

MIDDLE PENINSULA PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: MPPDC Board of Commissioners

FROM: Lewis Lawrence, Executive Director 

DATE: January 16, 2014

RE: January Commission Meeting

The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 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 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 January 22nd!

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

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

125 Bowden Street

Saluda VA 23149

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

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- VI. Presentation on Groundwater Permitting Requirements - Craig R. Nicol,
Groundwater Withdrawal Permitting Program Manager, DEQ
- VII. Adoption of 2014 MPPDC Meeting Schedule
 - o Appointment of Nominating Committee
 - o Appointment of OPD and Budget Committee
- VIII. General Assembly Lobby – Richmond Sunlight Website
- IX. Other Business: VAPDC Winter Conference
- X. Adjournment

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December 18, 2013

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, December 18, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. MPPDC Chair Sherrin Alsop (King and Queen County) welcomed everyone in attendance.

Commissioners in attendance were:

(Essex County) Gary Allen and Edwin Smith; (Gloucester County) Dr. Maurice Lynch; (King and Queen County) Thomas Swartzwelder; (King William County) Eugene Rivara and Otto Williams; (Mathews County) Tim Hill, Charles Ingram, and Melinda Moran; (Middlesex County) Wayne Jessie; and (Town of Urbanna) Donald Richwine.

Guests in attendance were Delegate Keith Hodges and citizens from the region. Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission staff in attendance were Executive Director Lewis Lawrence, 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 November Minutes

Chair Alsop asked whether there were any corrections or changes to the November Minutes. There were no corrections or changes to the November Minutes. Chair Alsop requested a motion to approve the November Minutes as distributed. Gary Allen moved that the November Minutes be approved. Donald Richwine seconded the motion; motion carried.

Approval of November Financial Report

Chair Alsop asked whether there were any questions regarding the November financial report before being approved subject to audit. There were no questions. Chair Alsop requested a motion to approve the November Financial Report subject to audit. Eugene Rivara moved to approve the November Financial Report subject to audit. Charles Ingram seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

Chair Alsop requested Lewis Lawrence, Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission Executive Director, to review the Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for the month of December. 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 Reports for the month of December as follows:

- MPPDC has been awarded technical assistance funding of \$38,850 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for a Mathews County Ditch Project. The funding will be used to assist Mathews County with engineering and technical analysis of drainage problems. VDOT will cost share the project to increase the project scope.
- Scheduled first Local Planning Team meeting in January 2014 for the Middle Peninsula All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update.
- Essex County IDA received notification that the re-scoped AFID project proposal was strong and has been recommended for funding provided that prior to implementation the following occur: (1) The Essex County Board of Supervisors passes a resolution supporting the effort and stating it will consider for adoption the comprehensive strategic plan that is to be the product of this effort, (2) Representatives from the Essex County Board of Supervisors and/or Essex County Staff serve on the Advisory board overseeing and implementing this grant, and (3) The advisory board and/or Essex County IDA consult with relevant persons from James City County and the Region 2000 PDC to benefit from their experience in undertaking similar AFID Planning Grants. Drafted a resolution to present at the December Board of Supervisors meeting to begin to address these tasks.
- Discussed the VDOT Recreational Road Access program with Bill Dandridge, Project Manager for VDOT. Scheduled a meeting at the Captain Sinclair's Landing in Gloucester County to discuss the possibility and eligibility of elevating the road to improve transportation access to the property during periods of moderate flooding.
- Prepared contract and Statement of Work for consulting services for Virginia Coastal Policy Clinic to provide legal and research services regarding identification of sustainable funding for septic repair program and outfall ditch cleaning.

The Onsite Repair program is a successful program in the Middle Peninsula. However, all WQIF grant funds have been spent. Extremely limited grant funds available from VRA. 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 - ~\$49,300 of which a maximum of \$20,000 can be in the form of grants to homeowners.

- Set the date for the first workshop for Broadband Committee appointees for January 15, 2014 to be held at the MPPDC boardroom in Saluda, VA. Sandy Terry, CIT will be the speaker at the first workshop where the discussion will focus on rural broadband models: what works, what doesn't, how, and why.

Localities that have appointed members to the Broadband Committee are Gloucester, King and Queen, and Mathews counties.

Public Comments

Chair Alsop opened the meeting for public comments.

1. Ruth Litschewski, Mathews County
 - Commented on MPPDC Report on Roadside and Outfall Drainage Ditches - distributed a handout to the Board.
2. Carol Bova, Mathews County
 - Commented on MPPDC Report on Roadside and Outfall Drainage Ditches - distributed a handout to the Board.
3. G. L. Morrow, Mathews County
 - Commented on the need for a second study to be done on the oxygen in the water on Gwynn's Island (Mathews County).
4. Tom Feigum, Middlesex County
 - Commented on the Floating Building Study (oyster farming) presentation by MPPDC staff at the November meeting.

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

Chair Alsop thanked the citizens for their comments.

Presentation on Changing Demographic Trends in the Middle Peninsula

Ms. Marquitrice Wright, MPPDC Chief of Community Planning, reported on the Population Changes in the Middle Peninsula and Major Factors Influencing the Change. From the year 2007 to the year 2012, there was a slight population increase in all of the Middle Peninsula localities except Mathews County, Middlesex County and the Town of Urbanna. Mathews County had a decrease of 2% in population, Middlesex County experienced a 1% decrease and Town of Urbanna had a decrease of 12.3% in population. The locality with the highest growth rate is the Town of West Point with an increase of 15.4%.

Influential factors in population change are (1) education and employment opportunities, (2) growth in the area-primarily among older age cohorts, (3) rapid population aging, and (4) the unemployment rate. In-migration, the older population is attracted to the quality of life or lifestyle change, services available, and cost of living. With the economy, the younger population out-migrates in search of jobs, education, and services that are unavailable in the region.

What can be done?

- Regionally
 - ✓ CEDS Implementation
 - ✓ Broadband Deployment
 - ✓ University Partnership
 - ✓ Market the Region/Localities strengths while strengthening the shortcomings

- Locally
 - ✓ Deregulation when possible
 - ✓ Incentivize
 - ✓ Invest (workforce, schools, community college, transportation)

Discussion was held regarding lack of jobs and educational opportunities for young adults.

Action to Accept MPPDC Reports—Roadside and Outfall Drainage Ditches, Incentivizing Living Shorelines Study, and Floating Buildings Study

Chair Also asked if anyone wanted to entertain a discussion on any of the reports.

- (1) Dr. Maurice Lynch, Gloucester County citizen representative, said that the design and engineering of the ditch system was not a part of the study but it should be looked at in the future.

- (2) Dr. Maurice Lynch said since the Floating Building Study includes regulations that affect constituents, copies should be forwarded to agencies that are in charge of regulations associated with permitting similar uses.

- (3) Mr. Tom Swartzwelder, King and Queen County Administrator, suggested a copy of the Living Shorelines Study be mailed to Liz Povar, Virginia Economic Development Partnership, Rick Weeks, Chief Deputy DEQ, VMRC, VCU, etc.

Chair Also requested a motion to accept the MPPDC Reports, Roadside and Outfall Drainage Ditches, Incentivizing Living Shorelines Study, and Floating Buildings Study.

Tom Swartzwelder moved to accept the MPPDC Reports for the purpose of administratively closing out the work of the Commission on the projects. Otto Williams seconded the motion; motion carried.

The Roadside and Outfall Drainage Ditches Report, Incentivizing Living Shorelines Study, and Floating Buildings Study are available on the MPPDC website at <http://www.mppdc.com/index.php/reports/2013>.

Stormwater Management Program Update

Ms. Jackie Rickards, MPPDC Regional Projects Planner, said that there is some confusion regarding the Stormwater Management Program to date. Ms. Rickards elaborated on some issues of concern:

- (1) DEQ has scrapped the e-permitting system they have been working on over the past two years and created a new database to process construction general permit (GP) registrations and terminations. DEQ will have the reissuance of current GPs, but is undecided on a strategy to provide a locality with information about the project. DEQ is also working on a spreadsheet template to gather specific information for EPA needs.
- (2) Contract for Phase II Stormwater Program Development funds from DEQ is three months late. Funding from DEQ has not been received but is being processed. However, NFWF has recently provided notice of funding to Draper Aden Associates and the PDC for a project in Mathews County dealing with Roadside Ditches.
- (3) There is still a chance that Stormwater Regulations may change during the 2014 General Assembly Session. According to Delegate Hodges there are over one hundred Bills drafted regarding stormwater.
- (4) Deadlines have been moved by DEQ in order to provide additional time for localities to develop local programs. This comes as a result of stormwater regulation changes by the State Water Control Board on December 17, 2013. While deadlines have shifted for the preliminary VSMP package (i.e. ordinance, staffing and budget plan, and policies and procedures) from December to January 15, 2014 and the final VSMP package to May 15, 2014, the implementation date for local VSMPs remains to be July 1, 2014.
- (5) DEQ is currently providing two options for localities to collect fees: (a) the locality collects the local and state portion of the GP fee and then state will bill locality for their portion on a monthly basis, or (b) the locality can choose to direct the applicant to make two separate payments.

Discussion was held regarding DEQ's processing permits, collecting fees, and changes to Stormwater Regulations.

FY15 Local Budget Requests

Mr. Lewis Lawrence, MPPDC Executive Director, said the MPPDC FY15 budget requests have been mailed to all County Administrators and Town Managers.

General Assembly Lobby

Mr. Lewis Lawrence, MPPDC Executive Director, said the MPPDC has \$5,700 in its budget if the need arises for General Assembly lobbying services.

Other Business

1. *Open Discussion on Issues Related to Hydraulic Fracturing*

Mr. Lawrence distributed a copy of an Oil and Gas Lease and a copy of a workshop that was held for landowners who are considering leasing their land, those who have leased their land, those who are concerned about their rights as a landowner, and knowing the impacts of gas and oil hydrofracking.

Mr. R. Gary Allen, Essex County MPPDC Board Citizen Representative, said hydraulic fracturing is becoming more popular each year within the United States. Fracturing can harm water, can cause contamination, highways are impacted with heavy trucks transporting the fuel, and can harm property.

Mr. Edwin Smith, Essex County Board of Supervisor, said he attended a workshop relating to gas and oil hydrofracking and Gwen Lachelt, Colorado Commissioner, was the speaker. Mr. Smith said the workshop was very informative with topics discussed such as lease agreements, audit privileges, waste disposal, landowners' rights, and products from underground.

Discussion was held regarding hosting a workshop on hydraulic fracturing in the Middle Peninsula, the impact of fracturing on other districts, revising comp plans, state regulations, and sending a representative to lobby at the General Assembly.

- 2. Mr. Lawrence distributed a handout received from Draper Aden Associates regarding *Governor Signs Amended Regulations, Effective January 1, 2014*. The amended regulations expand the groundwater management to Essex County, Gloucester County, King and Queen County, Mathews County, and Middlesex County. A copy of the final regulations can be found on the website of the Virginia Register of Regulations at <http://register.dls.virginia.gov/details.aspx?id=3993>.**

Chair Alsop asked if there was any other business to discuss.

There was no other business.

Adjourn

Chair Alsop requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Richwine moved that the meeting be adjourned. Chair Sherrin Alsop 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	32,757.79	91,847.25	79,937.75	53.47%	152,027.83	60,180.58
30010	Local PAA Stewardship/	17,000.00	425.00	14,494.18	2,505.82	85.26%	17,000.00	2,505.82
30013	EE&CBG Project	3,894.00	96.35	1,975.51	1,918.49	50.73%	1,951.46	-24.05
30015	Tappahannock Comp Plan	11,200.00	709.92	7,173.93	4,026.07	64.05%	3,995.26	-3,178.67
30016	Essex Comp Plan Update	27,675.00	2,008.85	14,448.61	13,226.39	52.21%	6,196.28	-8,252.33
30104	MP-VSG Univ. Partner	3,000.00	92.95	3,150.85	-150.85	105.03%	0.00	-3,150.85
30105	EDA Broadband	63,161.00	2,532.78	10,489.76	52,671.24	16.61%	0.00	-10,489.76
30170	MPBDP FY12 Staff Sup	13,825.00	452.71	9,080.94	4,744.06	65.68%	12,432.68	3,351.74
30209	FY14 Transportation Dem	74,000.00	5,273.50	33,793.49	40,206.51	45.67%	26,172.00	-7,621.49
30311	FY14 Rural Transportati	72,500.00	7,185.73	33,314.59	39,185.41	45.95%	17,554.41	-15,760.18
30420	Onsite Loan Management	105,940.14	482.36	103,006.95	2,933.19	97.23%	112,104.37	9,097.42
30423	VCWRFR Onsite Fund	82,500.00	0.00	52,118.21	30,381.79	63.17%	73,496.30	21,378.09
30426	WQIF 2010	102,883.00	0.00	101,234.12	1,648.88	98.40%	102,728.35	1,494.23
30502	Water Supply Planning	107,526.97	2,031.26	111,098.44	-3,571.47	103.32%	153,950.00	42,851.56
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	3,387.92	8,551.58	116,458.42	6.84%	0.00	-8,551.58
32008	FY14_PAA Staff Support	2,125.00	549.49	3,612.32	-1,487.32	169.99%	2,669.28	-943.04
32009	Lands End Master Plan	10,000.00	238.34	10,352.62	-352.62	103.53%	10,175.77	-176.85
32120	FY13 Coastal TA Task 44	60,000.00	1,057.70	60,539.31	-539.31	100.90%	54,468.47	-6,070.84
32121	Land & Water Quality Pr	50,000.00	530.49	51,106.71	-1,106.71	102.21%	44,578.97	-6,527.74
32122	Living Shorelines	49,858.00	332.80	50,282.00	-424.00	100.85%	49,858.00	-424.00
32123	Stormwater Management (297,786.00	9,014.90	156,213.71	141,572.29	52.46%	133,246.78	-22,966.93
32124	Aberdeen Harbor Master F	13,034.00	1,573.40	9,038.26	3,995.74	69.34%	2,506.27	-6,531.99
32125	Floating Structures	29,780.00	797.76	30,436.83	-656.83	102.21%	29,780.00	-656.83
32126	VIMS WWF	5,000.00	193.93	5,220.89	-220.89	104.42%	5,000.00	-220.89
32127	FY14_Coastal TA	60,000.00	4,490.17	16,484.27	43,515.73	27.47%	7,500.00	-8,984.27
32128	LWQ III FY14	47,022.00	3,895.38	11,427.71	35,594.29	24.30%	0.00	-11,427.71
32129	Water Reuse	22,535.00	2,110.23	2,110.23	20,424.77	9.36%	0.00	-2,110.23
32130	Aberdeen TIF	40,000.00	2,092.16	2,092.16	37,907.84	5.23%	0.00	-2,092.16
32204	WW Coalition Summit A	46,341.00	1,805.12	22,656.18	23,684.82	48.89%	19,192.51	-3,463.67
Totals:		<u>1,715,381.11</u>	<u>86,118.99</u>	<u>1,045,599.36</u>	<u>669,781.75</u>	<u>60.95%</u>	<u>1,062,584.99</u>	<u>16,985.63</u>

Balance Sheet by Category

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Assets:

Cash in Bank	571,981.03
Receivables	264,960.76
Property & Equipment	12,301.69

Total Assets:

\$849,243.48

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	2,128.37
VRA Loan Payables	135,996.29
Accrued Leave	30,756.62
Cost Allocation Control	9,634.43

Total Liabilities:

\$178,515.71

Equity:

Local Initiatives/Information Resources	57,007.54
Economic Development	-10,288.91
Transportation Programs	-23,381.67
Onsite Repair & Pumpout	31,979.11
Housing	-23.50
Coastal Community & Environmental	-72,599.04
Mandates	34,305.29
Temporarily Restricted	188,479.87
General Fund Balance	465,249.08

Total Equity:

\$670,727.77

Total Liabilities and Equity

\$849,243.48

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	27,443.03	60,646.48	49,417.52	55.10%
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	5,728.56	-1,212.56	126.85%
State Revenues	218,912.00	0.00	63,232.72	155,679.28	28.88%
Federal Revenues	234,999.00	3,492.90	116,482.45	118,516.55	49.57%
Miscellaneous Income	12,000.00	549.82	8,781.38	3,218.62	73.18%
Onsite Loan Program Income	8,840.00	835.99	14,438.10	-5,598.10	163.33%
Revenues	764,190.00	32,321.74	435,010.77	329,179.23	56.92%
Expenses					
Personnel	437,235.70	43,473.14	249,305.57	187,930.13	57.02%
Facilities	29,864.00	2,970.54	15,270.19	14,593.81	51.13%
Communications	2,550.00	321.10	1,926.45	623.55	75.55%
Equipment & Supplies	9,750.00	281.16	2,372.28	7,377.72	24.33%
Travel	5,425.00	426.63	3,215.29	2,209.71	59.27%
Professional Development	13,650.00	160.00	3,560.30	10,089.70	26.08%
Contractual	67,489.00	6,492.49	55,860.95	11,628.05	82.77%
Miscellaneous	46,865.00	4,550.91	25,704.45	21,160.55	54.85%
Regional Share	110,064.00	27,443.03	60,796.48	49,267.52	55.24%
Expenses	722,892.70	86,119.00	418,011.96	304,880.74	57.82%
Agency Balance	41,297.30	-53,797.26	16,998.81		

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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)

➤ 71% Out Commute Rate

By the Numbers

➤ 1.1% Total State Population

➤ \$50,001 Median Household Income



For More Information:

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 Please visit the MPPDC website at:
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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 Completion Date: 6/2014		All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update Support Staff: Harrison Start Date: 1/2014 Completion Date: 12/2016	
	Participating	Current Status	Participating	Current Status	Participating	Current Status
Essex	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	Received MOU and LPT member appointment
Gloucester		NA	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	Received MOU and LPT member appointment
King & Queen	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	Received MOU and LPT member appointment
King William	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	Received MOU and LPT member appointment
Mathews	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	Received MOU and LPT member appointment
Middlesex	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	Received MOU and LPT member appointment
Town of Tappahannock	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	Received MOU and LPT member appointment
Town of West Point	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	Received MOU and LPT member appointment
Town of Urbanna	✓	Found Compliant	✓	Submitted preliminary VSMP packages	✓	Received MOU and LPT member appointment

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	Submitted
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
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	Submitted

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Executive Director's Report of Regional Progress
January 13, 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: Provided 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.

- Posted DEQ Compliance Review Determination Packet on MPPDC website.
- Consulted with Doug Frazier, EEE Consulting, about demand projections and future use estimates provided by water system managers across the Middle Peninsula. Discussed the accuracy and applicability of survey results received. EEE Consulting provided a letter characterizing survey results to submit to DEQ Water Program staff as requested in the consistency review letter from DEQ staff.
- Received a letter of Compliance Determination for the Middle Peninsula Regional Water Supply Plan dated December 20, 2013 from David Paylor, DEQ Director. The Middle Peninsula Regional Water Supply Plan has been found consistent with the regulations.

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.

- Submitted quarterly financials and reimbursement request to DEQ.
- Executed Stormwater Management II contract with DEQ.
- Attended the State Water Control Board Meeting on December 17, 2013 where proposed amendments to the stormwater regulations were adopted. Regulation amendments focused on grandfathering as well as single-family home development. Also at this meeting, the Board adopted a new General Construction Permit for land disturbing activities.
- Created a presentation for the December Commission meeting that focused on updates about the stormwater management program. Updates included (1) Phase II Stormwater Project funding delays,

(2) local program development deadline changes, (3) stormwater management regulation changes adopted by the States Water Control Board on December 17, 2013, and (4) multiple bills have been introduced to the 2014 General Assembly.

- Hosted a meeting of the MPPDC Regional Stormwater Working Group on December 19, 2014. The meeting agenda included information presented at the DEQ e-permitting informational workshop as well as updates from the State Water Control Board meeting on Dec. 17, 2013.
- Requested a list from localities of local contractors/landscapers/surveyors that may be interested in attending a Stormwater Educational Workshop being planned for the end of February. Currently a list of those who should be invited is being generated.
- Provided Peggy Sanner, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, with a copy of the stormwater update presentation given at the December Commission Meeting as well as site plan designs that depict differences between current technical criteria (Part II C) and new technical criteria (Part II B).
- Met with Sean Trapani (VDOT), Carolyn Howard (DAA), and Sheryl Hughes (DAA) to refine an approach to the Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grants Program due January 31, 2014. Proposal ideas focused on partnering with VDOT to inventory and assess roadside ditches throughout the Middle Peninsula region. Tasks were divided amongst the parties and drafts of narratives are due January 15, 2014.
- Received the Phase II Stormwater Management Program Development contract on January 2, 2014 from DEQ.
- Attended the Virginia Geographic Interactive Network (VGIN) Advisory Board meeting on January 6, 2014. The Board discussed HB16/SJ3 that establishes a joint subcommittee to study recurrent flooding and to formulate recommendations to address the issue. VGIN Board members agreed to support this effort and are interested in participating in the study.
- Scheduled and met with Town of West Point Community Development Director Holly McGowen, Town of West Point Manager John Edwards, and Draper Aden Associates Stormwater Management Director Carolyn Howard to discuss stormwater fees. The Town of West Point was curious if other localities are considering additional fees for their stormwater management programs. Since there are no Middle Peninsula localities currently considering this option, the Town of West Point will adopt stormwater fees as proposed in the Stormwater Regulations.
- Updated and submitted the 4th Quarterly Report for the Stormwater Phase I project to DEQ on January 8th.
- Attended the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors meeting on January 7, 2014 to listen to Scott Rae's presentation to the Board regarding stormwater management. Mr. Rae laid out a potential timeline for the Board to consider public hearing and adoption of the VSMP ordinance. Additionally the Board requested that Gloucester County draft and submit a letter to Delegate Keith Hodges that supports a delay in local VSMP implementation.
- Coordinated with Middle Peninsula localities to organize Preliminary VSMP Packages (i.e. Draft Ordinance, Staffing and Budget Plan and Policies and Procedures) to submit to DEQ on the January 15, 2014 deadline.

- Attended the Town of West Point Community Development Meeting on January 13, 2014 to listen to Town staff's presentation on Stormwater Management. Town staff recommended that the Town Council hold a public hearing for the ordinance in February and adopt the ordinance in April.
- Reviewed legislation introduced to the 2014 General Assembly Session that concerns Stormwater Management. Currently (as of 1/13/14) the following bills have been introduced:

HB 58 SB 425	Stormwater management programs; clarifies appeals process for persons subject to permit requirement.
HB 261 SB 423	Stormwater management program; regulations, single family residence.
HB 649	Stormwater management program; regulations; single-family residence. Allows the submission of an agreement in lieu of a Virginia Stormwater Management Plan where certain land-disturbing activity is the result of the construction of a single-family residence.
HB 673	Stormwater management permit fees; land-disturbing activities involving single-family residences.
HB 697 SB 530	Local implementation of Stormwater Management Program. Delays the date that local governments will have to assume responsibility for administering the Stormwater Management Program from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015.
HB846	Virginia Stormwater Management Program; exemptions for certain localities.
HB1070 SB 530	Stormwater Management Program; delays implementation by local governments.
SB469	Stormwater Management Program; localities with minimal Chesapeake Bay watershed. Delays the date on which local governments are required to assume responsibility for administering the Stormwater Management Program from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015, in those localities in which less than 11 percent of the land area drains to the Chesapeake Bay.
HB1117	Local implementation of Stormwater Management Program. Delays the date that local governments will have to assume responsibility for administering the Stormwater Management Program from July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2015.

- Organized and drafted a grant proposal to the Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Fund for a ditching project (inventory, assessment, redesign, and adaptation) throughout the Middle Peninsula Region. In partnership with Draper Aden Associates and Virginia Department of Transportation, an application proposal will be refined and submitted by the January 31st deadline.

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.

- Contacted DEQ and requested unlocked documents that will be used for reporting purposes. Unlocked documents have been received and saved for future use.

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, tsunami, and volcanoes.

- Submitted quarterly report to Virginia Department of Emergency Management detailing the timeline developed showing project tasks to be completed in the grant cycle (through 9/2016), MOU’s completed, and Local Planning Team members designated (see chart below).
- Received MOU’s outlining the terms of agreement between the MPPDC and the localities concerning financial obligation of the local adoption of the 2016 Middle Peninsula

Localities with signed MOU’s and Designated Local Planning Team (LPT) Members as of December 9, 2013

	Essex	King William	King and Queen	Mathews	Gloucester	Middlesex	Tappahannock	Urbanna	West Point
MOU Signed	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LPT Members	Larry Smith	Travis Lindsey, Emergency Management Coordinator		Edwina Casey	Creig Moore	Mark Nugent	Jimmy Sydnor	John Gill	Holly McGowen
	Jimmy Bran	Bret Schardein, Community Development Director		Dave Burns	Garrey Curry	Wally Horton		Holly Gailey	Bobby Mawyer

INFORMATION RESOURCES/ASSISTANCE

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

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

- Had several discussions with Terry Snead, Finance Director, Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission. They are experiencing issues with regard to indirect cost reimbursement with several grants. Discussed MPPDC strategy of having our indirect cost allocation plan certified by Commerce Dept. annually as required by OMB A-87. This appears to satisfy most federal and state agency requirements that indirect costs can only be allowable for either reimbursement or as matching funds if the agency has a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate with a cognizant federal agency.

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.

- Developed agenda and convened the December 2013 MPCBPAA Board Meeting on December 13, 2013. Agenda included an overview of properties in Essex County, King and Queen County, Mathews County, Middlesex County, and Gloucester County, including a visual overview of MPCBPAA properties via Google Maps. One specific item of interest includes an update on the progress in designing a web based purchase/reservation system for the public to use to sign up for and access the MPCBPAA properties. System is in the development stage with Virginia Interactive, the company that developed the web based system for buying hunting licenses from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, doing the design.
- Spoke with Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Conservation Officer Morris about the Cpt. Sinclair Recreational Area property in Gloucester County. Mr. Morris offered to patrol the area for game violations.
- Met with Rob Alexander, hunter registered with the MPCBPAA, at the Cpt. Sinclair Recreational Area in Gloucester County to discuss his views on hunting the property, what he thought would work and what he thought would not work. Mr. Alexander's main concern was over hunting/overcrowding of a property during a hunting day. He is in favor of limiting the number of hunters per day based on the zone system. He said that works well at the Browne Tract in Essex/King and Queen Counties and allows for a measure of comfort and safety while hunting.
- Prepared vouchers, processed A/P, reconciled bank statements. Prepared financial statements.
- Invoiced Gloucester Rowing Association for utility bills at Lands End.
- Updated PAA registration information in SAM – System for Award Management – the federal registration portal required for federal grant reimbursements.
- Received notification of denial of funding for the PAA request to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for a boat ramp expansion to Stampers Bay landing in Middlesex County as well as for the Captain Sinclair's Recreations area in Gloucester County. The DGIF reviewers were unable to consider

the PAA as an applicant because the PAA has no revenue generating authority to cover maintenance. PAA staff has requested a meeting with the DGIF Division Director to discuss how to proceed with future applications.

- Met with a Middlesex County resident to discuss road ending public access opportunities across Middlesex County. Discussed the history of the PAA and future direction of water access.

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.

- Submitted quarterly financials and final reimbursement request to DEQ.
- Consulted with Matt Walker, Middlesex County Administrator concerning “Kings Grants” and land ownership rights to land within the Dragon Run Watershed. Provided legal and technical resources to explain how English Crown law rights intersect with American property rights law.
- Received a request from Craig Nicol, DEQ Groundwater Program Manager to attend the January Local Government Administrators meeting to discuss permitting steps for Middle Peninsula water suppliers who now find themselves being regulated. Any user requiring in excess of 300,000 gallons a month must apply for a permit. Mr. Nicol’s discussed how Middle Peninsula businesses need to apply for permits by the end of June or lose the grandfathering provision being offered by DEQ.
- Received a call from a Middlesex County resident looking for technical assistance on matters related to private donations for public benefit through a 501c3 tax exempt organization. The citizen has a private donor looking to make cash donations in exchange for tax credits.
- Consulted with Delegate Keith Hodges and Peggy Sanner, Legal Counsel for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, concerning strategies to move forward with the mandated local stormwater program requirements. Discussed a three pronged strategy, MS4 localities continue forward with implementation; local option for those localities who desire to administer local programs now as required or lastly shift program oversight back to DEQ to oversee.
- Requested a legal review of alleged errors and factual inaccuracies promoted by several constituents related to a Middle Peninsula Ditch Ownership study recently completed by John Morris of Beal, Etherington and Morris. Legal staff has reviewed the claims and has found no basis or reason to modify the findings of the study.
- Received an inquiry from an MPPDC Commissioner related to gas and oil exploration across the Middle Peninsula and local land use concerns. Researched lease ownership examples and provided example lease for review by MPPDC Commissioners.
- Discussed VDOT revenue sharing program components with Delegate Keith Hodges and Jennifer Debruike, VDOT Revenue Sharing Program Manager. Ms. Debruike indicates willingness for VDOT to issue a letter of clarification indicating that the VDOT revenue sharing will consider drainage issues impacting the transpirations system as Tier 1 projects. If the letter of clarification is satisfactory, Delegate Hodges will strike HB 528 Drainage ditch maintenance, etc.; use of revenue sharing highway funds.
- Attended a Department of Defense seminar in Hampton, Virginia on the impacts of DOD procurement contracts on regional and local economies in Virginia. The seminar unveiled software that allows

localities to see how gaining and losing major DOD contracts will economically affect its jurisdiction both directly and indirectly.

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.

- Submitted quarterly financials and final reimbursement request to DEQ.
- Consulted with Shana Jones, Director for the Virginia Coastal Law and Policy Clinic at the College of William and Mary related to research services and research approach.

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.

- Consulted with Alison Lennarz of Kaufman and Canoles, P. C, who wrote the legal brief on Legacy Planning for the Working Waterfronts “*Case Studies of Closed Working Waterfront Businesses in Seaside Virginia, May 2013*”, about speaking on this subject for the Legacy Planning portion at the Working Waterfronts Workshop to be held on February 26, 2014. The topic of her talk at the workshop will be “Preparing for Business Transition.”
- Participated in two Working Waterfront Workshop planning meetings in December 2013 and January 2014. Finalized conference agenda, speakers, and meeting logistics.
- Consulted with Danielle Molnar, NOAA Coastal Service Center, about presenting at the February 26th Virginia Working Waterfront Workshop and the need for an economic impact presentations. Ms. Molar agreed to present the NOAA Coastal and Ocean Jobs snapshot offering an economic impact assessment at the County level.

- Issued the notice of invite to the Working Waterfront Workshop as well as final draft agenda for the February 26th Virginia Working Waterfront Workshop. Arranged to have Bill Pruitt, retired VMRC Commissioner, serve as the plenary speaker for the event. Mr. Pruitt will speak on the subject matter of *A Lifetime Working on and Managing Virginia's Working Waterfronts*.

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.

- Developed draft framework of a plan identifying the current uses and zoning of the working waterfront and making recommendations for preserving the working waterfront of Aberdeen Creek. Submitted the draft to Gloucester County planning staff for review and comments. Staff will meet with Gloucester County by the end of January and will utilize the County's comments and suggestions to finalize the recommendations for preserving the working waterfront in Aberdeen Creek. Final report will be complete by May, 2014.
- Researched property ownership for the public landing located on Aberdeen Creek to attempt to clarify who is legally responsible for oversight and maintenance of property. Information found will be included in the final report for the Aberdeen Creek Harbor Master Plan.

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.

- Reviewed scope of work and developed a task list and timeline to proceed with the project.
- Requested appointments from each locality for a Water Reuse Committee that will review current water reuse regulations, case studies, and potential project/policies.
- Began researching Water Reclamation and Reuse Regulations (9VAC25-740-10 et seq) currently in the Final Adoption period of being amended.
- Received local appointments to the Water Reuse Committee from Gloucester, Essex, and Middlesex Counties.

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.

- Drafted and presented contracts and statement of work to Virginia Sea Grant for the recruitment of a Fellow to assist with the tax analysis portion of the project. Issued a contract for services to the VIMS Shoreline Studies Program for their assistance with inventorying geophysical attributes within the Aberdeen Creek TIF Program study area in Gloucester County.
- Received executed sub contracts for technical assistance work from the VIMS Shoreline Studies Program to help assess the technical, geophysical, and cost aspects of Aberdeen Creek dredging and financing effort.

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.

- Consulted with Laura Loding, IT services contractor, regarding status of new Rideshare website.
- Prepared FY15 draft budget and annual work plan. Prepared and submitted FY15 grant application for TDM program (Rideshare) operation.
- Participated in ACT Chesapeake Chapter Board Conference Call. Discussions included Board nominations and election, 2014 Work Plan and Budget, 2014 Legislative Summit, and Chapter Symposium.

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.

- Submitted quarterly financials and reimbursement request to VDOT.
- Coordinated a Ride along with VDOT for Middlesex and Mathews County for February 13. The ride along will allow for evaluation of road conditions and prioritization of transportation improvement projects in Middlesex and Mathews County by VDOT, MPPDC staff and possibly Middlesex County staff.
- Convened local planners meeting on December 18th. Agenda topics included the upcoming Sidewalk Gap Study required as a part of the Rural Transportation Program.
- Researched records for Route 1303 road ending in Gloucester County to determine boundaries and ownership. The research was a result of an inquiry by an adjacent property owner, Anthony Penza, Jr., regarding assistance with flooding due to lack of ditch maintenance.

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.

- Continued discussions with VDH regarding their NFWF grant to partially fund septic system upgrades to nitrogen reducing septic systems. VDH was initially awarded grant of \$750,000 to upgrade waived conventional systems to alternative nitrogen-reducing systems. The grant was later amended to provide up to \$7500 for ½ cost of installation of any nitrogen-reducing system. VDH has yet to approve or install any systems with this program.
- Consulted with Gary Wood, VDH contractor (NFWF grant) numerous times regarding next steps needed to partner with MPPDC Septic Repair Program to fund septic repair for Mathews County client.
- Participated in conference call with Dave Tiller and Steve Vecchione, VDH, regarding NFWF grant. Discussed grant requirements that are impediments to successful implementation of the program. Discussed source of MPPDC loan funds and suitability as match for VDH NFWF grant.
- Received phone call from Ashleigh Miller, Millers Septic regarding assistance for Mathews County homeowner with malfunctioning clearstream system. Discussed need to have health department certify that system is in need of repair. Received phone calls from homeowner, discussed program requirements and mailed application.
- Convened MPPDC loan committee to review Mathews County application for septic repair utilizing VDH NFWF grant funds. Application approved for MPPDC funding of \$8450 - \$2999 in loan funds and \$5451 in VRA grant funds. The remaining funding (\$7500) to come from the VDH NFWF grant. Prepared closing documents and provided to Gary Wood, VDH consultant who met with client to sign and notarize documents.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner regarding assistance available. Directed to website to download application.
- Consulted with Mathews County homeowners, contractor, and Mathews County Health Department staff numerous times before receiving all documentation needed to approve application for assistance for malfunctioning clearstream system repair. Application approved for up to \$3000 in loan funds. Prepared and emailed loan closing documents to homeowner.
- Met with Mathews County homeowners to close on loan for septic repair.
- Consulted with Middlesex County client who is having continuing problems with recently installed alternative septic system. Recommended he contact the engineer who designed the system, contractor and Middlesex Health Department.
- Received phone call from Ashleigh Miller, Millers Septic, and a New Kent County homeowner regarding assistance available for New Kent County septic repairs. Explained that only Middle Peninsula homeowners are eligible for MPPDC program. Provided contact information for Richmond Regional PDC and SERCAP for possible assistance.

- Received phone call from Gloucester County client regarding approved funding package. Client had been approved in early December and requested to contact MPPDC if interested in accepting offer. Client and funding package information sent to Middlesex Title to set closing date.
- Received phone call from Gloucester County homeowner interested in assistance for either septic repair or sewer hook-up. Discussed funding that may be available from VDH NFWF grant for sewer hook-up and provided contact information for VDH consultant. Also discussed VDH NFWF grant for installation of nitrogen-reducing septic system and MPPDC loan/grant funding availability. Directed her to website to download MPPDC application.

*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 - ~\$63,136 of which a maximum of \$19,331 can be in the form of grants to 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 manage 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.

- 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.

- Received a joint draft project time table with milestones from Dr, Troy Hartley, Virginia Sea Grant and Neal Barber, MPPDC Project Contractor. Milestone table relates to when and how the project will interface with private industry across the Middle Peninsula.
- Convened a project planning meeting with Beverley Coleman, DHCD liaison, serving as project outreach coordinator. Discussed overall project design and how Virginia Universities will interact with the grant award to form a University Partnership across the Middle Peninsula to grow Middle Peninsula businesses.
- Received notice that Virginia Commonwealth University has responded to the Virginia Sea grant RFP issued to assist the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority with developing a facility reuse plan for the Captain Sinclair Recreation Area facility in Gloucester County. Virginia Sea Grant will assemble and RFP review team to score the proposal.

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.

- Received the final appointments to the Broadband Committee. Scheduled the first meeting for January 15, 2014 with Sandie Terry of CIT as the guest speaker. Ms. Terry will talk about which Broadband systems work, which do not work, and why in rural communities.
- Scheduled a Middle Peninsula Broadband Authority meeting for January 15, 2014. Middlesex County is now a member of the Broadband Authority with Matt Walker appointed as the County representative.

Members appointed to the Broadband Committee

	Essex	Gloucester	King William	King and Queen	Mathews	Middlesex
Members	Stanley Langford	Brenda Garton	Trent Funkhouser	Tom Swartzwelder	Mindy Moran	Jack Miller
	Bud Smith	Garrey Curry			Dick Couch	Chris Ingram
	Bill Croxton	Scott Varner			OJ Cole or Jack White (TBD)	Matt Walker
		Phillip Bazzani				

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)

- Preparing NFWF grant application to provide incentives for Living Shoreline installations. Proposed project to include design of a Living Shorelines Revolving Loan Program (LSIP) which may include an insurance fund to assist homeowners if plantings need to be replaced before they have been able to take hold due to early storms, one or more demonstration projects at MPCBPAA property on the Severn River in Gloucester County, and grant funding as incentive to homeowners. Securing loan funds to capitalize the Revolving Loan Fund will be crucial to the success of this project. MPDPC staff have discussed this with DEQ and will continue to explore options to finance the RLF.
- Consulted with Scott Hardaway and Donna Milligan, VIMS Shoreline Studies Program (SSP), regarding their interest in participating in the NFWF LSIP proposal and project. SSP would prepare a shoreline management plan for the Sinclair Landing property in Gloucester County and design and oversee

construction of one or more living shoreline demonstration projects. SSP will also assist with permitting and design reviews for participating homeowners.

- Reviewed draft amendment to local ordinance Chapter 130 Sewage Disposal Systems prepared by Sands Anderson for Mathews County to allow for the collateralization and payback of septic repair loans for failing septic systems on “heir properties.”
- Meet with Reese Peck, Essex County Administrator, to review the Agriculture and Forestry Industry Development scope of work that was submitted and funded through the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The drafted RFP submitted with the AFID grant application was reviewed and discussed. Assistance offered to the county as needed in getting the proposal together for bid opening.

Project 30015 Tappahannock 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.

- Convened two meetings with the Essex –Tappahannock Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee. The Steering Committee met on December 18th and January 8th to update the Land Use and the Public Facilities sections of the comprehensive plans.

Project 30016 Essex Comp Plan Update

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).

- Contacted David Moore, Virginia Cooperative Extension Director for Middlesex County, for information on the forestry activities in Essex County. Mr. Moore provided information on the forestry industry in Essex County that will be used in the update of the Essex Comprehensive Plan.
- Convened two meetings with the Essex –Tappahannock Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee. The Steering Committee met on December 18th and January 8th to update the Land Use and the Public Facilities sections of the comprehensive plans.
- Contacted Rodney Gordon, Director of Essex County Social Services Department, regarding his input on the public services section of the Essex County Comprehensive plan.

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.

- 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.
- Participated in monthly VAPDC Board Conference call to request VAPDC support of request for all state agencies to recognize PDC's indirect cost allocation plans and allow for reimbursement of costs with state grants. Currently there is great inconsistency between state agencies and even within different divisions within the same state agency as to how PDC indirect costs are handled. MPPDC asked

VAPDC if they would consider supporting a request to the new governor to require state agencies to recognize PDC's approved plans and rates as allowable costs. VAPDC was unwilling to take this on, but did agree to send out a survey to the PDC's to gather information on the extent of the problem. Prepared survey for distribution to PDC's.

- Submitted FY13 MPPDC Audit Reports and FY14 Indirect Cost Plans to funders as required by grant contracts. Reports sent to VRA, DEQ, VDOT, DRPT, DCR, and EDA.
- Prepared and submitted annual Certificate of No-Default to VRA as required for septic loan funding through VCWRLF.
- Attended VACorp/ Standard Insurance VRS Hybrid Retirement Plan disability benefits mandate implementation meeting in Town of Tappahannock.
- Participated in VACorp webinar on Employee Leave mandates – discussed Americans with Disabilities Act, Workman's Comp, Family and Medical Leave Act, and Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights mandates.
- Submitted local FY15 budget requests to County Administrators and Town Managers.
- Processed and submitted 2013 W2s to Social Security Administration and PDC staff.

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.

- Transmitted the Final report of the Floating Structures project to Northern Neck PDC, Accomack Northampton PDC, VDH, DHCD, VMRC, VIMS, VCU, Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and DEQ.

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.

- Consulted with Bob Gittler, U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration liaison to the Middle Peninsula, concerning the review of the Middle Peninsula Comprehensive Economic Development strategy. Provided Mr. Gittler with a copy of the MPPDC CEDS adoption resolution for inclusion in the review process. MPPDC should expect review comments by the end of January 2014.

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.

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Virginia Working Waterfronts Workshop

Exploring Issues that Impact Water Dependent Uses

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

You are invited to participate in an engaging discussion among watermen, water dependent businesses and water related organizations.

We will exchange ideas and suggestions about issues impacting Virginia's water access and working waterfronts. Together we will discuss potential strategies to keep Virginia's waterfronts working!

Attend and help identify:

- Who and what could be at risk
- Why we should care
- Best next steps

Two Locations!

Virginia Institute of Marine Science
 Waterman's Hall
 Rte. 1208 Greate Road
 Gloucester Point, VA 23062
Directions to VIMS

Eastern Shore Community College (Satellite)
 29300 Lankford Hwy
 Melfa, VA 23410
Directions to ESCC

Virginia's working waterfronts are of great historic, economic and cultural value. Unfortunately, they are disappearing. It's time to find solutions.

The following organizations have come together to harvest solutions at the Virginia Working Waterfronts Workshop:



Registration is FREE! Register Today! Space Limited!

Light breakfast and lunch provided.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 19, 2014

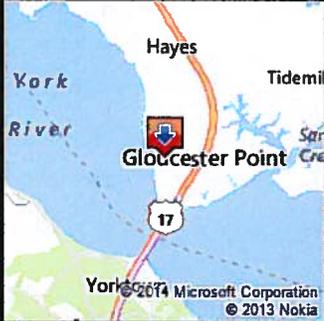
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Virginia Working Waterfronts Workshop: Exploring Issues that Impact Water Dependent Uses

Please join us for an interactive workshop for watermen, business owners, organizations and other interested groups or individuals to begin a conversation about needs within Virginia's working waterfront community. Challenges in Virginia as well as in other east coast areas will be covered and potential solutions will be explored.

* Required information

Information

* **First Name:**

* **Last Name:**

* **Email Address:**

* **Confirm Email Address:**

Company:

Job Title:

Address 1:

City:

State:

* **ZIP Code:**

Phone:

At which location will you attend the workshop?

- Virginia Institute of Marine Science
- Eastern Shore Community College

Badge Information

* **Badge Name:**

Agenda:

9:30 - 9:40 am [Welcome Introductions](#)

Tom Murray, Associated Director, Department of Advisory Services, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

9:40 - 10:10 am [A Lifetime Working on and Managing Virginia's Working Waterfronts](#)

Bill Pruitt, Retired, Virginia Marine Resources Commissioner

10:10 - 10:20 am [National Working Waterfront Network and Website Video Tour of Tools and Case Studies](#)

Lisa Lawrence, Marine Education Specialist, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Law and Working Waterfronts

10:20 - 10:40 am [US Legal Rulings Impacting Working Waterfronts](#)

Terra Bowling, Research Counsel, National Sea Grant Law Center

10:40 - 11:00 am [Virginia Legal Rulings Impacting Working Waterfronts](#)

Including Bavuso, Garrett and Jennings Ruling and VA Supreme Court rulings Mary-Carson Saunders Stiff, Coastal Policy Clinic, William and Mary Law Center

11:00 - 11:15 am Panel Questions

11:15 - 11:30 am Break

Economic Importance of Working Waterfront

11:30 - 11:45 am [Coastal and Ocean Snap Shots of Your County \(Incomes, Jobs, Taxes\)](#)

Danielle Molnar, Coastal Service Center, NOAA

Virginia Planning

11:45 - 12:30 pm [Understanding How Zoning, Comprehensive Planning, and Ordinances Influence Your Business](#)

Anne Ducey Ortiz, Director of Planning and Zoning, Gloucester County

12:30 - 1:00 pm **Lunch**

Legacy Planning

1:00 - 1:20 pm [Building a Business for the Next Generation](#)

Ken Smith, President, Virginia Waterman's Association

1:20 - 1:40 pm [Preparing for Business Transition](#)

Alison Lennarz, Kaufman & Canoles

1:40 - 2:00 pm *Panel Questions*

Emerging Markets and Access to New Markets

2:00 - 2:15 pm [Training Waterman to Lead Ecotours](#) (Video and Discussion)

Paula Jasinski, President, Chesapeake Environmental Communications

2:15 - 2:30 pm [Economic Development \(CEDS\), Local Planning and Workforce Readiness](#)

Donald McCann, Representative, Virginia Marine Trade Association

2:30 - 2:45 pm *Panel Questions*

Virginia's Plan for Working Waterfronts

2:45 - 3:00 pm [Working Waterfront Plan](#)

Beth Polak, Coastal Planner, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program

Tom Murray, Associated Director, Department of Advisory Services, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Wrap up

3:00 pm *Next Steps*

Tanya Denckla Cobb, Associate Director, Institute for Environmental
Negotiation, University of Virginia

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