



**MIDDLE PENINSULA
PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION**

MEMORANDUM

TO: MPPDC Board of Commissioners
FROM: Lewis Lawrence, Executive Director 
DATE: April 17, 2014
RE: April Commission Meeting

The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Regional Board Room at the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission office in Saluda.

Enclosed are the agenda and supporting materials for your review prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions concerning material in your agenda packet, please give me a call at 804-758-2311 or email me at LLawrence@mppdc.com.

I look forward to seeing you on April 23rd!

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Hon. Donald Richwine

Secretary/Director

Mr. Lewis L. Lawrence

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***Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Meeting***

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

125 Bowden Street

Saluda VA 23149

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of March Minutes
- III. Approval of March Financial Report
- IV. Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for the Month of April
- V. Public Comment

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- VI. Update on the Tidewater Resource Conservation Development Council
 - Dr. Maurice Lynch
- VII. Septic Repair Assistance/New Kent County
- VIII. Discussion of NFIP Community Rating System Regional Interest
- IX. Virginia Department of Mines Minerals Energy – Fracking
- X. Report from the Executive Committee: Closed Session- Discuss Personnel Issues as Permitted by VA Code § 2.2 3711 (A) (1)
- XI. Other Business
- XII. Adjournment

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MIDDLE PENINSULA PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

March 26, 2014
Saluda, Virginia

The monthly meeting of the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission was held in the Regional Board Room at the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission office in Saluda, Virginia on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. In absence of MPPDC Chair and Vice Chairman, MPPDC Treasurer Otto Williams (King William County) called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Commissioners in attendance were:

(Essex County) A. Reese Peck; (Gloucester County) Brenda Garton, Dr. Maurice Lynch, and John Meyer Jr.; (King and Queen County) James Milby Jr. and Thomas Swartzwelder; (King William County) Travis Moskalski and Eugene Rivara; (Mathews County) O. J. Cole Jr. and Tim Hill; (Middlesex County) Wayne Jessie Sr., David Lee, and Matthew Walker; and (Town of Urbanna) Donald Richwine.

Guests in attendance were citizens from the region. Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission staff in attendance were Executive Director Lewis Lawrence, Chief Finance Director Beth Johnson, Secretary Rose Lewis, Regional Projects Planner Jackie Rickards, Chief of Community Planning Marquitrice Wright, and Regional Economic Planner Harrison Bresee, III.

Approval of February Minutes

Treasurer Williams asked whether there were any corrections or changes to the February Minutes. There were no corrections or changes to the February Minutes. Treasurer Williams requested a motion to approve the February Minutes as distributed. Tim Hill moved that the February Minutes be approved. Brenda Garton seconded the motion; motion carried.

Approval of February Financial Report

Treasurer Williams asked whether there were any questions regarding the February financial report before being approved subject to audit. There were no questions. Treasurer Williams requested a motion to approve the February financial report subject to audit. Donald Richwine moved to approve the February financial report subject to audit. Travis Moskalski seconded the motion; motion carried.

Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for the Month of March

Treasurer Williams requested Lewis Lawrence, Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission Executive Director, to review the Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for the month of March. The Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities is developed at a monthly staff meeting, organized by PDC Service Centers, and the activities are used to report grant funding activities.

Mr. Lawrence reviewed the Executive Director's Report for the month of March as follows:

- SB 423 Stormwater Management Programs was signed by Governor McAuliffe on March 24, 2014. Mr. Lawrence said that this will allow the local governments the choice to administer a local stormwater program or have Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) administer the program.
- Met with Jeremy Bonnaville of Crabs Express in Gloucester County to discuss the management of the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority's (MPCBPAA) Perrin River Wharf. Mr. Bonnaville is working with the MPCBPAA to help find a solution for maximizing the use, maintenance, and upkeep of the slips at the Perrin Wharf.
- Met with Garrey Curry, Scott Varner, Creig Moore and Bill Lindsey of Gloucester County, Debbie Messmer of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and Mr. Wickle and Mr. Lotspeich of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to discuss three opportunities for placing tide gauges in the Middle Peninsula. The first opportunity is a grant from VDEM to Gloucester County that will fund the purchase and placement of up to 5 tide gauges and warning signs at road sites in the County that may flood during storm events. This grant does not include site maintenance for the gauges. The second opportunity is from the USGS. They have funding for several tide gauges for storm events, but need a commitment of \$5,000.00 per year for 5 years for site maintenance. The equipment would be free, the localities would have input on the tide gauge locations, and the cost could be split among localities who are interested. Some locations suggested at the meeting included the Lower York River, Mobjack Bay, and West Point. This opportunity ends September 30, 2014 (the grant money must be spent by then, so a decision must be made sooner). The third opportunity is from the USGS. They have funding for approximately 20 to 25 portable tide gauges to be deployed at pre-determined sites during storm events. The USGS is looking for localities to suggest locations where the USGS would pre-position infrastructure designed to accept the gauges. There is no cost to the localities, but the decision to deploy the gauges would be controlled by the USGS.
- Scheduled meeting with VDH representatives, area AOSE's and MPPDC staff to discuss permitting issues arising from technology changes in onsite design, specifically the need to change the secondary treatment package system and whether that must or should necessitate a new VDH permit fee.
- Convened the Working Waterfronts Workshop February 26, 2014 at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) in Gloucester Point and at the Eastern Shore Community College. Over 140 watermen, business owners, local officials and others seeking information on the preservation and

revitalization of the decaying working waterfronts in Virginia participated in the workshops. The next step is identifying and developing policy tools for the retention of working waterfronts that are appropriate for adoption by local governments.

- Hosted a kick-off meeting of the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Mathew County Ditching project on March 6, 2014. Draper Aden Associates and Virginia Department of Transportation were present to discuss an approach to the project. It was determined that the first step of the project would be to request the appointment of a Ditching Steering Committee that would consist of Mathews County community leaders.

Public Comments

Treasurer Williams opened the meeting for public comments.

1. Tom Feigum, Middlesex County, spoke on behalf of Bill Lucas (in absence), Dunnsville, VA regarding MPPDC monthly meeting held on February 26, 2014 agenda item #VI Presentation on Groundwater Permitting Requirement—Craig Nicol, Groundwater Withdrawal Permitting Program Manager, DEQ. Mr. Feigum also commented on misinformation about fracking and paper mill west of Hampton Roads.

Treasurer Williams thanked Mr. Feigum for his comments and closed the public comments period.

**Note: All handouts distributed at meeting or emailed are added to the Commission Meeting folder.*

Update on the Virginia Sea Grant University Partnership Private Industry Project

MPPDC Executive Director Lewis Lawrence said the project with the partnering Virginia universities will connect Middle Peninsula businesses with programs, services, and funding that can be very beneficial to business growth. The six Universities that are partnering within the Virginia Sea Grant network are Old Dominion University, Virginia Tech University, George Mason University, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Neal Barber was hired to reach out to businesses in retail, medical, maritime, agricultural and forestry, manufacturing, and government contracting.

Adoption of Community Development Block Grant Program Regional Priorities

Middle Peninsula PDC Executive Director Lewis Lawrence said the Department of Housing and Community development (DHCD) is requesting each Planning District Commission to submit a 2014 Virginia Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Regional Priorities list. This list will be used in scoring of proposals submitted by local governments for CDBG funding. There are nine areas for which local governments can apply: Comprehensive Community Development, Economic Development-Job Creation and Retention, Economic Development-Site Redevelopment, Economic Development-Development Readiness, Economic Development-Business District Revitalization, Housing-Housing Rehabilitation, Housing-Housing Production Assistance, Community Facility, and Community Service Facility. The MPPDC has to rank the priorities with #1 being the highest and #3 being the lowest.

The MPPDC Board of Commissioners ranked the 2014 Regional Priorities as follows:

Priority 1

Comprehensive Community Development
Economic Development-Job Creation and Retention
Community Facility

Priority 2

Economic Development-Development Readiness
Community Service Facility
Economic Development-Business District Revitalization

Priority 3

Economic Development-Site Redevelopment
Housing-Housing Rehabilitation
Housing-Housing Production Assistance

Consideration of the VDOT FY15 Rural Transportation Planning Program Scope of Work and Authorizing Resolution

Marquitrice Wright, MPPDC Chief of Community Planning, said the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) allocates part of the State Planning and Research (SPR) funding to provide annual transportation planning assistance for non-urbanized areas within the Commonwealth. In FY2105 the MPPDC will submit a proposal for \$58,000 in SPR funding. MPPDC will provide a local match of \$14,500 to conduct rural transportation planning and other activities.

MPPDC will participate in outreach meetings and other activities that are required by VDOT to include: (a) Long Range Transportation Planning efforts, (b)

Prioritization of recommendations or projects, (c) Bicycle and Pedestrian planning, (c) Bicycle and Pedestrian planning, (d) Freight planning, and (e) Attend the fall transportation meeting that will be held in Fredericksburg and provide a display to serve as outreach.

Local planning activities for FY2015 include: (a) Prince Street Road ending transfer for the Town of Tappahannock, (b) Grant application for the Town of Tappahannock's Waterfront Park, (c) Technical assistance for Broadband planning and staffing for the Middle Peninsula Broadband Authority, and (d) Assist Gloucester County with the preparation of a Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan.

Discussion was held regarding VDOT's interest in Broadband as a mode of digital transportation and funding of secondary roads. Mr. Lawrence said that VDOT recognizes broadband as a mode of digital transportation and any extra money VDOT had was used to purchase salt this past winter in lieu of other road maintenance.

MPPDC Treasurer Williams requested a motion to approve the scope of work and adopt the Resolution Directing Staff to Assist the VA Dept. of Transportation in Transportation Related Matters for the Middle Peninsula Planning District as Necessary in Compliance with the Provision of 23 U.S.C.135. Thomas Swartzwelder moved to approve the scope of work and adopt the Resolution. Matthew Walker seconded the motion; motion carried.

Treasurer Williams requested all in favor by signifying Aye:

A. Reese Peck-Aye	Dr. Maurice Lynch-Aye
Brenda Garton-Aye	John C. Meyer, Jr.-Aye
James Milby-Aye	Thomas Swartzwelder-Aye
Travis Moskalski-Aye	Eugene Rivara-Aye
Otto Williams-Aye	O. J. Cole, Jr.-Aye
Tim Hill-Aye	Wayne Jessie, Sr.-Aye
Matthew Walker-Aye	David Lee-Aye
Donald Richwine-Aye	John Edwards, Jr.-Aye

Request to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and the Secretary of Natural Resources to Prepare a Joint Report to the Governor and the General Assembly Assessing Matters Related to the Production of Oil/Gas in the Tidewater Region

Mr. Lewis Lawrence, MPPDC Executive Director, said a Resolution was prepared for the MPPDC to consider requesting the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and Secretary of Natural Resources to complete a joint report and recommendations on matters to the Governor and General Assembly that are related to the exploration

and production of oil and gas in the Tidewater Region as it is described in VA Code Ann. §62.1-195.1, subsection H.

Essex County, King and Queen County, and King William County are believed to contain oil and natural gas-rich shales and it is believed to access this oil and natural gas will likely involve horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing technology.

Mr. Matthew Walker wanted to know how the three localities felt about adopting the Resolution. Mr. Lawrence said that Essex County has already adopted a similar Resolution. Essex County Administrator, A. Reese Peck, King and Queen County Administrator, Thomas Swartzwelder, and King William County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Travis Moskalski said they were all comfortable with the Resolution being adopted by the MPPDC.

MPPDC Treasurer Williams requested motion to adopt the Resolution of the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission Requesting a Report and Recommendations on Matters Related to the Exploration and Production of Oil and Gas in the Tidewater Region. Donald Richwine moved to adopt the Resolution. Eugene Rivara seconded the motion; motion carried.

Treasurer Williams requested all in favor by signifying Aye:

A. Reese Peck-Aye	Dr. Maurice Lynch-Aye
Brenda Garton-Aye	John C. Meyer, Jr.-Aye
James Milby-Aye	Thomas Swartzwelder-Aye
Travis Moskalski-Aye	Eugene Rivara-Aye
Otto Williams-Aye	O. J. Cole, Jr.-Aye
Tim Hill-Aye	Wayne Jessie, Sr.-Aye
Matthew Walker-Aye	David Lee-Aye
Donald Richwine-Aye	John Edwards, Jr.-Aye

Other Business

MPPDC Treasurer Williams asked if there was any other business to discuss.

There was no other business.

Adjourn

Treasurer Williams requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Walker moved that the meeting be adjourned. Travis Moskalski seconded the motion; motion carried.

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Project Financial Report

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission

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		Expenditures						
Code	Description	Budget	Curr Month	Project Total	Un/Over	% Budget	Revenues	Balance
30009	FY14 Local Programs	171,785.00	40,040.57	139,364.16	32,420.84	81.13%	172,456.16	33,092.00
30010	Local PAA Stewardship/	17,000.00	425.00	14,919.18	2,080.82	87.76%	17,000.00	2,080.82
30013	EE&CBG Project	3,894.00	112.90	2,239.50	1,654.50	57.51%	2,174.44	-65.06
30015	Tappahannock Comp Plan	11,200.00	710.93	9,274.36	1,925.64	82.81%	3,995.26	-5,279.10
30016	Essex Comp Plan Update	27,675.00	2,346.28	21,363.48	6,311.52	77.19%	6,196.28	-15,167.20
30104	MP-VSG Univ. Partner	40,000.00	3,271.70	11,514.89	28,485.11	28.79%	3,000.00	-8,514.89
30105	EDA Broadband	63,161.00	3,822.66	19,978.43	43,182.57	31.63%	1,618.13	-18,360.30
30170	MPBDP FY12 Staff Sup	13,825.00	482.57	10,195.86	3,629.14	73.75%	13,184.40	2,988.54
30209	FY14 Transportation Dem	74,000.00	5,964.67	50,819.00	23,181.00	68.67%	48,594.00	-2,225.00
30311	FY14 Rural Transportati	72,500.00	6,765.40	53,129.01	19,370.99	73.28%	37,514.03	-15,614.98
30420	Onsite Loan Management	118,912.34	764.83	104,786.53	14,125.81	88.12%	113,141.76	8,355.23
30423	VCWRFR Onsite Fund	82,500.00	0.00	57,569.21	24,930.79	69.78%	79,071.80	21,502.59
30426	WQIF 2010	102,883.00	0.00	101,234.12	1,648.88	98.40%	101,234.12	0.00
30502	Water Supply Planning	107,526.97	-56.62	111,941.89	-4,414.92	104.11%	153,950.00	42,008.11
31002	GA Lobby FY09	0.00	0.00	18,247.75	-18,247.75	0.00%	24,000.00	5,752.25
31201	AHMP Update 2014	125,010.00	3,646.26	15,918.30	109,091.70	12.73%	0.00	-15,918.30
32008	FY14_PAA Staff Support	2,125.00	403.70	4,483.18	-2,358.18	210.97%	3,606.74	-876.44
32009	Lands End Master Plan	10,000.00	-80.70	10,220.88	-220.88	102.21%	10,175.77	-45.11
32120	FY13 Coastal TA Task 44	60,000.00	-160.26	60,277.60	-277.60	100.46%	60,000.00	-277.60
32121	Land & Water Quality Pr	50,000.00	-179.62	50,813.45	-813.45	101.63%	44,578.97	-6,234.48
32122	Living Shorelines	49,858.00	-112.69	50,098.02	-240.02	100.48%	49,858.00	-240.02
32123	Stormwater Management (249,224.00	40,134.77	208,498.59	40,725.41	83.66%	196,403.24	-12,095.35
32124	Aberdeen Harbor Master P	13,034.00	1,964.84	13,143.87	-109.87	100.84%	2,506.27	-10,637.60
32125	Floating Structures	29,780.00	-270.05	29,995.85	-215.85	100.72%	29,780.00	-215.85
32126	VIMS WWF	5,000.00	-65.68	5,113.68	-113.68	102.27%	5,000.00	-113.68
32127	FY14_Coastal TA	60,000.00	4,217.97	30,726.62	29,273.38	51.21%	15,000.00	-15,726.62
32128	LWQ III FY14	47,022.00	3,162.05	20,572.44	26,449.56	43.75%	0.00	-20,572.44
32129	Water Reuse	22,535.00	-23.61	6,570.34	15,964.66	29.16%	1,668.74	-4,901.60
32130	Aberdeen TIF	40,000.00	2,434.57	8,949.84	31,050.16	22.37%	0.00	-8,949.84
32131	Stormwater Management I	170,500.00	70,984.86	78,229.18	92,270.82	45.88%	65,975.00	-12,254.18
32204	WW Coalition Summit A	46,341.00	4,271.75	46,457.31	-116.31	100.25%	22,225.25	-24,232.06
Totals:		<u>1,887,291.31</u>	<u>194,979.05</u>	<u>1,366,646.52</u>	<u>520,644.79</u>	<u>72.41%</u>	<u>1,283,908.36</u>	<u>-82,738.16</u>

Balance Sheet by Category

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Assets:

Cash in Bank	487,420.42
Receivables	254,353.84
Property & Equipment	10,723.88

Total Assets:

\$752,498.14

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	1,824.00
VRA Loan Payables	135,321.79
Payroll Withholdings	0.78
Accrued Leave	30,756.62
Cost Allocation Control	13,590.97

Total Liabilities:

\$181,494.16

Equity:

Local Initiatives/Information Resources	20,478.66
Economic Development	-23,886.69
Transportation Programs	-17,839.98
Onsite Repair & Pumpout	29,867.19
Housing	-64.51
Coastal Community & Environmental	-117,374.76
Mandates	26,095.12
Temporarily Restricted	188,479.87
General Fund Balance	465,249.08

Total Equity:

\$571,003.98

Total Liabilities and Equity

\$752,498.14

Balance:

\$0.00

Agencywide R&E by Category

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission

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With Indirect Cost Detail

Code & Description	Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Ovr	% Bud
Revenues					
Local Match	110,064.00	31,176.43	90,328.68	19,735.32	82.07%
Local Annual Dues	109,899.00	0.00	109,899.00	0.00	100.00%
Local Other Revenues	64,960.00	0.00	55,802.08	9,157.92	85.90%
Local Other Organizations	4,516.00	0.00	6,666.02	-2,150.02	147.61%
State Revenues	242,662.00	0.00	103,972.72	138,689.28	42.85%
Federal Revenues	234,999.00	105,531.53	263,023.74	-28,024.74	111.93%
Miscellaneous Income	12,000.00	450.97	10,229.68	1,770.32	85.25%
RevolvingLoan Program Income	8,840.00	724.40	16,412.22	-7,572.22	185.66%
Revenues	787,940.00	137,883.33	656,334.14	131,605.86	83.30%
Expenses					
Personnel	457,474.70	49,454.99	387,507.63	69,967.07	84.71%
Facilities	29,864.00	2,467.40	22,632.89	7,231.11	75.79%
Communications	2,550.00	301.00	2,870.17	-320.17	112.56%
Equipment & Supplies	9,750.00	1,017.48	5,549.20	4,200.80	56.91%
Travel	5,425.00	1,620.96	5,513.06	-88.06	101.62%
Professional Development	13,650.00	615.83	6,174.41	7,475.59	45.23%
Contractual	67,489.00	3,540.00	81,455.92	-13,966.92	120.70%
Technical Services - No Cost	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	-100,000.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous	46,865.00	4,784.94	36,877.13	9,987.87	78.69%
Regional Share	110,064.00	31,176.43	90,478.68	19,585.32	82.21%
Expenses	743,131.70	194,979.03	739,059.09	4,072.61	99.45%
Agency Balance	44,808.30	-57,095.70	-82,724.95		

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Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission



MPPDC General Fact Sheet

WHAT IS MPPDC?

The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission (MPPDC) was established pursuant to the Virginia Area Development Act (Title 15.1, Chapter 34, Sections 15.1-1400, et seq., Code of Virginia (1950) as amended) and by joint resolutions of the governing bodies of its constituent member jurisdictions.

The "MPPDC" describes the geographic section of Virginia which encompasses the Counties of Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Mathews and Middlesex and the Towns of Tappahannock, Urbanna and West Point.

BACKGROUND

The Agreement to organize a Planning District Commission was made on January 31, 1972, by and between the government subdivisions as authorized by the Virginia Area Development Act.

WHAT DOES MPPDC DO?

The purpose of the Commission is to promote the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social, and economic elements of the Planning District by planning and encouraging and assisting governmental subdivisions to plan for the future.

HOW ARE DECISIONS MADE AT MPPDC?

Decision-making occurs through the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, a governing body comprised of elected officials, citizens, and chief administrative officers representing the six counties and three towns in the region.

QUICK FACTS

Region at Glance

- Six Counties: Essex, Gloucester, King & Queen, King William, Mathews and Middlesex
- Three Towns: West Point, Urbanna, and Tappahannock
- 1,387 Square Miles
- 1,055 Miles of Shoreline

➤ 888,064 Acres of Land

➤ 90,826 People

➤ \$567 Average Weekly Wage (State=\$952)

➤ 72% Out Commute Rate

By the Numbers

➤ 1.1% Total State Population

➤ \$50,001 Median Household Income



For More Information:

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 125 Bowden Street
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 Phone: 804-758-2311
 Please visit the MPPDC website at:
www.mppdc.com

Regional Profile:

2000-2011 Demographic Information

All data is from Census 2000 and Census 2010 unless otherwise stated

Population Trends				Median Household Income and Unemployment Rate ¹			
Locality	Total Population		Population Growth from 2000-2010	Median Income Estimates		Unemployment Rate Estimates	
	2000	2010		2006-2010	2007-2011	2006-2010	2007-2011
Essex	9,989	11,151	12%	\$46,235	\$44,581	9.0%	8.2%
Gloucester	34,780	36,858	6%	\$58,389	\$60,269	6.5%	5.9%
King & Queen	6,630	6,945	5%	\$44,442	\$48,170	8.6%	7.4%
King William	13,146	15,935	21%	\$64,964	\$64,982	7.3%	6.7%
Mathews	9,207	8,978	-2%	\$47,435	\$54,118	5.9%	6.0%
Middlesex	9,932	10,959	10%	\$50,207	\$53,615	7.4%	6.4%
Town of Tappahannock	2,138	2,375	11.1%	\$39,149	\$35,313	6.6%	7.6%
Town of Urbanna	543	476	-12.3%	\$44,813	\$45,682	1.5%	4.5%
Town of West Point	2,866	3,306	15.4%	\$51,979	\$52,768	7.4%	9.5%
Region Total	83,684	90,826	9%	\$49,735	\$51,055	7.6%	6.5%

Ethnicity in the Middle Peninsula						
Locality	Hispanic			Non-Hispanic		
	2000	2010	Percent Change	2000	2010	Percent Change
Essex	72	349	385%	9,917	10,802	9%
Gloucester	560	935	67%	34,220	35,923	5%
King and Queen	58	184	217%	6,572	6,761	3%
King William	120	324	170%	13,026	15,611	20%
Mathews	73	104	42%	9,134	8,874	-3%
Middlesex	55	166	202%	9,877	10,793	9%
Regional Total	938	2,062	120%	82,746	88,764	7%

Race in the Middle Peninsula												
Locality	White			Black			Asian			Other		
	2000	2010	Percent Change	2000	2010	Percent Change	2000	2010	Percent Change	2000	2010	Percent Change
Essex	5,790	6,370	10%	3,900	4,247	9%	81	86	6%	218	448	106%
Gloucester	30,148	32,149	7%	3,585	3,197	-11%	240	286	19%	807	1,226	52%
King and Queen	4,059	4,663	15%	2,365	1,975	-16%	18	17	-6%	188	290	54%
King William	9,703	12,297	27%	2,999	2,819	-6%	48	118	146%	396	701	77%
Mathews	8,038	7,898	-2%	1,036	823	-21%	17	31	82%	116	226	95%
Middlesex	7,797	8,680	11%	1,999	1,978	-1%	12	37	208%	124	264	113%
Regional Total	65,535	72,057	10%	15,884	15,039	-5%	416	575	38%	1,849	3,155	71%

¹ Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment data & the American Community Survey 5-year Estimates

MIDDLE PENINSULA PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Staff Activities Service Summary of Regional Progress

Locality	Core Services Administered by the MPPDC							
	Information Resources/ Assistance	Coastal Community Development/ Environmental	Transportation	Onsite Repair and Pumpout	Economic Development	Local Initiatives	Housing	Emergency Management
Region-wide	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Essex		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Gloucester		✓	✓		✓			
King & Queen		✓				✓		✓
King William		✓			✓			
Mathews		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Middlesex		✓		✓	✓	✓		
Town of Tappahannock		✓	✓			✓		
Town of West Point		✓						
Town of Urbanna								
Other	✓	✓						

REPORT ON MANDATED INITIATIVES

Locality	Water Supply Plan Support Staff: Lewie Start Date: 7/2008 Completion Date: 6/2011		Stormwater Management Support Staff: Jackie Start Date: 12/2012 Mandate Rescinded: 4/2014		All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update Support Staff: Harrison Start Date: 1/2014 Completion Date: 12/2016	
	<i>Participating</i>	<i>Current Status</i>	<i>Participating</i>	<i>Current Status</i>	<i>Participating</i>	<i>Current Status</i>
	Essex	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓
Gloucester		NA	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	In Process
King & Queen	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	In Process
King William	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	In Process
Mathews	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	In Process
Middlesex	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	In Process
Town of Tappahannock	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	In Process
Town of West Point	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	In Process
Town of Urbanna	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	In Process

New Opportunities Identified to Implement Commission Priorities

Service Center	Project Title and Description	Funding Requested	Status
Emergency Mgmt	SAFER Grant – Emergency Services Personnel Recruitment & Retention -King & Queen	\$644,144	Not Funded
Economic Dev	EDA Broadband	\$58,000	Funded
Mandate/Environ	DEQ Regional Stormwater Program Design	\$85,250	Funded
Mandate/Environ	NFWF Mathews Ditching	\$38,850	Awarded
Emergency/Mandate	VDEM – Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update	\$93,750	Funded
Economic Dev	AFID Grant – Forestry/Agriculture – Essex County	\$17,000	Funded (Essex County)
Economic Dev	USDA RBEG Flashfreeze Study	\$90,000	Not funded
Environmental	CZM Water Reuse	\$22,798	Funded
Environmental	CZM – TIF Dredging	\$40,000	Funded
Environmental	NFWF - Coastal VA Ditches: Assessing, Prioritizing & Enhancing	\$999,909	Submitted
Environmental	NFWF – Living Shorelines Incentive Program	\$488,252	Submitted
Transportation	DRPT – FY15 TDM Operating	\$59,200	Submitted
Transportation	DRPT – Update Long Range TDM Plan	\$16,000	Submitted
Economic Dev	DHCD – University Partnership Planning Grant	\$42,000	Funded
Environmental	Mathews Community Foundation Septic Repair Assistance Grants to LMI homeowners	\$5,000	Submitted
Environmental	CZM – Working Waterfronts Coalition	\$50,000	Submitted
Environmental	CZM –FY15 Coastal Technical Assistance	\$30,000	Submitted
Environmental	River Counties Community Foundation Septic Repair Assistance Grant to LMI homeowners	\$5,000	Submitted
MPCBPAA	DGIF – Captain Sinclair Public Boating Access Facility	\$25,000	Not Funded
MPCBPAA	DGIF – Stampers Bay Landing – Middlesex County	\$50,000	Not Funded
MPCBPAA	CBRF – PAA signage	\$500	Approved
MPCBPAA	VEE - Land Acquisition Assistance	\$3000	Approved
MPCBPAA	Hillsdale Foundation - Land Acquisition Assistance	\$3000	Approved
MPCBPAA	Mathews Community Foundation – Land Acquisition Assistance	\$3000	Submitted

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Executive Director's Report of Regional Progress
April 14, 2014

MPPDC: Membership, Appointments, Committee Assignments, and Networks

Coastal Policy Team (CPT) - The CPT, whose members and alternates represent the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program's key partners and eight planning district commissions, provides a forum for discussion and resolution of cross-cutting coastal resource management issues. Members serve on the team at the discretion of their agency or planning district commission director. The CPT recommends funding levels to the DEQ Director for coastal zone management projects. (MPPDC Staff 10 years +)

Chesapeake Bay Licenses Plate Committee- The Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund was created by Chapters 227 and 323 of the 1992 Acts of Assembly for use by the Commonwealth of Virginia for environmental education and restoration projects to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries (MPPDC Staff 7 years +)

Congressman Robert Wittman's Fisheries Advisory Committee and Environmental Advisory Committee (MPPDC Staff 3 years +)

Virginia Sea Grant Program External Advisory Committee (EAC): The EAC provides stakeholder input on the strategic planning process, the research proposal review process, and on Commonwealth-wide trends and needs. The EAC is a diverse group of end-users including representatives from state agencies, the education community, coastal planning and management, the private sector, and NGOs. (MPPDC Staff 4 years+)

General Assembly Directed Study Panel: Aquaculture production activities; authority of local governments (MPPDC Staff- current)

The Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) (Telework Council Secretary): ACT is the premier association for professionals and organizations whose focus is the delivery of commuting options and solutions for an efficient transportation system. The Telework Council is composed of employer representatives, regional transportation, air quality and planning officials, as well as state and local government officials concerned with promoting telework and providing telework information and technical assistance to employers (MPPDC Staff 5 years+)

The Chesapeake Chapter of ACT: (Chapter Treasurer) – The Chapter is comprised of ACT members and TDM professionals from the states of Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and the District of Columbia (MPPDC Staff 3 years+)

Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Coordinated Human Services Mobility Committee: provides direction for a unified comprehensive strategy for transportation service delivery in the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck Planning Districts focused on unmet transportation needs of seniors, people with disabilities, and people with low incomes. (MPPDC Staff 7 years)

The National Working Waterfront Networks- Outreach and Education committee: Provides education and outreach on national, state and local matters related to the preservation of working waterfronts.

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MANDATES

Funding – VDEM, VDEQ, localities, MPPDC General Fund

Project 30502 Water Supply Planning

9 VAC 25-780 establishes a planning process and criteria that all local governments will use in the development of local or regional water plans. The plan will be reviewed by the Department of Environmental Quality and a determination will be made by the State Water Control Board on whether the plan complies with this regulation. Within five years of a compliance determination by the board, the plan will be reviewed to assess adequacy and any significant changes will require the submission of an amended plan and review by the board. All local programs will be reviewed, revised, and resubmitted to the Department of Environmental Quality every 10 years after the last approval. The jurisdictions of Essex, King and Queen, King William, Mathews, Middlesex, Tappahannock, Urbanna and West Point opted to prepare a regional plan with assistance from Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission staff and EEE Consulting, an environmental consulting firm. The Regional Plan was completed and submitted to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for compliance review by the November 2, 2011 deadline for Regional Plan submission.

Project 31201 Middle Peninsula All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

The 2016 All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update is designed to update the 2011 Middle Peninsula All Hazards Mitigation Plan (AHMP). The plan will address several natural hazards, including hurricanes, winter storms, tornadoes, coastal flooding, coastal/shoreline erosion, sea level rise, winter storms, wildfire, riverine flooding, wind, dam failures, drought, lightning, earthquakes, shrink-swell soils, extreme cold, extreme heat, landslides, land subsidence/karst, tsunamis, and volcanoes.

All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update Locality Meeting Attendance Roster

Meetings	King William	King and Queen	Mathews	Middlesex	Essex/Tappahannock	Gloucester	West Point	Urbanna
Meeting 1: March 13, 2014	X	No*	X	X	X	X	X	X
Meeting 2: April 10, 2014	No**	No	No	X	X	X	X	X
Meeting 3: May 8, 2014								
Meeting 4: June 12, 2014 (Worksheets Due)								
X=Present								
No=Absent	**Staff Change	*Met on March 3, 2014						

- Held the second meeting of the Local Planning Team (LPT) for the All Hazards Mitigation Plan update on April 10, 2014. Eight members attended from six jurisdictions and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. Not present were representatives from King William, King and Queen, and Mathews counties. Meeting covered: discussion on including HAZMAT threats in the update; adding air quality, ditch flooding, and summer storms to the Hazard Rankings; the HAZUS proposal from Dewberry; updates on worksheets designed to inventory available resources and collect locality hazard

data (they are due for completion at the June 2014 meeting); and discussion of a strategy and timeline for public comment. The LPT meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. The next meeting will be May 8, 2014.

- Met with Greg Hunter, King and Queen County Emergency Services Coordinator on March 31, 2014 to complete the initial AHMP update meeting with all 9 jurisdictions represented in the Local Planning Team.
- Submitted quarterly financials and reimbursement request to Debbie Messmer, VDEM.

Project 32123 DCR Stormwater Management

The Virginia General Assembly created a statewide, comprehensive stormwater management program related to construction and post-construction activities (HB1065 - Stormwater Integration). The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation requires stormwater management for projects with land disturbances of one acre or more. This new state mandate requires all Virginia communities to adopt and implement stormwater management programs by July 1, 2014 in conjunction with existing erosion and sediment control programs. Additionally, the communities within the MPPDC are required to address stormwater quality as stipulated by the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan and the Virginia Stormwater Regulations. The goal of the MPPDC Stormwater Program is to develop tools specific to the region necessary to respond to the state mandate requirement for the development of successful stormwater programs. The local governments need to develop programs either locally or regionally to assure compliance with regulations designed to reduce runoff from developed areas.

- Met with Wally Horton, Middlesex County Director of Planning and Community Development, and Dave Kretz, Planner/Deputy Zoning Administrator of Middlesex County, to discuss the content of a presentation to be provided to the Middlesex Board of Supervisors (BOS) regarding the Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP).
- Attended the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors meeting on April 1, 2014 in support of Wally Horton's presentation to the BOS regarding the VSMP. Mr. Horton explained the current changes to the VSMP program as a result of the 2014 General Assembly session and reviewed points in support of opting-out of administering a local VSMP.
- Hosted a stormwater management educational seminar on March 25, 2014 for local contractors/landscapers/surveyors. The seminar was held at Cook's Corner Office Complex in Saluda. Thirty-two professionals attended the meeting.
- Provided Bill Walker, Gloucester County Wetland's Board Member, links and information pertaining to the VSMP. He hopes to add this information to the Gloucester County Master Gardner's website.
- Drafted and submitted the quarterly report of Stormwater Management Phase I to Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.
- Corresponded with Wyn Davis, Essex County Planner, to update him on the status of the VSMP and amendments to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area ordinance and the Erosion and Sediment Control ordinance.
- Updated the Stormwater page of the MPPDC web site.
- Organizing information about the current state of the Virginia Stormwater Management Program for a Local Planners Meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2014.

- Submitted SWM I quarterly financial report to Kevin Landry, DEQ.
- Received a letter serving as DEQ's notification of stormwater grant termination. Due to legislative changes during the 2014 General Assembly session, Middle Peninsula localities are no longer required to develop a VSMP, but now have the option to continue with local program development or they can defer to DEQ for program administration. Questions and comments have been sent to DEQ to bring to their attention the additional work localities will need accomplish, including amendments to local Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area ordinance and Erosion and Sediment Control ordinance, before July 1, 2014 in order to remain compliant with the new Virginia Stormwater Management Program Regulations.

Project 32131 Stormwater Management-Phase II

With the VSMP implementation date quickly approaching, MPPDC staff and Draper Aden Associates will continue working with localities (i.e. Middlesex, King William, and Mathews Counties and the Town of West Point) interested in participating in a Regional Stormwater Management Program. While each locality is seeking different services from this regional program, this project will coordinate efforts, develop regional policies and procedures, as well as, the proper tools to implement a regional VSMP.

- Attended a stormwater conference in Richmond, VA titled *Making Cent\$ of Stormwater: Moving from Planning to Implementation*. Topics discussed included MS4 permits from the Environmental Protection Agency, New Virginia Phase I & Phase II Permits, Public and Private Partnerships to fund Best Management Practices and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) funding updates.
- Attended the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund Applicant Webinar on April 2, 2014. NFWF reviewed the Request for Proposals (RFP) and answered audience questions.
- Drafted the quarterly report of Stormwater Management Phase II to Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.
- Received a letter serving as DEQ's notification of stormwater grant termination. Due to legislative changes during the 2014 General Assembly session, Middle Peninsula localities are no longer required to develop a VSMP, but now have the option to continue with local program development or they can defer to DEQ for program administration. Questions and comments have been sent to DEQ to bring to their attention the additional work localities will need accomplish, including amendments to local Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area ordinance and Erosion and Sediment Control ordinance, before July 1, 2014 in order to remain compliant with the new Virginia Stormwater Management Program Regulations.
- Read the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jointly proposed rule defining the scope of waters protected under the Clean Water Act (CWA), in light of the U.S. Supreme Court cases in *U.S. v. Riverside Bayview*, *Rapanos v. United States*, and *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (SWANCC)*, and *Rapanos v. United States (Rapanos)*.
- Consulted with May Sligh, DEQ regarding clarification of financial reporting procedure for SWM II grant and submitted draft financial report for review per her request. Submitted SWM II quarterly financial report to DEQ Office of Financial Management.

INFORMATION RESOURCES/ASSISTANCE

Services to provide critical assessment and thinking.....

- Updated www.mppdc.com website –meeting notices, reports.

Received phone call from Chris Manzella, Virginia Association of Broadcasters regarding any special assistance MPPDC might need with broadcasting or advertising needs to a statewide audience.

COASTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ ENVIRONMENTAL

Funding – VDEQ, VIMS, VDCR, local match from MPPDC General Fund & partners

Projects 320080 Staff Support to Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority

Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority Special Project – Support of Executive Order 23, Goal 8 Coastal Management Coordination Public Access: Continue implementation of adopted annual work program, including identifying land, either owned by the Commonwealth or private holdings that can be secured for use by the general public as a public access site; researching and determining ownership of all identified sites; determining appropriate public use levels of identified access sites; developing appropriate mechanism for transferring title of Commonwealth or private holdings to the Authority; developing appropriate acquisition and site management plan. This Program allows the Authority to function by supporting the individual projects and operations of the Authority, as well as, by responding to daily requests for assistance from local government staff.

- Convened the MPCBPAA Board meeting on April 11, 2014. Board members from Essex, King William, Mathews, Middlesex and West Point were in attendance. The Board approved the 2015 Work Plan and Budget and directed staff to pursue a formal arrangement with the Gloucester County Crew Team on responsibilities associated with maintenance of property and roads on the Capt. Sinclair Management Recreational Area. The crew team just completed their first year using the property for storing gear and accessing the water. There has been no fee for use of the property and the team has been informally helping with maintenance the property.
- Designed and printed access stickers for the Perrin Wharf. The applications, one for slip rental and one for wharf use (loading, unloading, temporary tie – up, commercial truck access), were distributed to watermen at the Perrin Wharf on March 31, 2014. The fee for the slips is \$100/mo and the fee for wharf usage is \$20/year. Upon receipt of payment, users will be issued the appropriate sticker.
- Prepared vouchers, processed A/P, reconciled bank statements. Prepared financial statements.
- Invoiced Gloucester Rowing Association for utility bills at Lands End.
- Prepared draft FY15 budget and presented to MPCBPAA Board for adoption.
- Consulted with Jeannie Bristow, C&F Bank, regarding signatory card for PAA checking account to include new officers.

Projects 32120/32127 Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program

This project provides ongoing support to member localities of the Planning District Commission and other stakeholders committed to improving community development and coastal management within the coastal zone.

- Convened Middle Peninsula LGA meeting. Agenda topics included local budgets, Grimm-Waters Federal Flood Insurance Reform, local/regional stormwater management programs, Hazard Mitigation Plan Update match reduction, and regional bio solids monitoring position.
- Scheduled meeting with Walter Gills, DEQ Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program, to discuss funding for living shoreline incentive program. Provided Mr. Gills a synopsis of the Living Shoreline Incentive Program Study for discussion at meeting.
- Consulted with the Missouri Department of Conservation related to the development of a marketing program for the gifting of private lands for public recreational benefit. Missouri has a successful program in place encouraging the donation of private lands for public benefit.
- Discussed an easement right of way logging issue with Anne Ducey-Ortiz, Gloucester County Planning Director.
- Discussed the draft findings of the *Sense of the Virginia Working Waterfronts Workshop* report with Rick Lydecker, retired Vice President and Editor of Boat U.S. Mr. Lydecker is helping to prepare the final report.
- Received a request from Brian Berkey, First Vice President for Thalhimer Commercial Real Estate in Richmond. Mr. Berkey has a client needing 150,000 – 200,000 SF for a call center along the I-64 corridor from Richmond West to Warsaw.
- Received a request to give a lecture at Rappahannock Community College on federal and state environmental regulations.
- Consulted with Neil Zahradka, Manager - Office of Land Application Programs Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, concerning the establishment of a regional bio-solids program to assist with education, outreach and compliance on matters related to bio-solids application within the Middle Peninsula.
- Consulted with representatives from the Essex County Countryside Alliance concerning grants to cover legal costs associated with private land donations for public benefit. The Countryside Alliances does not make grants to assist with land closing.
- Consulted with Kent Ware, Director for Community Business and Cooperative Programs USDA Rural Development, concerning the submittal of an application requesting funding to study the feasibility of establishing a freezing operation at the Middle Peninsula Regional Jail facility.
- Consulted with Susan Fox of The Baldwin Group NOAA OCRM Coastal Services Center in Charleston South Carolina, concerning ways in which coastal economic development data can be used to assist with local and regional decision-making.
- Consulted with Jack White, Mathews County Board of Supervisors, concerning flooding within the historic courthouse area and possible adaptation strategies to protect the public area.

- Consulted with Tom Swartzwelder, King and Queen County Administrator about various approaches for funding public water access improvements within the county.
- Received a call from Cherith Marshall, Washington County, Virginia, concerning fracking operations and land use planning tools within the Middle Peninsula. Provided Ms. Marshall with copies of draft comp plan language.
- Updated Jimmy Sydnor, Tappahannock Zoning Administrator/Planning Director on the current approach being offered by VDOT to transfer Prince Street road ending.
- Received a question pertaining to Section 15.2-2288 of the Code of Virginia: What constitutes an agricultural “classification” Many zoning ordinance permits agriculture in multiple residential zoning districts which could include waterfront residential district, with a one acre minimum lot size requirement and other off-water district, with various minimum lot size requirement as small as 35,000 square feet. The issue revolves around more intensive aquaculture operation that could include sorting, grading, refrigeration, truck traffic, etc. that would be permitted “by-right” in certain districts, if no special use permit requirement could be applied. However, there may be instances where this type of use could be incompatible with surrounding residential uses. PDC staff will research action by the General Assembly and request legal assistance from the Coastal Policy Law Clinic.
- Met via teleconference with Tola Adeyemo, Jeffrey Adkins, and Danielle Molnar of National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration regarding presentation and materials for the Session being hosted at the National Planning Conference in Atlanta on April 27th.
- Drafted a presentation for the “Ocean Economic Data for Redeveloping Local Working Waterfronts” session at the American Planning Association Conference in Atlanta on April 27th. The session will introduce the audience to the Ocean Economy, the ENOW data, and then show case studies of how planners have used the data for planning in regional and local economies or working waterfronts. The Presentation gives insight into the MPPDC’s use of ENOW in development of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
- Prepared and submitted semiannual reimbursement request to April Bahen, Coastal Zone Management (CZM).
- Explored the concept of establishing a maritime business park within Middlesex County with Matt Walker, Middlesex County Administrator.

Project 32121/32128 Land and Water Quality Protection

In light of changing Federal and State regulations associated with Bay clean up-nutrient loading, nutrient goals, clean water, OSDS management, storm water management, TMDLs, etc, staff from the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission (MPPDC) will develop a rural pilot project which aims to identify pressing coastal issue(s) of local concern related to Bay clean up and new federal and state legislation which ultimately will necessitate local action and local policy development. Staff has identified many cumulative and secondary impacts that have not been researched or discussed within a local public policy venue. Year 1-3 will include the identification of key concerns related to coastal land use management/water quality and Onsite Sewage Disposal System (OSDS) and community system deployment. Staff will focus on solution based approaches, such as the establishment of a regional sanitary sewer district to manage the temporal deployment of nutrient replacement technology for installed OSDS systems, assessment of land use classifications and taxation implications associated with new state regulations which make all coastal lands developable regardless of environmental conditions; use of aquaculture and other innovative approaches such as nutrient loading offset strategies and economic development drivers.

- Convened meeting with VDH representatives, area AOSEs, and MPPDC staff to discuss permitting issues arising from technology changes in onsite design, specifically the need to change the secondary treatment package system and whether that must or should necessitate a new VDH permit fee. Group discussed differences between different types of technology and when a change should necessitate a new permit and fee. VDH indicated that it would be prepared to issue guidance to AOSE community in a week or so.
- Submitted application for grant from the River Counties Community Foundation for septic repair grant(s) to low income homeowners in Middlesex County in amount of \$5,000.
- Scheduled meeting with Walter Gills, DEQ Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program, to discuss funding for septic repair program. Prepared MPPDC Septic Repair Program Synopsis which describes the history of the program and basic financial statements of the revolving loan fund. Existing unencumbered funding sufficient for approximately 6 repairs.
- Prepared and submitted semiannual report and reimbursement request to April Bahen, CZM.

Project 32124 Aberdeen Creek Harbor Master Plan

This project proposes to focus on developing an Aberdeen Creek Commercial Seafood Master Plan focused on maintaining services and working waterfront industries within Aberdeen Creek. Aberdeen Creek is second behind Perrin River as one of two major commercial seafood hubs in Gloucester County. Within recent years, Aberdeen Creek has experienced the closure of a Gloucester Seafood Inc which was a seafood processing plant that processed local watermen catches, as well as provided fueling and mooring facilities for their boats. Since this business has closed, Aberdeen creek has experienced significant shoaling and dredging has become a priority issue. To develop this plan, MPPDC staff will take the lead and conduct a site analysis, including an inventory of creek activities (i.e. public and private), a count of the number of watermen that utilize the creek, and an analysis of the creek navigational conditions. MPPDC staff will also research public and private infrastructure and property ownership to better understand options to improve or expand working waterfront industry services within the Creek. The plan will rely on community participation to identify and discuss infrastructure needs and potential improvements for Aberdeen Creek users. Technical staff will develop cost opinions including discussion of capital improvement needs, and capacity analysis for private and public facilities.

- Completed the semi-annual report for the Aberdeen Creek Master Plan. Began drafting the final report of the Aberdeen Creek Master Plan. The final report currently being reviewed by Gloucester County Planning staff will include the Aberdeen Creek Master Plan that will provide an introduction to the rich history of the working waterfronts on Aberdeen Creek on the upper York River in Gloucester County, VA.; describe the existing working waterfront and associated zoning for the properties on the creek; and put forward recommendations for protecting and preserving the working waterfront for future generations. The Plan will be complete and available to the public in May 2014.
- Prepared and submitted final reimbursement request to April Bahen, CZM.

Project 32129 Water Reuse

As recent changes to Virginia Water Regulations have tightened water protection and management, there is a strong need to consider maximizing local and regional water resource that may have financial benefits to localities. This project will explore water reuse, how other localities in Virginia and Nation-wide are utilizing this technique and potential economic impacts to Middle Peninsula localities. MPPDC staff will organize a Water Reuse Stakeholder Committee to discuss associated policy needs and opportunities.

- Participated in a planning meeting hosted by Draper Aden Associates regarding the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Rural Ditch Enhancement Study/Mathews County project on March 6, 2014. Draper Aden Associates, MPPDC, Virginia Department of Transportation staff were present to discuss an approach to the project. It was determined that the first step of the project would be to request the appointment of a Rural Ditching Steering Committee by Mathews County either administratively or by appointment. The Rural Ditching Committee would consist of Mathews County community leaders. Following the meeting MPPDC staff developed a project summary worksheet and request to provide Mathews County administration with regards to the NFWF Rural Ditch Enhancement Study/Mathews County project and appointing a Rural Ditching Committee. Currently awaiting the direction of Mathews County.
- Met with Mathews County Administrator Mindy Moran regarding the NFWF Rural Ditch Enhancement Study/Mathews County. The project summary worksheet was reviewed and edited. Ms. Moran expects to present this worksheet to the Mathews County Board of Supervisors at the April 2014 meeting.
- Received a phone call from Carol Bova, Mathews County citizen, requesting a project description of the NFWF Rural Ditch Enhancement Study/Mathews County and the role that Mathews County will play during the project. Information has been organized into an email and is currently being reviewed by the Mathews County Administrator.
- Corresponded with Whitney Katchmark, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, regarding water reuse in the Hampton Roads region. She explained that she has been involved in an effort with MissionH2O to create a white paper focused on water reuse as a *Solution to the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area*.
- Drafted and submitted public comment to Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in regards to a Ground Water Permit in King William County from Nestle Purina PetCare. The permit was supported, particularly as water reuse is proposed as potential alternative source of water.
- Reviewed the Regional Water Supply Plan for the Middle Peninsula of Virginia and made notes of needed amendments. Also it was noted that Water Reuse and Reclamation is not included as a supplemental water source for the region.
- Drafted and submitted the semi-annual report to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.
- Prepared and submitted reimbursement request to April Bahen, CZM.

Project 32130 Aberdeen TIF

The Aberdeen Creek TIF project will explore Tax Increment Financing as a strategy to generate revenue to finance dredging and other maintenance issues associated with Aberdeen Creek. The project will entail researching TIF policies and programs implemented in Virginia and defining parameters of the program that will achieve the overall objective. The project proposes a partnership with Virginia Sea Grant to determine cost and revenue projections for proposed maintenance and subcontracting with VIMS on project design.

- Prepared and submitted reimbursement request to April Bahen, CZM.
- Drafted and submitted the semiannual report for the Aberdeen Creek TIF program to Coastal Zoning Management.

Project 32204 Working Waterfront Coalition Summit

The Rural Chesapeake Bay-Seaside Working Waterfront Coalition partners (MPPDC, A-N and NN PDC) propose to organize, coordinate and convene a Virginia Working Waterfront Summit to be held at a central location (possibly VIMS) and possible remote location (Wachapreague) to discuss the challenges faced by Coastal Virginian's engaged in owning, managing or developing policy on issues related to working waterfronts. Summit invitees will come directly from the data base of working waterfront business developed under the Section 309 Working Waterfront project administered by the Virginia Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program. The Summit will consist of three parts: a) Panel of working waterfront specialist will discuss the growing national problem faced by working waterfront business and Virginia challenges, b) Introduction/ use of the Working Waterfront web portal. c) Discussion of Virginia specific issues, problems, and challenges of those in attendance.

- Completed the semi-annual report for the Working Waterfronts Coalition Summit. Began drafting the final report of the Working Waterfronts Coalition Summit. The final report will include a summary of the Working Waterfronts Summit drafted by Ryck Lydecker, BoatUS Assistant Vice President of Government Affairs (retired), and Thomas Murray, Associate Director for Advisory Services, VIMS.
- Requested invoices and match documentation from Northern Neck PDC and Accomack-Northampton PDC.
- Prepared and submitted final reimbursement request to April Bahen, Coastal Zone Management.

TRANSPORTATION

Funding – VDRPT, VDOT, local match from MPPDC General Fund

Project 30209 Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Services

This program assists local commuters and employers with transportation issues. The main emphasis is on lowering the number of single occupancy vehicle commutes within and from the Middle Peninsula region through marketing and promotion of the program through local media and provision of ride matching services to commuters.

- Participated in 2 webinars demonstrating software packages chosen by the TDM Working Group to replace the antiquated software currently being used by the non NOVA TDM agencies in the Commonwealth.
- Updated website – www.midpenrideshare.org
- Received online registration from a commuter traveling to Richmond. Requested additional information via email as commuter did not list a home address.
- Consulted with Pat Collins, WXGM, regarding radio spots.
- Consulted with Carolyn Hudgins, *Gloucester-Mathews Gazette Journal*, regarding sponsorship of Earth Day program.
- Consulted with Jen Haynes, *Tidewater Review*, regarding sponsorship of Earth Day program.

Project 30311 Rural Transportation Planning

This program provides rural transportation planning services through the Rural Transportation Planning Work Program which outlines specific tasks and goals to guide the rural planning of transportation services.

- Met with Sean Trapani, VDOT, to discuss the process for transferring the Prince Street road ending to the Town of Tappahannock and the MPCB Public Access Authority. We reviewed previous information presented on this effort including resolutions sent to VDOT from the Town of Tappahannock and Essex County expressing support of the transfer.
- Forwarded invitation to all local planners regarding the Land Use and Transportation Forum in Chester, Virginia on April 2nd hosted by VDOT.
- Attended the Land Use and Transportation on April 2nd. The forum provided information on how transportation is to be incorporated in to local planning and zoning efforts and how transportation improvements should be planned in conjunction with land uses in Comprehensive Land Use Plans.
- Drafted the FY15 Rural Transportation Work Program and resolution which was approved at the March 26th Commission Meeting. The work program was submitted to and approved by VDOT staff on April 3rd.
- Attended the VAPDC Rural Transportation Committee meeting in Farmville, Virginia on April 8th. The meeting consisted of 15 transportation Planners from PDC's throughout Virginia who are responsible for implementing the Rural Transportation Work Program. Discussions included FY15 Work Program, Prioritization efforts of the Rural Long range Plan, proposed VDOT training webinars, and PDC match requirements for Rural Transportation & TDM programs.
- Convened the Local Planners meeting on April 16th. Topics of discussion included Rural Transportation Work Program projects, information disseminated at the Land Use and Transportation Plan Forum.
- Viewed a webinar on Bike and Pedestrian Planning hosted by VDOT on April 17th.
- Drafted the third quarter report to be submitted to VDOT for the Rural Transportation Program.
- Prepared and submitted reimbursement request to VDOT.

ONSITE REPAIR & PUMPOUT

Funding – VDCR, VRA Loan Funds, local match from MPPDC General Fund, cost sharing

Project 30420, 30423 On-Site technical Guidance Assistance and Revolving Loan Program

The On-Site Technical Guidance Program aids the Middle Peninsula localities and residents in the technical understanding and implementation of approaches to address On-Site Disposal Systems and improve water quality by assisting local homeowners with repairing failing septic systems through low-interest loans and/or grants.

- Received email from Mathews County homeowner regarding MPPDC Septic Repair Program. Responded with information on the program, funding availability, eligibility for grants and loans, process and information on VDH NFWF grant, and contact information.
- Requested information from Gary Wood, VDH NFWF Grant Coordinator, regarding update on Gloucester County application.

- Received phone call from Gloucester County homeowner regarding status of application. Reminded homeowner that we need letter from health department and/or repair permit and estimates to proceed with application.
- Received phone call from Gloucester County homeowner regarding application for assistance.
- Received phone call from Chris Burrell, Turlington's Septic, regarding availability of assistance for Gloucester County homeowner.
- Consulted with Janet Swords, AOSE, regarding meeting being held at MPPDC offices. Encouraged her to invite interested contractors.
- Received phone call from Gloucester County applicant regarding status of septic repair application.
- Received phone call from Gloucester County homeowner requesting additional information about program and availability of funding.
- Received phone call from Gloucester County homeowner with septic problems. Homeowner wanted MPPDC staff to make site visit to determine problems. Referred to local health department or contractor for assistance.
- Received phone call from Gloucester County (Guinea) homeowner who had been referred by Turlington's Septic Service. Discussed program and mailed application.
- Received phone call from Gloucester County homeowner with update on process.
- Received phone call from Mathews County client regarding new bank account for payments. Mailed ACH Authorization form.
- Responded to request from Patsy Hemp, Mathews County Rotary, regarding information on VDH NFWF grant application. Forwarded contact information.
- Mailed conditional approval to Gloucester County homeowner for conventional septic repair – up to \$4750 - \$1250 loan at 2.5% interest and \$3500 grant.
- Scheduled meeting with Walter Gills, DEQ Clean Water Financing and Assistance Program, to discuss funding for program. Prepared MPPDC Septic Repair Program Synopsis which describes the history of the program and basic financial statements of the revolving loan fund.

*Note: All WQIF grant funds have been committed. Extremely limited grant funds available from VRA loan funds that do not have to be repaid. MPPDC staff are continuing to search for additional grant funding for this program. The ability to blend loans with grants is crucial in assisting low income homeowners in correcting failing septic systems. **Remaining funding - ~\$42,062 of which a maximum of \$11,781 can be in the form of grants to eligible homeowners.***

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Funding – EDA, local match from MPPDC General Fund, BDP Loan Program Income

Project 301702 Small Business Revolving Loan Fund

*MPPDC agreed to service Middle Peninsula Business Development Partnership's (MPBDP) Small Business Loan Portfolio after MPBDP's dissolution November 30, 2011. MPPDC established a revolving loan fund and staff initiate ACH loan payments from clients bank accounts and **manages the accounts. Principal repaid will be held until the Commission determines the best use for these funds as allowed by the USDA (RBEG) original lending restrictions. Interest earned will be used to offset administration costs.***

- Consulted with client regarding pay-off of loan. Client will remit final payment via check.
- Received phone call from client requesting pay- off amount and process, client authorized MPPDC to take final payment from account with 4/15 loan payment processing.
- Executed ACH loan payments for MPBDP loans. All MPPDC loan funding programs require that loan recipients authorize loan payments to be made automatically from loan recipients' bank accounts. Loan clients authorize the payments at loan closing (ACH Authorizations). MPPDC staff process these payments on the 15th of each month. This places the onus to not make a payment on the loan client contacting MPPDC staff prior to the loan processing date of the 12th.

Project 30104 DHCD Planning Grant—VA Sea Grant Universities MP Partnership

This initiative looks to develop new partnerships with Virginia Universities participating within the Virginia Sea grant Network to enhance Virginia Universities' impacts and value- added services to Middle Peninsula private businesses and coastal localities.

- Requested information from Middle Peninsula local government administrators and the MPPDC Commission for the names of key business owners across the Middle Peninsula who might benefit from establishing a relationship with Virginia universities.
- Initiated outreach to key business owners across the Middle Peninsula for focus group meetings to discuss what each industry cluster views as impediments to business growth and how might partnering with Virginia Universities be of value.

Project 30105 Middle Peninsula Broadband Study

The EDA Broadband Initiative is a project designed to bring together Middle Peninsula counties and towns in a series of workshops with the intent of determining the proper model to follow in developing and running a broadband service in the MPPDC region.

- Convened a meeting of the Middle Peninsula Broadband Authority on March 28, 2014. The agenda included an update on Middlesex County's progress on developing a Fixed Wireless broadband system; an update on the progress of the Middle Peninsula/EDA broadband grant; a discussion on the Virginia Tech vertical asset modeling study done for Gloucester, Mathews, Middlesex, Essex and King William Counties; an update on the FCC Expression of Interest (EOI) letter; and a candid discussion of the real interest in pursuing a Fixed Wireless broadband system for each county. The results of the candid discussion were clear. Each county represented in the Middle Peninsula Broadband Authority stated that they are interested in moving forward with pursuing a Fixed Wireless broadband system. The next step will be the development and discussion of a detailed cost analysis for deployment and management of a Fixed Wireless broadband system in the Middle Peninsula of Virginia.

- Convened the second Middle Peninsula Broadband workshop on March 28, 2014. The agenda included a speaker from DHCD who discussed their funding opportunities for broadband, an update by localities on their progress towards developing a fixed wireless broadband system in the region, a discussion of the Virginia Tech vertical asset modeling study done for Gloucester, Mathews, Middlesex, Essex and King William counties, and an introduction to resources such as: the Virginia Broadband Toolkit, the Accelerate Virginia Campaign, and the Community Broadband Planning Strategies Guide. Meeting was attended by 14 people representing all 5 localities participating in the study.
- Requested documentation of in-kind match from localities. This information needs to be provided to EDA on a regular basis. Several localities have responded promptly, but several others have not. Failure to document match time provided to project will lead to the localities being billed for the dollar value of the time pledged as required match to the project.

LOCAL INITIATIVES

Funding - local dues, PDC base-funding from VDHCD and/or MPPDC General Fund. Funding for specific projects may come from locality requesting assistance.

Project 30009 Local & Regional Technical Assistance

This program responds to daily requests for technical assistance which other commission programs are unable to provide.

See Coastal Community Development/Environmental- in a cost saving strategy, many activities such as the monthly meeting of the local government administrators have been shifted away from using local funds)

- Continued preparation of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation application to become an approved Technical Assistance (TA) provide. Requested staff resumes that will supplement the application.
- Researched funding opportunities for a fishing pier project in King & Queen County to access the Mattaponi River. Contacted Michaela Clayton and Bill Dandridge with the Virginia Department of Transportation to discuss project eligibility through the Recreational Access Program. Also contacted Virginia Marine Resource Commission regarding the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund. With the information gathered, a summary of funding options were organized and presented to the King & Queen County Administration.
- Met with Sean Trapani and Joyce McGowan, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), to discuss the King & Queen County Fishing Pier Project eligibility to receive funding through VDOT local enhancement program. Since the project is eligible, VDOT is interested in meeting with King and Queen County to discuss how to proceed with the project.
- Reviewed and edited the USDA grant application that was submitted in June 2013 to conduct a Feasibility Study to establish a flash freezing produce program at the Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center. BJ Fulcher, USDA, has been contacted to receive blank grant proposal documents. This project packet will be re-submitted to the USDA with the Middle Peninsula Regional Jail Authority as applicant.
- Scheduled a meeting of the Middle Peninsula Emergency Managers upon the request of Greg Hunter, King and Queen County. The meeting will take place in the PDC Boardroom on April 21, 2014 at 10am where upcoming State and Homeland Security grant applications as well as potential regional projects will be discussed.

- Received notification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate that the SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) application to support a multi-year endeavor to develop and deploy a firefighter recruitment and retention plan for King & Queen county as well as a reimbursement program for volunteers will not be funded.
- Took photos of Locklies Creek to enhance an information worksheet regarding the proposed idea for a Middlesex County In-the-Water Public Maritime Business Park.
- Attended the King William County Board of Supervisors meeting on March 24, 2014. Meeting topics covered emergency management issues: Resolution #14-15 – Grant Acceptance – EMS Laptops and Resolution #14-18 – Budget Amendment – King William County Capital Improvement Plan, Acceptance of State Grant Funds and Appropriation for E-911 System Replacement – FY14. Both resolutions were passed.
- Attended Tidewater RC&D Board meeting to discuss possible missions for reconfigured organization – small business assistance and Economic Development, as well as staff support that MPPDC could provide. Consensus of Board members in attendance was that the organization should be dissolved as soon as grant obligations are completed. Northern Neck would like to see their share of any funds go to a list of Northern Neck nonprofits. There may be one final opportunity to get the Board to agree to reorganize into an entity that can assist Middle Peninsula with economic issues at the final Board meeting tentatively scheduled for September 17th. For this to be successful, the Middle Peninsula localities should make sure their Board members attend the meeting and support this idea.
- Consulted with April Bahen and Beth Polak, CZM Program, regarding proposals submitted for FY15 Coastal Technical Assistance and Working Waterfronts Coalition.
- Attended National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) webinar on funding opportunity for Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund. Certain amount of the funding has been earmarked for the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck. If the Living Shoreline Incentive Plan Proposal submitted to NFWF earlier is not funded, will try to resubmit a modified grant proposal under this opportunity. Also plan to submit a proposal for funding for septic repair, although MPPDC was not successful in attempting to get that program funded by NFWF previously.
- Reviewed draft cooperative proposal between the University of Mary Washington Center for Economic Development, the UMW-SBDC Warsaw, and the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission to provide support services to small businesses in the region.
- Worked with Delegate Keith Hodges and Cynthia Comer, VRS, to develop language to amend § 4-6.03 in regards to mandated participation in Disability program. If adopted this would allow planning district commissions to elect whether or not to provide short and long-term disability benefits under the disability program established pursuant to Chapter 11.1 of Title 51.1 for VRS Hybrid employees.
- Attended the Department of Housing and Community Development Input Information Session on March 31st in Hampton Virginia. The session gave attendees the opportunity to prioritize CBDG and other programs as the programs relate to their localities, and make suggestions on policy and procedure improvements for next fiscal year's budget.

Project 30015 Tappahannock Comp Plan Update/ Project 30016 Essex Comp Plan Update

The Town of Tappahannock has contracted for the Planning District Commission to provide technical planning support for the Town of Tappahannock's Planning Commission as they go through their 2014 Comprehensive

Plan Update Process. Every jurisdiction in Virginia is mandated by Virginia Code Section 15.2-2223 to create and adopt a comprehensive plan that outlines a vision for the future of the community with a twenty year planning horizon.

Essex County has contracted for the Planning District Commission to provide technical planning support for the Essex County Planning Commission as they go through their 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update Process. Every jurisdiction in Virginia is mandated by Virginia Code Section 15.2-2223 to create and adopt a comprehensive plan that outlines a vision for the future of the community with a twenty year planning horizon. Along with the Comprehensive Plan, Essex County has contracted for the Planning District Commission to lead the Planning Commission in discussions regarding the future preparation of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), and prepare a Virginia Enterprise Zone Designation (VEZD) application for the County. The Virginia Enterprise Zone (VEZ) program is a partnership between state and local government in which both parties seek to improve economic conditions within designated localities. The program is meant to complement additional local, state, and federal economic development activities to create an improved climate for private sector investment and to focus limited resources on strategically targeted areas. A proposal will be submitted on behalf of the locality by the deadline of June 28th, 2013 using the Department of Housing and Community Development Centralized Application Management System (CAMS).

- Researched economic data to be used for updating the Economy Sections of the Essex County and Town of Tappahannock Comprehensive Plan. Requested and received information from Bill Croxton of the Essex County Economic Development Authority regarding agricultural and forestry data to be used in the update.
- Convened meetings with the Essex –Tappahannock Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee on April 1st and April 16th to update the Environmental Protection and Economy sections of the two comprehensive plans.
- Received comments from Richard Lyman, Town of Tappahannock Planning Commission, for inclusion into the Comprehensive Plan update.

HOUSING

Funding –Housing Loan Program Income

Project 300132 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

Summary: Governor Timothy Kaine announced on October 6, 2009 that \$9.7 million in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) would be distributed on a competitive basis to small local governments. Virginia's 21 Planning District Commissions administered the program and assisted localities in the development of proposals which were ranked and awarded by the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME). The program emphasizes a community-based approach to help meet energy and climate protection goals. MPPDC was awarded a contract to provide weatherization renovations to 12 homeowners ineligible for LMI weatherization programs in each of the 6 counties. MPPDC subcontracted the promotion and construction portions of this project to Bay Aging but is tasked with administering the overall project. MPPDC is administering the revolving loan program per DMME.

- Received phone call from client requesting payments to be held until July due to illness and loss of income. Agreed to hold payments until 7/15/14.
- Executed ACH loan payments for EECBG loans. All MPPDC loan funding programs require that loan recipients authorize loan payments to be made automatically from loan recipients' bank accounts. Loan clients authorize the payments at loan closing (ACH Authorizations). MPPDC staff process these payments on the 15th of each month. This places the onus to not make a payment on the loan client

contacting MPPDC staff prior to the loan processing date of the 12th of the month to request a payment be held. This has significantly reduced defaults and delinquent repayments of MPPDC loans.

EMERGENCY SERVICES Funding - Pending

In response to the Commission's work plan to address emerging emergency management issues, MPPDC staff prepared an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a proposal for *Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER)*. Unfortunately, only King and Queen County was able to provide the required information for submittal. Each locality identified a reason for not being able to respond. Two of the local Emergency Coordinators and MPPDC staff had a difference of opinion as to submittal eligibility. MPPDC staff contacted the SAFER RFP staff and was advised that "As long as the locality was not duplicating efforts they could participate in another proposed project". Some localities were unable to respond. MPPDC amended the proposal and submitted singularly for King and Queen County.

Project 31201 Middle Peninsula All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update (Reported under Mandates)

AGENCY ADMINISTRATION Funding - Indirect cost reimbursements from all PDC projects

300091 MPPDC Administration

Administrative services provided to MPPDC programs. Planned FY13 Indirect Cost rate =50%

- Prepared vouchers, processed A/P, processed payroll, processed deposits and balanced bank accounts. Prepared MPPDC monthly financial statements.
- Continued preparation of FY15 draft budget.
- Consulted with Barry Faison, Virginia Retirement System, regarding FY14 Actuarial Report and FY15 rates.

CLOSED FY14 PROJECTS

30426 DCR WQIF Septic Repair Funding

The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission Regional On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Funding Program targets known failing septic systems which impact the surface and ground water of the Rappahannock, York and Coastal Watersheds. The program works directly with the Three Rivers Health District and Middle Peninsula localities to identify failing septic systems and offer financial assistance to homeowners to repair/replace these failing systems. WQIF funds are to be used to install and/or repair failing septic systems. Grants funds, blended with low-interest loans from the MPPDC On-Site Revolving Loan fund, will be used to assist homeowners in paying for these systems. An Easement and Landowner Agreement requiring that property owners accept responsibility for the manufacturer recommended maintenance of these systems for their lifespan is required for WQIF funding. Funding will also be used to assist low-mod Middle Peninsula homeowners to comply with Chesapeake Bay regulations to pump their septic systems every 5 years.

Projects 320081 PAA Perrin Wharf Construction

The Middle Peninsula Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority recently acquired ownership of the 320 ft Perrin River wharf in Gloucester County from VDOT. The Perrin River exists as the urban working waterfront for the county and the Perrin River wharf is traditionally used by commercial watermen for vessel moorage. This project serves as a revitalization of the urban waterfront-commercial seafood hub for Gloucester County. With the recent closure of several key docking locations, up to 25 commercial workboats have been displaced and are rafting at the Perrin Wharf. This project will revitalize and reorganize the public wharf moorage space. The current moorage space is unorganized. Vessels now tie up parallel with the pier, making inefficient use of public space. Rafting is also used, but is not as safe as slip mooring. This project will reorganize the pier by installing 10 new slips, 4 finger piers, an ADA approved ramp, and ADA parking spot, and a port-a-potty to assist with access, mooring, off loading, and sewage disposal.

Project 32009 Lands End Master Plan

In February 2013, the MPCBPAA was gifted 96.81 acres of waterfront property located on the Severn River in Gloucester County. This Severn River property consists of twenty-one parcels, three of which have dwellings. While much of the property is pristine coastal ecosystem, including densely forested mixed hardwood and pine trees, and tidal wetlands, the three dwellings on this land present new management issues for the MPCBPAA. The MPPDC is partnering with the MPCBPAA to develop a preliminary management plan for the Severn River property that meets the goals of the MPCBPAA while maximizing water access, outdoor recreational, and community needs. With the development of a community stakeholder group, MPPDC staff will facilitate discussions and work towards developing an approach to creating a final management plan for the Severn River Property. The preliminary management plan will include potential management options, needed actions, as well as draft management goals and objectives for the Severn River Property.

Project 32122 Living Shorelines

On April 29, 2011 legislation was approved directing The Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC), in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Recreation and with technical assistance from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), to establish and implement a general permit regulation that authorizes and encourages the use of living shorelines as the preferred alternative for stabilizing tidal shorelines in the Commonwealth. "Living shoreline" means a shoreline management practice that provides erosion control and water quality benefits; protects, restores or enhances natural shoreline habitat; and maintains coastal processes through the strategic placement of plants, stone, sand fill, and other structural and organic materials. VMRC, with assistance from VIMS, is developing a general permit which can expedite the permitting process as an incentive to encourage property owners to select the "preferred alternative" for stabilizing tidal shorelines in the Commonwealth. This proposal will serve as a feasibility study and offer a potential design for a publicly sponsored water quality improvement-living shoreline revolving loan construction program. MPPDC staff will work with the Virginia Resource Authority, Department of Environmental Quality, Federal Agencies as well as legal counsel to explore an administrative program design and options for capitalizing a revolving loan program within the Middle Peninsula to encourage living shoreline construction by Middle Peninsula homeowners.

Project 32125 Floating Structures

As a result of a proposed "Oysterplex" in King and Queen County, which included two floating structures in open water used for commercial use rather than residential use, new permitting, regulatory, and jurisdiction questions were raised. Therefore MPPDC staff will: (1) review the lessons learned with the proposal approval of the Oysterplex, (2) create a Floating Structures Committee to discuss permitting barriers related to process for future applicants as well as strategies for possible guidance for permitting of floating commercial structures in the future, and (3) the committee will work to develop the necessary policy and guidance to include local planning administrators /departments in the Joint Permit Application process.

Project 33000 Middle Peninsula Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

The purpose of this project is to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Middle Peninsula. The CEDS process will be extremely valuable for the region as a means to tie together the many activities and plans of 9 jurisdictions (6 counties and 3 towns) and also to identify and prioritize cross-region initiatives. The last Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan was completed in March 2002. The past ten years have witnessed significant changes in the region's demographics. The increase in population has also created demand for services and infrastructure development. There is also an interest in sustaining traditional trades such as fishing and agriculture.

1301 Mathews Heritage Park

Mathews Heritage Park was donated to the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority (PAA) in 2010 and is a 9.119 acre waterfront parcel located on Field Point Road in Moon, Mathews County, Virginia. As designated in the Deed of Gift with Declaration of Restrictions, the property can only be used as a nature park and waterfront center for the purpose of teaching about the history of the people of Mathews County, Virginia and the ecology of the land and the surrounding waters, including, but not limited to, teaching skills associated with the traditional trades and crafts of the people of Mathews County, Virginia including farming, fishing, boat building, seamanship, navigation, sailing and rowing. In 2011 a grant with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) was awarded to the PAA to provide guidance in water access and park planning; facilitation of a planning process that merges the various ideas of community stakeholders, resolves past conflicts, and gains consensus on a vision, goals, and management approach for the site. The outcome of the grant is expected to be a management plan for the park.



Summary of Provisions that will Most Affect Property Owners: Homeowner and Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2013 AKA Grimm-Waters 2013

(“To delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, and for other purposes”)

*This was put together based on several summaries and some reading of the bill text. It is possible that some of the information below will be slightly altered as more in-depth, accurate information becomes available.

Overall Comments

- For second homes and businesses, Grimm-Waters is worse than BW-12 because those policyholders will continue to experience a 25% annual increase and are charged an additional \$250 annual surcharge
- Although the map trigger for rate increases has been removed, this reform causes subsidized primary homes to come up to full risk rates more consistently (and in many cases sooner) than under BW-12 (about a 15% annual increase for all pre-FIRM primary homes). If a subsidized primary home was not in an area where maps were updated, it wouldn't experience rate increases. Now all primary homes will experience rate increases immediately, but they will be on a more gradual (and more bearable) timescale regardless of map updates. Further, map updates are less likely to be inhibited by politics.
- A property that previously would have been grandfathered (mapped into a higher risk zone but charged a rate based on the zone it was in when built) will now experience a 15% average annual rate increase when mapped into a higher risk zone until actuarial rates are reached – this will keep future properties from becoming grandfathered, ultimately leaving only previously grandfathered properties (pre-2014) at below-full-risk rates
- Voluntary policyholders are charged higher rates to allow for prolonged subsidies, \$25 for primary homes and \$250 for secondary homes and businesses – further exacerbates unfair charges on some policyholders to pay for subsidized policyholders
- All policyholders must be alerted to their full actuarial rate – this will allow them to understand their risk and know what to expect in terms of rate increases; it also means that all SFHA policyholders will have to obtain elevation certificates in order for FEMA to determine their full rates

Changed Biggert-Waters Provisions

- Property sale/new or lapsed policy trigger removed: policyholders will no longer immediately be charged full actuarial rates for previously subsidized properties when a new property or policy is purchased, or after a policy has lapsed
- ALL subsidized properties (pre-FIRM in the Special Flood Hazard Area) are put on a glide path toward actuarial rates. The increase is set at an average of 15% overall. The subsidy elimination portion of the rate increase cannot be less than

- 5%, and the overall rate increase (which includes the 5% assessment for the reserve fund and normal annual rate increases) must be capped at an average of 15% (reduced from 20% in BW-12), not to exceed 18% for an individual property EXCEPT for those properties previously affected by BW-12 Section 100205 (second homes, businesses, severe repetitive loss, properties with total payments exceeding the value of the structure, substantial damage/improvements) that retain a 25% annual increase.
- How these percentages will be calculated is unclear. One source (an ASFPM summary) states that the percentage will be based on the previous year's premium as in BW-12
 - The bill text seems to read that the subsidy elimination portion of the annual rate increase for each subsidized property has to be at least 5% of the average rate for properties in each flood zone (A and V), not 5% of the individual property's rate. This method of calculation doesn't make sense to me at this point.
- Section 100207, which allowed for map (FIRM) updates to trigger rate increases on primary residences, has been repealed
 - If a property is mapped into the Special Flood Hazard Area, for the first year it will be charged as a Preferred Risk Policy and then will have rates increased an average of 15% until actuarial rates are reached – this will prevent future grandfathering
 - The “substantial improvement” threshold is changed back to 50% from 30% (where BW-12 put it)
 - Appropriates \$2 million for affordability study, expands scope of study and requires an “affordability framework, completion date changed to two years after the passage of this Act
 - Removes some regulations from private flood insurance and modifies states' authority to regulate

Biggert-Waters Provisions Still in Place (not an exhaustive list)

- Those properties previously affected by BW-12 Section 100205 (second homes, businesses, severe repetitive loss, properties with total payments exceeding the value of the structure, substantial damage/improvements) retain a 25% annual increase based on the previous year's premium
- Reinsurance may be purchased by the NFIP
- A reserve fund will be created for the NFIP with a 5% assessment on all policies
- Sea level rise may be included in future FIRMs (as determined by the Technical Mapping Advisory Council)
- The Technical Mapping Advisory Council is created, which is responsible for recommending how to improve the methodology, accuracy, ease of use, and distribution of FIRMs
- Any policyholder refusing mitigation assistance will move to full actuarial rates

New Provisions

- An annual surcharge will be assessed on all properties: \$25 for primary residences, \$250 for secondary residences and business
 - This means that voluntary policyholders are now being charged even more to help fund subsidies.
 - These fees go into the Reserve Fund, which will be tapped before the NFIP seeks to borrow from the Treasury
 - Seems to end when all subsidies have been removed
- Residential policyholders may opt for a \$10,000 deductible to lower annual rates
- Any policyholder that in 2013 paid higher rates based on BW-12 will be refunded the excess premium paid based on the new rate structure (most likely to average about 10% of the increased premium cost – if the prior premium was \$400, and in 2013 the policyholder paid \$500 [25% increase from BW-12], the policyholder will be refunded about \$40)
- FEMA is directed to consider mitigation activities (e.g. land use rules and flood-proofing) when setting premiums – but how this will be implemented is unclear
- FEMA must certify in writing to Congress that the mapping methods used will result in technically credible flood hazard data (not sure what the background is on this)
- FEMA must alert property owners of alternative methods to flood mitigation aside from elevation (for instances when elevating may be impossible – e.g. townhouse)
- FEMA must alert all policyholders to their actuarial rates, regardless of whether they are paying them already – this ensures policyholders understand their risk; it also means that all SFHA policyholders will need to obtain elevation certificates in order for FEMA to determine their risk

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Community Rating System

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The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) was implemented in 1990 as a voluntary program for recognizing and encouraging community floodplain management activities exceeding the minimum NFIP standards. Any community in full compliance with the minimum NFIP floodplain management requirements may apply to join the CRS.

1,296 Communities Participate in the CRS

Nearly 3.8 million policyholders in 1,296 communities participate in the CRS by implementing local mitigation, floodplain management, and outreach activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.

Under the CRS, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reward community actions that meet the three goals of the CRS, which are: (1) reduce flood damage to insurable property; (2) strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP; and (3) encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

Although CRS communities represent only 5 percent of the over 22,000 communities participating in the NFIP, more than 67 percent of all flood insurance policies are written in CRS communities.

CRS Classes

The CRS uses a Class rating system that is similar to fire insurance rating to determine flood insurance premium reductions for residents. CRS Classes* are rated from 9 to 1. Today, most communities enter the program at a CRS Class 9 or Class 8 rating, which entitles residents in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) to a 5 percent discount on their flood insurance premiums for a Class 9 or a 10 percent discount for Class 8. As a community

engages in additional mitigation activities, its residents become eligible for increased NFIP policy premium discounts. Each CRS Class improvement produces a 5 percent greater discount on flood insurance premiums for properties in the SFHA.

Best of the Best

Four communities occupy the highest levels of the CRS. Each has developed a floodplain management program tailored to its own particular hazards, character, and goals. Under these programs, each community carries out numerous and varied activities, many of which are credited by the CRS. The average discount in policyholder premiums varies according to a community's CRS Class and the average amount of insurance coverage in place. Some highlights:

Roseville, California was the first to reach the highest CRS rating (Class 1). Damaging floods in 1995 spurred Roseville to strengthen and broaden its floodplain management program. Today the City earns points for almost all CRS creditable activities. The average premium discount for policies in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) is \$832.

Comprehensive planning for floodplain management has been a key contributor to **Tulsa, Oklahoma's** progress in reducing flood damage from the dozens of creeks within its jurisdiction. The City (Class 2) has cleared more than 900 buildings from its floodplains. The average premium discount for policies in the SFHA is \$583.

King County, Washington (Class 2) has preserved more than 100,000 acres of floodplain open space and receives additional CRS credit for maintaining it in a natural state. The average premium discount for policies in the SFHA is \$650.

Pierce County, Washington (Class 2) maintains over 80 miles of river levees. County officials annually mail informational brochures to all floodplain residents. The average premium discount for policies in the SFHA is \$666.

* CRS Class changes occur on May 1 and October 1 of each year. The data contained in this fact sheet were current through May 2014.

CRS Credit

A community accrues points to improve its CRS Class rating and receive increasingly higher discounts. Points are awarded for engaging in any of 19 creditable activities, organized under four categories:

- Public information
- Mapping and regulations
- Flood damage reduction
- Warning and response.

Formulas and adjustment factors are used to calculate credit points for each activity.

The communities listed below are among those that have qualified for the greatest premium discounts:

Class 1: Roseville, California

Class 2: Tulsa, Oklahoma
King County, Washington
Pierce County, Washington

Class 3: Sacramento County, California

Class 4: Fort Collins, Colorado
Skagit County, Washington
Snohomish County, Washington
Charleston County, South Carolina
Maricopa County, Arizona
Louisville-Jefferson County, Kentucky
Thurston County, Washington

Benefits of the CRS

Lower cost flood insurance rates are only one of the rewards a community receives from participating in the CRS. Other benefits include:

- Citizens and property owners in CRS communities have increased opportunities to learn about risk, evaluate their individual vulnerabilities, and take action to protect themselves, as well as their homes and businesses.
- CRS floodplain management activities provide enhanced public safety, reduced damage to property and public infrastructure, and avoidance of economic disruption and loss.
- Communities can evaluate the effectiveness of their flood programs against a nationally recognized benchmark.

- Technical assistance in designing and implementing some activities is available to community officials at no charge.
- CRS communities have incentives to maintain and improve their flood programs over time.

How to Apply

To apply for CRS participation, a community must initially inform the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office of its interest in applying to the CRS and will eventually submit a CRS application, along with documentation that shows it is implementing the activities for which credit is requested. The application is submitted to the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO)/CRS Specialist. ISO works on behalf of FEMA and insurance companies to review CRS applications, verify communities' credit points, and perform program improvement tasks.

A community's activities and performance are reviewed during a verification visit. FEMA establishes the credit to be granted and notifies the community, the State, insurance companies, and other appropriate parties.

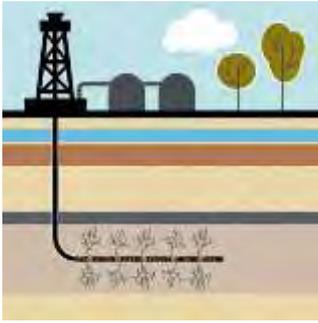
Each year, the community must verify that it is continuing to perform the activities that are being credited by the CRS by submitting an annual recertification. In addition, a community can continue to improve its Class rating by undertaking new mitigation and floodplain management activities that earn even more points.

CRS Training

CRS Specialists are available to assist community officials in applying to the program and in designing, implementing, and documenting the activities that earn even greater premium discounts. A week-long CRS course for local officials is offered free at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) on the National Emergency Training Center campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and can be field deployed in interested states. A series of webinars is offered throughout the year.

For More Information

A list of resources is available at the CRS website: www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-2/community-rating-system For more information about the CRS or to obtain the CRS application, contact the Insurance Services Office by phone at (317) 848-2898 or by e-mail at nfipcrs@iso.com.



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- Rockingham County & King George County – Local Government Roles and Considerations
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