able to get out and enjoy all that summer in Hampton Roads has to offer.

Though summer temperatures in Hampton Roads can be sweltering, one of the quickest ways to beat the summer heat is a refreshing dip in a body of water. Whether it's the Chesapeake Bay, Atlantic Ocean, or a neighborhood pool, drought conditions can impact all water related activities. On page eight, HRPDC staff explains the difference in drought and dry conditions, as well as the regulations that govern during those periods.

Another good way to beat summer's heat is reading a book in the air conditioned comfort of one's home. Unfortunately, due to the recent economic crisis, many people have given up on the dream of owning a home and many others in this region are still at risk of losing their homes to foreclosure. The HRPDC assisted the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium (HRHC) with hosting its first regional housing fair, "Buy a House. Keep a Home!" in June. See Page 13.

Finally, summer is also the time the HRPDC approves its work plan for the coming fiscal year. You may remember from our Fall 2008 issue, John Carlock assumed the role of HRPDC Deputy Executive Director. In his first address to Review readers, John shares the initiatives for the HRPDC for the upcoming year. (See the article on facing page.)

As always, feel free to drop me an email with comments and suggestions.



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## Deputy Executive Director Address

It is an honor and privilege to serve as Deputy Executive Director of the HRPDC and to work with a bright, committed staff and the many local government staff who dedicate considerable time and energy to efforts to improve the quality of life in Hampton Roads.

The HRPDC approved the agency's work program and budget for FY 2010 at its Executive Committee meeting on June 17, 2009. Most of the work program tasks continue traditional work priorities. Major activities and initiatives include:

**Economics:** The Hampton Roads Economics Program provides an important technical and analytical resource allowing the region's leaders to better understand the economic forces affecting the region's economy, benchmark Hampton Roads to competitive regions, and analyze the impacts of important economic developments.

**Emergency Management:** The HRPDC staff continues to address a wide range of emergency management and homeland security programs. Moving into its third year, the Hampton Roads Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) has enabled the region's localities to realize more than \$20,000,000 in federal and state grant funding. Projects conducted through this program are providing the necessary capabilities to mitigate, prepare, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism and natural hazard threats. Through the Metropolitan Medical Response System program, Hampton Roads has caches of equipment and drugs throughout the region to enable quick response to mass casualty incidents.

**Housing and Human Services:** The HRPDC continues to facilitate efforts by public, private and non-profit entities throughout the region in addressing regional needs for affordable housing and other special issues associated with the homeless, persons with disabilities and seniors. To date, the Regional Home Loan Fund program managed and facilitated by the HRPDC staff has provided more than \$250,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance generating over \$3.4 million in housing sales for this region during this funding period.

**Physical & Environmental Planning:** The HRPDC coordinates local government efforts to comply with state and federal regulations addressing stormwater management, sanitary sewer overflows, water supply planning and water quality. In addition to assistance with regulatory compliance, the staff is involved in a broad range of regional and local planning projects. Regional planning efforts include a green infrastructure program, water supply planning and a new climate change initiative. Local planning activities include the development of comprehensive plans, stormwater management programs and ground water studies. Successful education programs, operating through the umbrella of HR Green, provide public outreach and support for the technical and policy components of the programs.

**Rural Transportation:** Through the Rural Transportation Planning process, the HRPDC works with the city of Franklin, Southampton County and VDOT. This effort will result in a long-range rural transportation plan for these communities while addressing their other priority transportation issues.

**Administrative:** The HRPDC staff provides administrative, graphics, communications, financial, information technology and facility management support to both the HRPDC and the HRTPO.

Integral to the effectiveness of these programs are many committees with membership representing the region's localities and appropriate state and federal agencies in Utilities, Stormwater Management, Environmental Education, Emergency Management, Housing, and Planning.

My goal, and that of the FY 2010 work program developed in concert with the localities, is to continue the HRPDC's history of providing strong technical and policy support for the Commission and the local governments in developing solutions to the region's challenges and taking advantage of its opportunities.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John M. Caloche". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## **Regional Studies Underway: Climate Change Impacts & Green Infrastructure**

*By Benjamin McFarlane, [bmcfarlane@hrpdcva.gov](mailto:bmcfarlane@hrpdcva.gov)*

*Physical & Environmental Planner*

HRPDC Physical & Environmental Planning staff is working on a regional green infrastructure network update and a climate change impact study. The green infrastructure update will add recreational open space and facilities to a previous study, which focused on areas that provide significant habitat or water quality value. New data from local governments and state agencies will also be included. The climate change impact study will look at how climate change may affect the area's natural and built environments. Particular focus is being given to sea-level rise and changing storm patterns. Both projects will incorporate input from local governments and relevant state agencies.

A series of stakeholder meetings was held for both projects in Spring 2009. HRPDC Physical & Environmental Planning staff conducted four meetings, two on the Peninsula and two on the Southside, for local government staff. One of the goals of both projects is to incorporate local planning initiatives and requests. HRPDC staff used these meetings to ask local government representatives how they were planning for climate change and green infrastructure, their current and future land use plans, updates to any recreational facility and park plans, and land conservation activities. Representatives were also asked for input on directions and goals for the two projects and to give suggestions on how the projects could best help the region's communities.

HRPDC staff also held meetings with faculty and staff from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the Department of Conservation and Recreation – Natural Heritage Program. The goal of these meetings was to gather information on various models or studies from those two institutions that could be useful for the regional green infrastructure and climate change studies. The meetings provided insight and information that could help HRPDC staff model risks to ecologically significant lands, prioritize areas for conservation based on their recreational or ecological value, and anticipate some impacts of climate change on the region.

The regional green infrastructure and climate change studies will incorporate the information taken from these meetings. Ongoing work for the projects includes research, data collection, model development, and analysis.



## Prettier Pipes Prevent Poor Performance

By Holly Miller, [hmillier@hrpdcva.gov](mailto:hmillier@hrpdcva.gov)  
Environmental Educator

Fat-filled drains and sewer pipes aren't pretty. Not convinced? Take a look at the picture on the right. The problem isn't their lack of attractiveness. It's their impact on the environment and the financial bottom-line.

Clogged drains are caused by fats, oils, and grease entering the sewer system and congealing on pipe walls. The congealed grease catches particles in the wastewater and gradually builds up until the pipe is fully blocked. A blocked pipe will force wastewater to back-up into homes and businesses or to overflow into the street, stormdrain, and potentially, area waterways. All of these options are unattractive. Clean up and prevention costs Hampton Roads localities millions of dollars annually.

The newest environmental committee of the HRPDC, Fat Free Drains, was created to address the issue on a regional level. Fat Free Drains encourages residents and businesses to:

- Pour cooking oil and grease in a container, not down the kitchen drain or toilet.
- Scrape food scraps into the trash before washing dishes.
- Install and properly maintain grease interceptor devices (businesses only).

The committee website, [FatFreeDrains.com](http://FatFreeDrains.com), provides regionally-consistent information for residents, food service establishments, and grease haulers. Brochures, guidance documents, and posters for food service establishments, as well as training information, are available on the site.

The committee also posts to Social Media sites, including Digg (HRGreenVA), Facebook (HR Green), Twitter (@HRGreen), and YouTube (HRGreenVA). Join the conversation on your favorite site. Together, we can save a pretty penny and end up with a beautiful bottom line—remember, FatFreeDrains!



Please download a "No Grease" sign and post it over your sink.

## More Options for Green Information in Hampton Roads

By Holly Miller, [hmillier@hrpdcva.gov](mailto:hmillier@hrpdcva.gov)

Environmental Educator

Do you have a computer or paint you want to recycle, but you keep forgetting the date of your locality's e-cycling and household hazardous waste collections? Maybe you are looking for a regional source for environmental information. Perhaps articles on local environmental news interest you. Or, maybe you are looking for simple green tips that you can easily incorporate into your daily life.

The environmental committees of the HRPDC understand that each individual in Hampton Roads has unique interests and needs. That's why the committees began utilizing social media sites. Of course, the committees will continue to share information through printed materials, local media, and the committee websites.

### Find What YOU Need:

#### **Delicious – HRGreen - <http://delicious.com/HRGreen>**

Bookmarks to articles and resources on green and environmental topics important to Hampton Roads. Bookmarks are labeled by topic for easy sorting.

#### **Digg – HRGreenVA - <http://digg.com/users/HRGreenVA/>**

News articles and videos on green and environmental topics important to Hampton Roads.

#### **Facebook – HR Green - [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for HR Green**

It's all here – content from Digg, Twitter, YouTube, event invitations, plus pictures you won't find anywhere else.

#### **FriendFeed –HRGreen - <http://friendfeed.com/hrgreen>**

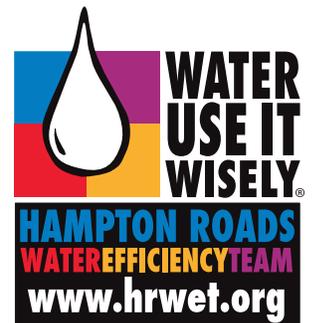
Compiles updates from Delicious, Digg, Twitter, and YouTube into one site.

#### **Twitter – @HRGreen - <http://twitter.com/HRGreen>**

Short posts including tips, event reminders, and links to articles and resources.

#### **YouTube – HRGreenVA - <http://www.youtube.com/HRGreenVA>**

Video from each of the committees and links to favorite videos from other environmental groups.



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## Water Quality Improvement Planning

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The HRPDC has been working with Suffolk and James City County on the development of Implementation Plans for bacteria impairments for primary contact recreation in the Upper Nansemond River, Mill Creek, and Powhatan Creek. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Studies for bacteria were completed by DEQ in 2006 for the Nansemond River and 2008 for Mill and Powhatan Creeks.

Following TMDL development, Virginia State Law requires that an Implementation Plan be developed to identify the measures necessary to reduce the pollutant and improve water quality. The focus of the Implementation Plans for Nansemond River and Mill and Powhatan Creeks will be to identify management actions that the local governments can implement over the next five to ten years to reduce the amount of bacteria that enters these waterbodies. Likely management actions include sanitary sewer system improvements, septic tank pump out programs, pet owner education, boater education, and programs to discourage feeding waterfowl.

Citizens will be involved in the implementation planning process through public meetings and technical advisory committees. The first public meeting for the Mill and Powhatan Creeks Implementation Plan was held on June 18 at the James City/Williamsburg Community Center. The technical advisory committee will meet monthly until the final public meeting to present the draft Plan in the Spring of 2010. The first public meeting for the Upper Nansemond River Implementation Plan was held on July 9 at King's Fork Middle School. The final public meeting to present the draft Implementation Plan is planned for December.



# Drought Regulations: Local and Regional Drought Policies

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Drought occurs during periods of dry weather when there is an extended shortage of water supply in a region. The Hampton Roads region has experienced drought conditions many times, most recently in 2007. Typically local governments decide when to impose water restrictions during a water supply shortage. However, the Governor of Virginia can impose water restrictions over the objections of the local governments.

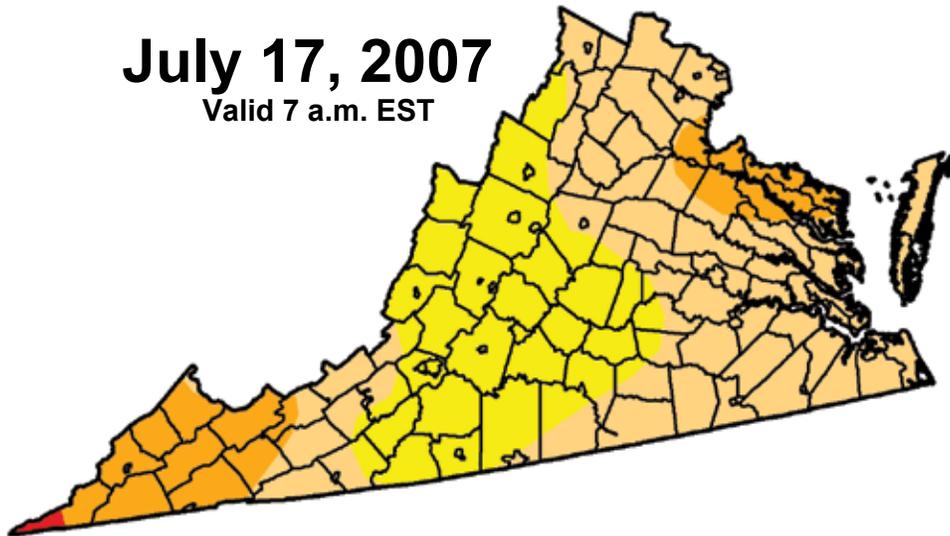
In 2003, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) developed the Virginia Drought Assessment and Response Plan that describes the State's authority to impose regional and statewide drought response. In 2005, the State adopted the Local and Regional Water Supply Planning regulation 9 VAC 25-780. The advisory committee that developed the regulation concluded that water restrictions

should be managed at the local level rather than at the state level. The 2005 regulation encourages localities to develop local or regional drought response and contingency plans. Once a locality establishes a drought policy and approved water supply plan, it will take precedence over the Governor's recommendations.

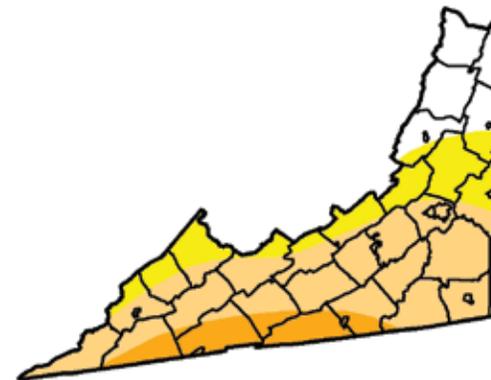
All of the jurisdictions in the Hampton Roads Planning District have agreed to develop a regional water supply plan to meet regulatory requirements. Each locality has adopted a water conservation plan or water supply emergency ordinance. These plans and ordinances outline the steps and actions each locality will follow in times of a water supply emergency or drought. In addition to the local policies, the regional plan will formalize the information sharing process that the region has benefited from in past droughts.

## U.S. Drought Virginia

**July 17, 2007**  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



**July 15, 2008**  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Intensity:

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|  D0 Abnormally Dry     |  D3 Drought - Extreme     |
|  D1 Drought - Moderate |  D4 Drought - Exceptional |
|  D2 Drought - Severe   |  |

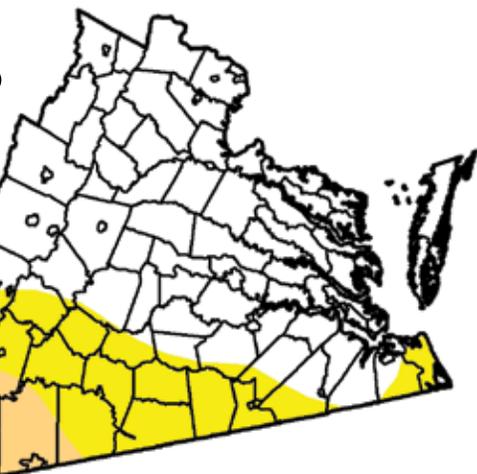
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# Take Precedence Over State

If the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates a Moderate Drought (D1), then monthly Directors of Utilities Committee meetings will include an analysis of water supply. (See U.S. Drought Monitor insert) The Directors of Utilities Committee has been meeting monthly since 1993 and includes representatives from the water utility departments of all HRPDC localities. Water Supply and drought conditions will remain a monthly agenda item until the U.S. Drought Monitor for the entire region returns to Abnormally Dry (D0). The discussions of the Directors of Utilities Committee, recommendations of local water supply staff, and local data and trends will be considered by local governments for determining when to implement local drought ordinances and plans.

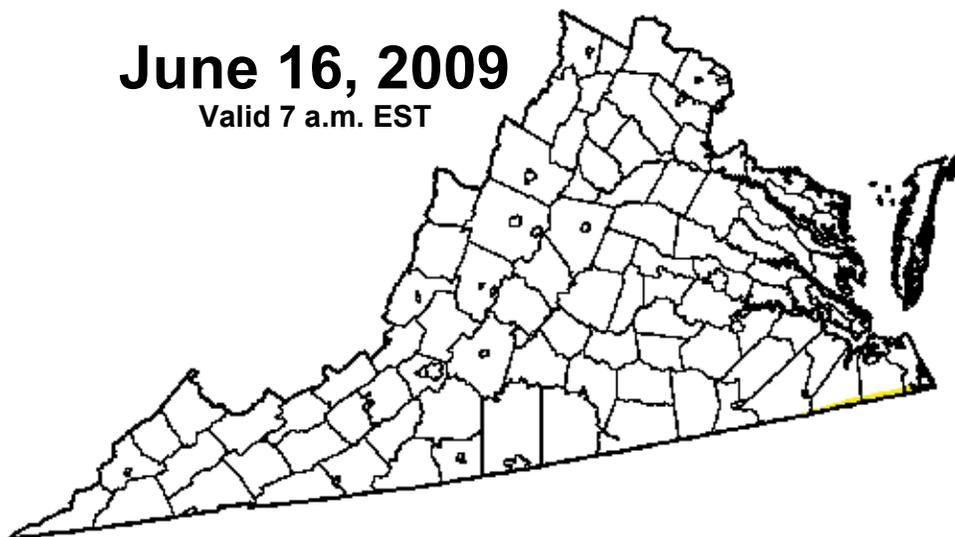
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**June 16, 2009**

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## Hampton Roads Concludes First AICP Audio Web Conference Series

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Physical & Environmental Planner

Since September 2008, the HRPDC has played host to the American Planning Association's 2008-2009 Audio/Web Conference Training Series at its office in Chesapeake. With assistance from APA Virginia, the HRPDC purchased the 7-part Advanced Intensive/Intensive Encore Series and two programs from the Officials Topical Series. The package included access to live webcasts presented on a monthly basis, as well as DVD copies of each program that are now available to planners not able to attend the live programs. The HRPDC offered the courses to anyone involved or interested in local planning, particularly those needing to accrue the 32 credits now required to maintain accreditation as members of the American Institute of Certified Planners. The series provided a total of 12.5 Certification Maintenance (CM) credits.

The 2008-2009 APA Training Series concluded with a planning law review on June 24th. The HRPDC plans to continue offering CM credit opportunities through the purchase of the 2009-2010 Series when it is available and through other regional education efforts. For more information, contact Claire Jones.



## Region Eligible for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

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Principal Physical & Environmental Planner

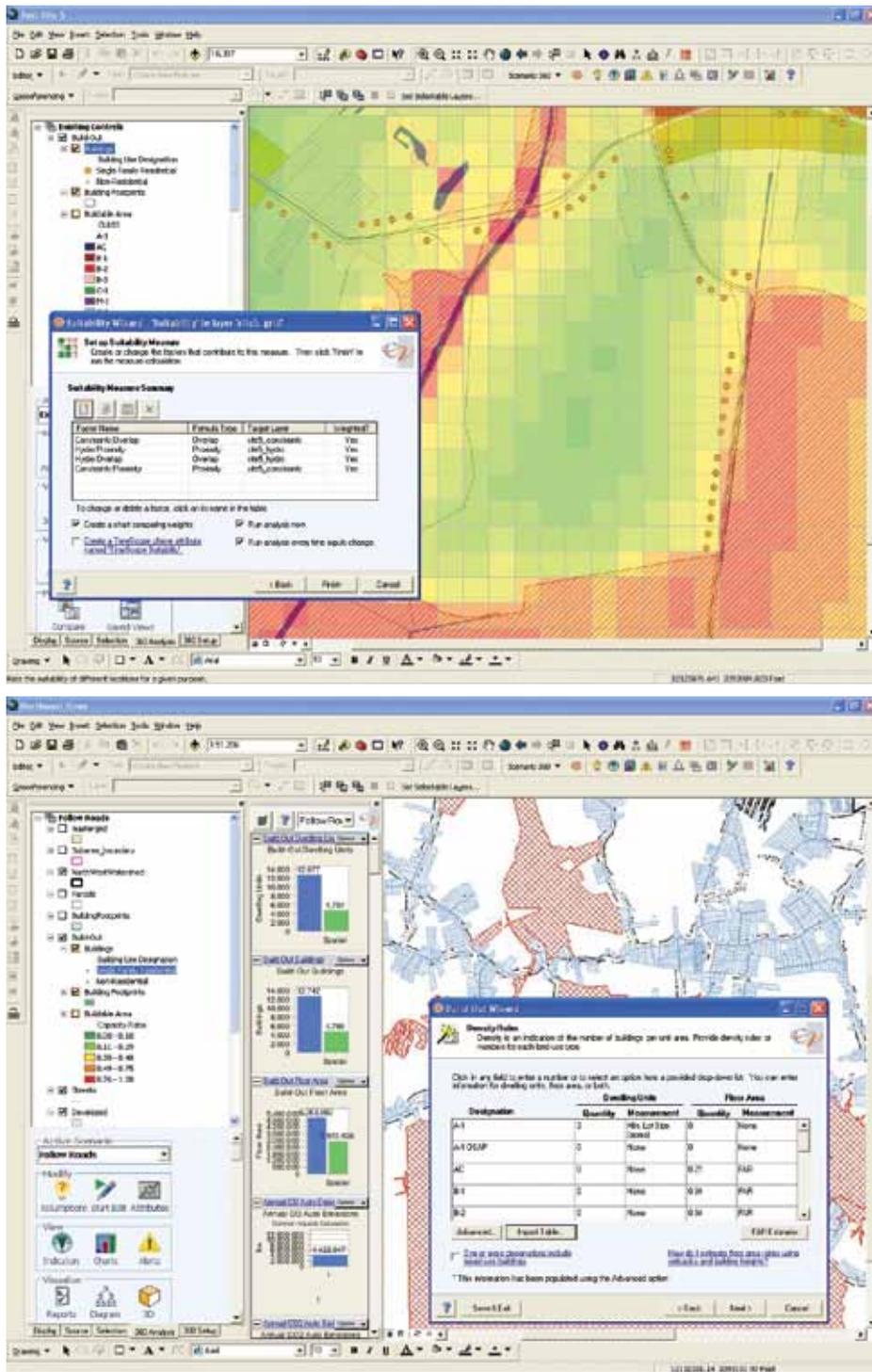
The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program was established in 2007, but not funded until the recent federal stimulus package was passed. The HRPDC member cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach qualify as direct grant recipients and will apply directly to the Department of Energy for predetermined funding amounts based on population. In total, the direct grant recipient localities in Hampton Roads are eligible for approximately \$12,427,000. The HRPDC member localities that do not qualify as direct grant recipients will be eligible to apply to the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy for competitive funding under the program.

The grant application for the direct grant recipients includes requirements for regional cooperation and sharing of information on proposed implementation plans and activities. To facilitate the grant application process, the HRPDC is hosting a series of meetings to develop shared language for the section of the application dealing with regional cooperation. In addition, the meetings have been a valuable forum for sharing of information on the grant program and the types of projects that are under consideration in each locality. Opportunities for regional cooperation and coordination are under discussion including the possibility of joint efforts to evaluate energy consumption, reduce energy costs, as well as the possibility of a regional greenhouse gas inventory.

# Northwest River Build-Out Analysis Uses Innovative Tool

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Physical & Environmental Planner



HRPDC Physical & Environmental Planning staff has been working with staff from the city of Chesapeake and the nature conservancy on a plan for the Northwest River watershed. Several meetings have been held to discuss build-out analysis scenarios and project goals.

The first build-out scenario for the Northwest River watershed is nearing completion. This scenario utilizes existing zoning and development controls to provide two sets of data. The first set, a numeric analysis, calculates the amount of development that can occur in the watershed based on simple input such as residential density allowed. The second, a spatial analysis, calculates both the level of development and its placement given layout conditions such as setbacks and separation distances. This latter analysis graphically displays where development will occur under current rules. From these two analyses a “business-as-usual” development pattern can be mapped and its impacts on infrastructure, services, and the environment can be predicted.

HRPDC staff is now using CommunityViz, a software program that works with ArcGIS to utilize existing data layers and controls to develop numeric, spatial, and visual build-out analyses. This software provides a powerful tool for staff and policymakers analyzing potential development strategies and their impacts on infrastructure and the environment.

# 2009 Hampton Roads Data Book

By James Clary, [jclary@hrpdcva.gov](mailto:jclary@hrpdcva.gov)

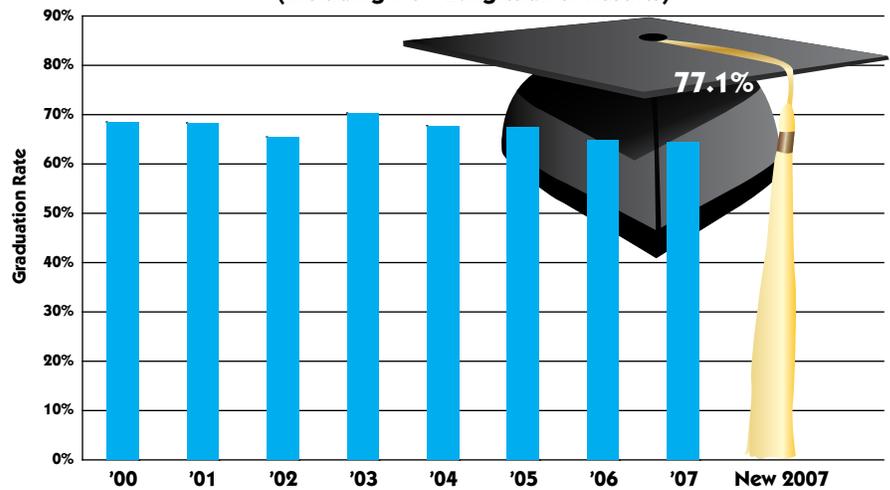
Economist

The 2009 Hampton Roads Data Book was presented to the Commission in June. Updated annually, this document includes a variety of social, economic, and demographic information. The primary purpose of the Data Book is to maintain a collection of regionally oriented time-series data, some of which are not available elsewhere. This year staff has added several new data series to the Data Book including:

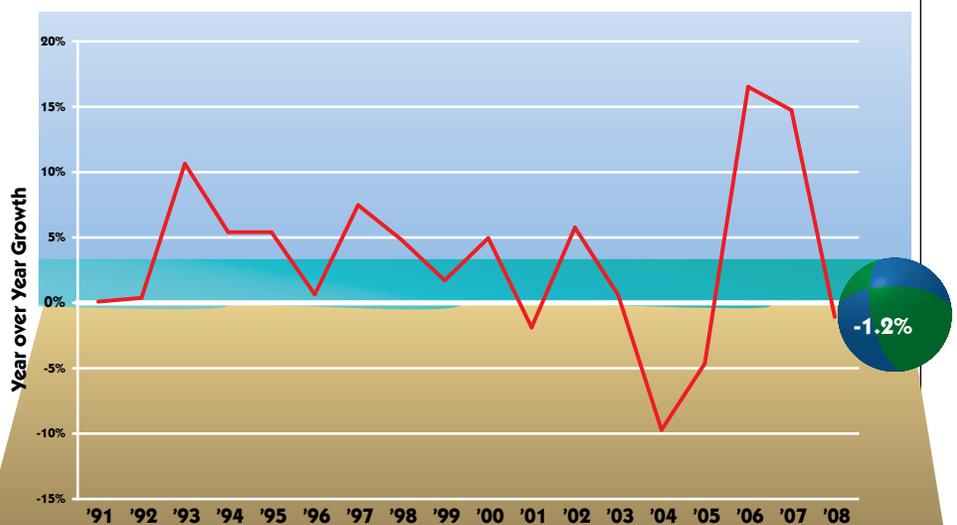
- Population: New data on the population by age, cohort.
- Employment: Snapshot of employment by occupational category.
- Labor Force and Unemployment: Monthly data on Initial Unemployment Claims for Hampton Roads.
- Retail Sales: Monthly retail sales for the Hampton Roads Planning District measured by the distribution of the 1% local sales tax option.
- Real Estate: Value of housing permits for the Hampton Roads MSA.
- Tourism: Tourism expenditures by locality for the past five years.
- Ports: Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) traffic through the Virginia International Terminals.
- Transportation: Data on Vehicle Miles Traveled.
- Quality of Life: School Enrollment, Graduation Rates, and a measurement of the cost of living in Hampton Roads.

The Data Book is available for download from the HRPDC website and is available both as a PDF of the entire document or as downloadable excel files for each table. The structure of the Data Book has been redesigned for greater clarity and usability. Bound copies of the Data Book are available for purchase from the HRPDC library.

## Graduation Rates (Including New Longitudinal Results)



## Growth of Lodging Receipts/Tourism in Hampton Roads



## HRHC Hosts First Regional Housing Fair

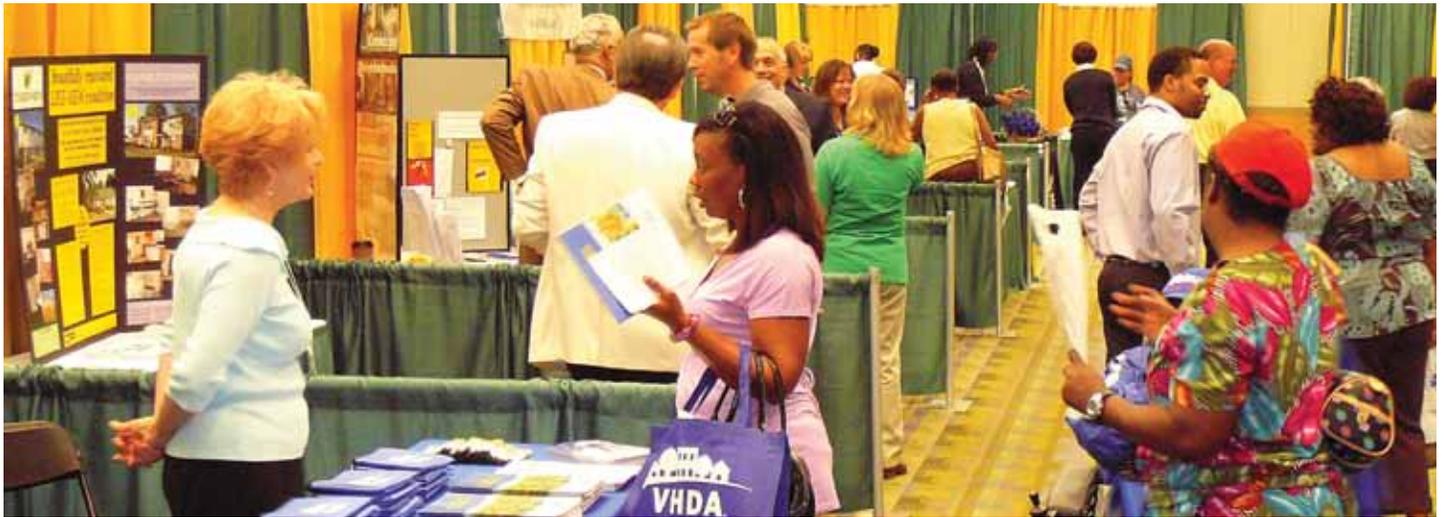
By Shernita Bethea, sbethea@hrpdcva.gov

Housing/Human Services Manager

Each year, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designates June as Homeownership Month. The Hampton Roads Housing Consortium (HRHC) hosted its first regional housing fair on June 20th, "Buy a House. Keep a Home!" The main goal of the housing fair was to offer tools and resources to help sustain and prepare for homeownership.

Due to the recent economic crisis, many people have given up on the dream of owning a home and many others in this region are still at risk of losing their homes to foreclosure. The HRHC housing fair was successful in providing an opportunity to connect consumers with housing professionals such as Realtors®, lenders, non-profit housing agencies, foreclosure counseling and financial/credit counselors, as well as state and federal agencies. In addition, a number of seminars were offered on various topics, including: "Homeownership Preservation (Foreclosure Prevention)", "Should I Refinance?", "How to Sell Your Home in a Difficult Market" and "Understanding Mortgages in Today's Market".

The HRHC is a voluntary association of governmental, private and non-profit organizations committed to improving housing opportunities for low and moderate-income households in Hampton Roads. Members and participants include city and county governments, redevelopment and housing authorities, non-profit housing and emergency shelter providers, mortgage lenders, Realtors® and builders associations, and a variety of other groups with interest in affordable housing issues. HRHC meets on a quarterly basis to discuss ways to further a regional framework for the exchange of information, training opportunities and cooperative action. For more information regarding the HRHC, please contact Shernita L. Bethea.



## Regional Economic Development Strategy Underway

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Chief Economist

Work has begun on developing a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The purpose of a CEDS is to foster collaboration between the public and private sectors for the purpose of developing a unified plan for a region's economic future. The goal of a CEDS document is to diversify and strengthen a regional economy by establishing a shared vision for regional goals and objectives, developing a regional plan of action, and identifying investment priorities and funding strategies.

In addition to the inherent value of creating a unified development strategy, a CEDS document is often a requirement for receiving funding from the Economic Development Administration. The U.S. Department of Commerce has outlined specific technical requirements for the development of a CEDS; requirements which HRPDC staff are uniquely equipped to address. HRPDC staff is assisting the Hampton Roads Partnership in the development of a CEDS for the Hampton Roads region.

# ECONOMICS

# It's Hurricane Season—Are You Prepared?

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The Atlantic hurricane season began June 1st and will continue through November. During the six month season, Hampton Roads is most vulnerable to a hurricane and/or tropical storm. Pre-planning for a potential hurricane will help you and your family weather an event. However, according to the 2009 Mason-Dixon Poll, 66% of people do not have a hurricane survival kit and 55% do not have a family disaster plan.

Therefore, make a point this hurricane season to develop an emergency kit, a disaster plan, and stay informed. If an event happens, you'll be glad you did. Also, don't forget about your pets when planning, include them in your plan and have pet supplies in your emergency kit. Special planning considerations should also be taken for the elderly and individuals with special needs.

For additional information, please contact your local emergency management office. Contact information for your local emergency management office can be found under the emergency management section of the HRPDC website.



## The EM File

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On May 4, 2009, the HRPDC Emergency Management Department launched a new online newsletter developed for emergency managers and emergency management strategic partners with a technical focus. Entitled 'The EM File' the newsletter's goal is to condense and consolidate relevant information from sources such as the Department of Homeland Security, Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Virginia Department of Health, Government Accountability Office and others. The result of the consolidation is a single snapshot of relevant news and regional meetings with links directing readers where they can find more information and full reports.

The first edition, shown in the screen shot to the right, included a section for government reports, research articles, emergency management related legislation, grant releases, special needs, upcoming meetings, upcoming training, upcoming exercises, and general news. In addition, given the timely nature, a section was included on the H1N1 (Swine) Flu outbreak and resources available.

Future issues will be distributed the first Monday of every month. Topics included within the newsletter will be dependent on federal, state, and local developments, but will maintain a listing of upcoming meetings, trainings, and exercises.

Individuals may request access to the newsletter by contacting Natalie Easterday at [neasterday@hrpdcva.gov](mailto:neasterday@hrpdcva.gov).



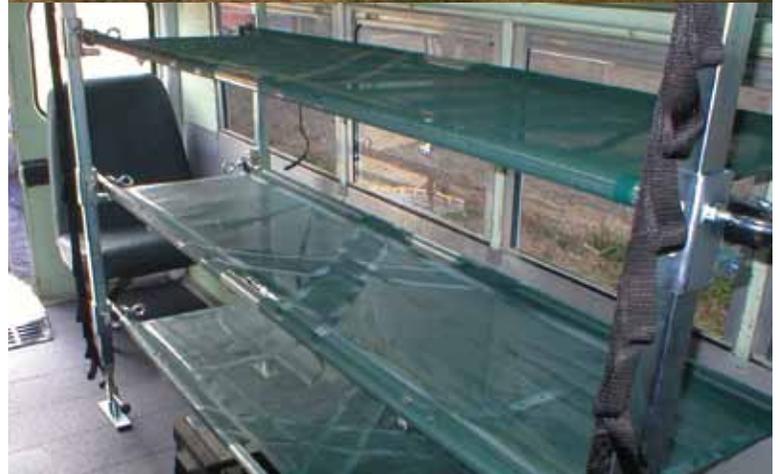
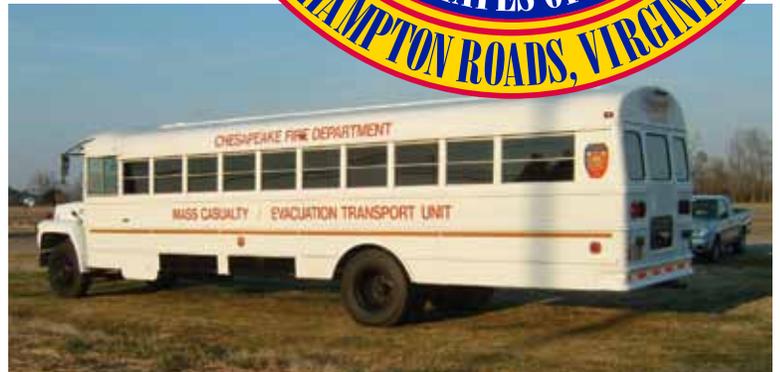
## HRMMRS Addresses Mass Casualty Transport

By William Ginnow,  
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The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) is pleased to announce that it is funding eight (8) Mass Casualty Evacuation and Transport Units (MCETU) using funds from federal Metropolitan Medical Response System grants. The platform for the MCETU is a school bus, which is donated by the receiving jurisdiction. The school bus is put through a conversion process, which includes painting, window tinting, adding a spray-in floor liner, installing air conditioning, and installing a conversion kit. The configuration of the MCETU allows transport of up to 18 stretcher patients and 10 seated patients. The following Hampton Roads jurisdictions and agencies have agreed in principal to donate a school bus for conversion into an MCETU and to make it available to support the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response System (HRMMRS):

- Chesapeake Fire Department
- Hampton Fire-Rescue
- James City County Fire Department
- Newport News Fire Department
- Norfolk Fire-Rescue
- Portsmouth Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services
- Virginia Beach Fire Department
- York County Department of Fire and Life Safety

This represents a significant milestone in improving our regional preparedness and response capabilities to incidents of significance. The first MCETU was placed in service by the Chesapeake Fire Department on May 1, 2009. The second MCETU, provided by Newport News Fire Department, is nearing completion and should be returned by June 15, 2009. Recently, the Virginia Beach Fire Department received a bus from Virginia Beach Public Schools, which will be converted into the third MCETU. The goal of the HRMMRS is to have four MCETUs in place prior to August 1, 2009, to enhance regional preparedness for the 2009 hurricane season. In accepting the MCETU, these organizations have agreed to use this resource to augment their emergency medical response resources during a mass casualty, disaster or terrorism event as part of the HRMMRS and agreed (when available) to honor mutual aid requests from other Hampton Roads jurisdictions and organizations during mass casualty events that exceed the resources of the requesting party.



# Emergency Management

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**Randy Hildebrandt**  
City Manager

**Sharon Scott**  
Member, City Council

**City of Norfolk**

**Paul Fraim\***  
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**Dr. Theresa Whibley**  
Member, City Council

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Vice Mayor

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Member, City Council

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City Manager

**City of Poquoson**

**Gordon Helsel Jr.**  
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City Manager

**City of Portsmouth**

**Douglas Smith\***  
Member, City Council

**Kenneth Chandler**  
City Manager

**City of Suffolk**

**Selena Cuffee-Glenn\***  
City Manager

**Linda Johnson**  
Mayor

**City of Virginia Beach**

**William Sessoms\***  
Mayor

**Harry Diezel**  
Member, City Council

**James Spore**  
City Manager

**John Uhrin**  
Member, City Council

**Louis Jones**  
Vice Mayor

**Robert Dyer**  
Member, City Council

**Barbara Henley**  
Member, City Council

**City of Williamsburg**

**Jackson Tuttle II**  
City Manager

**Jeanne Zeidler\***  
Mayor

**Gloucester County**

**Brenda Garton\***  
County Administrator

**Gregory Woodard**  
Member, Board of Supervisors

**Isle of Wight County**

**Stan Clark\***  
Member, Board of Supervisors

**W. Douglas Caskey**  
County Administrator

**James City County**

**Bruce Goodson\***  
Member, Board of Supervisors

**Sanford Wanner**  
County Administrator

**Southampton County**

**Michael Johnson\***  
County Administrator

**Anita Felts**  
Member, Board of Supervisors

**Surry County**

**Tyrone Franklin\***  
County Administrator

**John Seward**  
Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**York County**

**James McReynolds\***  
County Administrator

**Thomas Shepperd Jr.**  
Member, Board of Supervisors

\* Executive Committee Member

**Aug 19**

HRPDC Executive Committee

held at: 9:30-10:30am, The Regional Board Room

**Sep 16**

HRPDC Executive Committee

held at: 9:30-10:30am, The Regional Board Room

**Oct 21**

HRPDC Annual Commission

held at: 9:30-10:30am, The Regional Board Room

**MEETING CALENDAR**

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