



*Rachael L. Peabody
Acting Executive Director*

*Hon. Ashley C. Chriscoe
Chairman*

MEMORANDUM

TO: MPPDC Board of Commissioners
FROM: Rachael Peabody, Acting Executive Director
DATE: October 17, 2025
RE: October Commission Meeting

The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the HUB33 Mattaponi Conference Room at the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission office located at 4521 Lewis B. Puller Memorial Highway in Mattaponi, VA 23110.

Enclosed are the October meeting agenda and supporting materials for you to review before the meeting.

If you have any questions concerning material in your agenda packet, please give me a call at (804) 785-8100 or email me at rpeabody@mppdc.com

I look forward to seeing you on **October 22, 2025**.

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Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

4521 Lewis B. Puller Memorial Highway

Mattaponi, VA 23110

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of September Minutes
- III. Financial Report Discussion
- IV. Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for October
- V. MPCBPAA Update (Lewis Lawrence)
- VI. MPA Update (Ashley Chriscoe)
- VII. MPPDC Public Relations/Communications Update
- VIII. Public Comment

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- IX. Fight the Flood Presentation – Stephanie Heintz (Consociate Media), MPPDC Fight the Flood Team
- X. Updates from VAPDC
- XI. Discussion: 2026 Legislative Priorities
- XII. Update on New Grant and Revolving Loan Awards
- XIII. Review of UVA report on Past and Future Demographic Trends in Virginia
- XIV. Other Business
 - a. Review upcoming Commission appointment expirations
- XV. Adjournment

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MIDDLE PENINSULA PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

September 24, 2025

Mattaponi, Virginia

I. Welcome and Introductions

The monthly meeting of the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission was held in the Mattaponi Board Room at the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission office in Mattaponi, Virginia on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. MPPDC Chairman, Ashley Chriscoe welcomed everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present

Essex County: Bud Smith, John Magruder

Gloucester County: Ashley Chriscoe, Chris Renew, Tony Nicosia

King and Queen County: Mark Berry, Marie Norman, Vivian Seay

Mathews County: Ramona Wilson, Tom Bowen, Tim Hill

Middlesex County: Wayne Jessie, Matt Walker, Kendall Webre

Town of West Point: James Pruet

Town of Tappahannock: Kay Carlton, Steve Wright

Town of Urbanna: Dr. William Goldsmith

Commissioners Absent

Essex County: Sarah Pope, April Rounds

King William County: Justin Catlett, Benjamin Edwards

Mathews County: David Jones

Middlesex County: Reggie Williams

Also in Attendance

Rachael Peabody, MPPDC Acting Executive Director

Jennifer Farmer, MPPDC Director of Operations Manager

Guests

II. Approval of July Minutes

Chairman Chriscoe asked whether there were any corrections or changes to the July Minutes. There being no corrections to the Minutes, Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to approve the July Minutes. Dr. Goldsmith moved that the July Minutes be approved. Wayne Jesse seconded the motion; motion carried.

III. Financial Report Discussion

Acting Executive Director Rachael Peabody discussed the official letter from the Chief Financial Officer outlining the financial issues being addressed. This includes hiring a subcontractor to reconcile bank statements, assigning the new financial planner to manage payroll and accounts payable, and creating a revised work plan to ensure continuity of operations within the finance department.

IV. Executive Director’s Report on Staff Activities for the August and September

Acting Executive Director Rachael Peabody reported on several activities: the RTA grant application includes the Urbanna Marina bridge and West Point Commerce Park design; PDIP applications were submitted for working waterfront designs across the Middle Peninsula; approximately \$421,000 was awarded for septic repair and replacement in upper King and Queen County; \$1.5 million in IIJA funding is available; and MPPDC will move forward with a website refresh.

V. MPCBPAA Update

Acting Executive Director Rachael Peabody discussed that Managing Director Lewie Lawrence is working on dredging for 17 federal channels and he will provide an update at a future Commission meeting.

VI. MPA Update

Chairman Chriscoe announced that the PDC received a three-year EDA grant to support establishing the MPA. Acting Executive Director Rachael Peabody reported that the PDC has been designated an Economic Development District (EDD). The grant provides three years of capacity funding for activities including site visits, marketing, development of the EDA plan, and reconvening members.

VII. MPPDC Public Relations/Communications Update

Stephanie Heinatz with Consociate provided an update on the all-hazards mitigation survey that was distributed. Additionally, Consociate is preparing the accrued benefits report for CZM. The Fight the Flood initiative continues with business updates, and the Guinea Marsh project will be launching soon.

VIII. Public Comment

None.

IX. DRPT Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan Approval

Walker Freer and Kaylei Verrill of ICF presented the new five-year Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan, which was included in the meeting packet. ICF discussed the plan’s goals and recommendations, including target markets and customers. John Magruder moved that the MPPDC Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan be approved. Kendall Webre seconded the motion; motion carried.

X. Adoption of the MPPDC FY26 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan

Acting Executive Director Rachael Peabody presented the MPPDC Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for FY25-26. Steve Wright moved that the FY25-FY26 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan be approved. Kendall Webre seconded the motion; motion carried.

XI. FEMA All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

Director of Planning Jackie Rickards provided a progress update on the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, outlining its purpose, funding sources, and the goals identified by localities. She noted that information gathered from the localities will be incorporated into the plan and reported that Chapters 1 and 3 have already been updated.

XII. DEQ Water Supply Plan Update

Director of Planning Jackie Rickards provided an update on the Water Supply Plan, noting that amendments to the Local and Regional Water Supply Planning regulations became effective on October 19, 2024. Contracts have been established with Wetland Studies and Solutions to complete the plan. While this mandate was unfunded, localities have contributed funding to support the update.

XIII. Other Business

John Magruder noted that he attended a forestry tour in the Middle Peninsula with Don Scott on September 22 and spoke on the needs of the region.

XIV. Adjournment

Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to adjourn. Matt Walker so moved; Kendall Webre seconded the motion; motion carried.

**Note: All handouts distributed at a meeting are filed in the official MPPDC record book of the minutes. Copies of all PowerPoint presentations, if any, are filed with the official minutes.*

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Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Executive Director's Report of Regional Progress
October 14, 2025

Note: On May 23, 2018, the Commission voted to direct staff to email all future documents including the Commission meeting packets to save on postage. As we strive to make this report more informative and user-friendly, some previously contained information may now be accessed by clicking on the following link(s):

- For Demographic Information: [Community Profiles \(virginiaworks.com\)](http://virginiaworks.com)
- For MPPDC Website: <https://www.mppdc.com/>

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INFORMATION RESOURCES/ASSISTANCE

- Updated www.mppdc.com website – meeting notices, reports, news releases, GO Va meetings, financial assistance programs, etc.

COASTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ ENVIRONMENTAL

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

Project 30001 – VCZMP Coastal Technical Assistance FY24

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.

- Attended the Coastal Policy Team meeting on September 29th. Agenda items included Section 309 updates, updates on the model Review, assess, and document (RAD) Floodplain management policy, and FY26-28 Focal Area Discussion, Selection, & Next Steps.
- Provided Consociate Media with a list FY 25 and FY 26 regional flood protection investment totals for the accrued benefits deliverable.
- Drafted and submitted the semi-annual report.
- Made updates to the PAA reservation system to accommodate Delta Waterfowl who are introducing 24 women to waterfowl hunting.
- Outlined and began draft of annual accrued benefits report.
- Monthly maintenance (security scans and backup) of VA Coastal Wilds website.
- Attended the Wetlands Policy Task Force meeting and provided input for the draft document due to the Governor's office in December.

Project 30002 – DEQ Chesapeake Bay WIP Technical Assistance 2025

MPPDC will continue to engage localities and regional and state partners regarding Bay WIP III programmatic actions and implementation activities with funding provided by DEQ.

- Submitted the final scope of work for 2026 funding.
- Assisted in the review of the application for more SLPP funding to repair septic systems in the region.
- Assisted in the review of the 2025 Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Grant application to DEQ for additional funding to implement best management practices

Project 30005 – DCR CFPP Resiliency Planning

This project looks to expand the capacity of the Middle Peninsula Fight the Flood program. In part, MPPDC staff will hire a FTF Administrator and will work with Consociate Media to implement a marketing strategy to promote and solicit additional participation in the FTF program.

- Drafted the quarterly report. This will be submitted on October 30th.
- Two FTF Team Members attended and completed the Chesapeake Bay Landscape Program – Living Shoreline Certificate Training.
- Coordinated with the York River Steward and Mathews Land Conservancy on a Fall Community outreach event.

- Partnered with Wetland Watch to promote the 2025 Catch the King event and encourage citizens registered in FTF to participate.
- Received a new FTF business registration requests.
- Continued to receive and process both septic and living shoreline loan requests.
- Began to plan a FTF Registered Businesses Roundtable and set the date for November 21, 2025.
- Continued discussions about DCR’s CFPF Round 6 projects.
- Developed and published a Fight the Flood blog post on the real cost of flood damage.
- Developed and published a Fight the Flood blog post on a flood resiliency checklist for property owners.
- Developed and published a Fight the Flood blog post on flood fund grant awards in region.
- Developed and published a Fight the Flood blog post featuring Wetlands Watch Catch the King tide survey project.
- Continued communication on Fight the Flood social media channels.
- Supporting planning of upcoming Fight the Flood business roundtable meeting.

Project 30006 – NOAA Marine Debris Removal Pilot

Project provides consulting services under a NOAA grant administered by Lynnhaven River NOW (LRN), including conducting research, and developing recommendations for the removal of abandoned and derelict vessels in Virginia's coastal zone, as well as contributing to the formulation of an abandoned and derelict vessel (ADV) removal and prevention program tailored to Virginia's needs.

- During this reporting period, MPPDC staff continued coordination and monitoring of vessel removal activities in Gloucester County and surrounding areas. Staff submitted the semi-annual report and reimbursement request on September 30, 2025, ensuring program compliance and funding continuity.
- LRN is continuing to hold on the removal of one vessel in Gloucester County due to an active criminal investigation by the Virginia Marine Police. MPPDC staff are maintaining communication with enforcement personnel to monitor the situation and ensure appropriate handling of the case.
- LRN has received confirmation from NOAA prioritizing the removal of five vessels: four located at the end of Browns Bay Road (two at the State Dock and two in the adjacent cove), and one in Monday Creek at the end of Maryus Road. Staff worked to ground truth the Browns Bay vessels and confirmed that two of the four vessels have been removed, while two remain. Clarification was provided to LRN regarding which vessels were removed. MPPDC staff continue to coordinate with VMRC Marine Police and provide local knowledge and logistical support for ongoing removal efforts.
- MPPDC staff participated in a field coordination meeting with VIMS, LRN, and DEQ CZM staff to explore the use of drone technology for documenting vessels in remote marsh areas that are otherwise inaccessible on foot. This approach remains under consideration to improve planning, access, and documentation for future removal operations.
- Staff also provided comments to DEQ CZM on marine debris strategies, which were well-received and appreciated for their practical input and local context.
- LRN has begun working directly with Gloucester County staff to support vessel removal efforts. MPPDC staff continue to assist with interagency coordination, communication, and planning for physical removal. Discussions with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources are ongoing to explore options for documenting and tagging vessels in localities where law enforcement lacks capacity.

Project 30007 – VCZMP 309 Dredging Financing

Model language will be developed to assist local governments interested in establishing tax revenue financing mechanisms for supporting dredging and flood protection activities. A pilot financing structure will be developed for Middlesex County for dredging and flood protection of Broad Creek.

- Drafted and submitted the semi-annual report and final financial report to the CZM program.
- Requesting 3-month extension to coordinate the financial tools and draft model ordinance with the PAA.

Project 30008 – VPA MP-ES Dredge Material Planning

Developing a Dredge Material Management Initiative Master Plan for the Middle Peninsula and Eastern Shore Regions.

- Coordinated with UVA Weldon Center for Public Service to develop a white paper that outlines the legal and regulatory framework for the placement of dredged material including in-water disposal, upland placement, and associated impacts, and identifies feasible reuse pathways informed by stakeholder input and comparative research.
- Conducted research of time of year restrictions impacting dredging and placement operations to inform optimal operational windows.
- Coordinated to conduct a site assessment and mapping exercise for in-water and upland placement strategies and locations.
- Reviewed mineral mapping reports to inform potential material reclamation and dredged material placement strategies proximate to channels to be dredged.
- Continued work on a material management plan for Aberdeen Creek, Whiting Creek, and Davis Creek.

Project 30009 – CFPF Captain Sinclairs Berm/Road Flood Mitigation

Project is to design and develop a draft permit application for construction of a flood mitigation berm to address recurrent flooding at the MPCBPAA Captain Sinclairs Recreation Area in Gloucester. The project also involves elevation of the public road at the site for flood mitigation purposes.

- Drafted the final report for DCR.

Project 30186 – Elevated Septic Pilot FY22

Construction of a vertically elevated septic system will occur at the King & Queen Telehealth and Business Development Center as part of a three-year pilot program to analyze an engineered septic unit that houses and treats all sewage effluent in a vertically elevated, self-contained unit suitable for areas with high water tables and flooding in Coastal Virginia.

- Has been installed and is operational, just waiting on final report from Triangle.

Project 30190 – DCR Flood Fund - Hoskins Creek (Tappahannock)

Project is to design, obtain permits for, and construct a living shoreline on the Town-owned property adjacent to the Rte. 17 bridge over Hoskins Creek in Tappahannock.

- Submitted the final report previously. IJA funds were also awarded as part of this effort but had not yet been disbursed to the Town. Those funds were received this early September 2025, reimbursement to the town is pending drafting final project sign off.

Project 30196 – DCR Flood Fund – Round 3 Supplemental (York Private Property Shorelines)

VDCR CFPF funding for two shoreline protection construction projects on private properties within the York River watershed.

- Drafted the final report for DCR.

Project 30197 – DCR Flood Fund – Round 3 Supplemental (Mobjack Private Property Flood Mitigation)

VDCR CFPF funding for three shoreline protection construction projects and one stormwater flood protection project. All are located on private property within the Mobjack Bay watershed.

- Drafted the quarterly report. This will be submitted on October 30th.

Project 320224 – Staff Support to Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority (MPCBPAA)

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.

- Conducted monthly financial management activities.

Project 32174 – NFWF & VCZMP Hog Island Restoration

Project is for permitting and constructing a nature-based shoreline protection solution along the perimeter of the MPCBPAA-owned Hog Island property which continues to experience substantial erosion. The project is funded in part with federal funding from NFWF and NOAA via the VA Coastal Zone Management Program.

- Received notice from NFWF that they will not be accepting our indirect rate and that they will only except the De Minimis rate. This review should finalize the financials

Project 35001 – VCZMP Ecotourism Booster

The project will add the George Washington Regional Commission to the Virginia Water Trails website, hold a planning process to develop a sustainable solution for the Virginia Certified Ecotour Guide Course (VCEG), hire a consultant to lead the 2025 VCEG, and to pilot the development of an experiential water trail video to promote recreation, tourism and history of Urbanna Creek in Middlesex County.

- Requested an extension to this project.
- Worked with Consociate Media on an updated timeline for video development.
- Continued coordination with subject matter experts for development of experiential water trail video.

Project 30301 – Guinea Marsh Restoration

The project will preliminarily design and advance nature-based coastal resilience solutions that protect more than 1,000 acres of tidal marshes, dunes, and beaches in Gloucester County, Virginia, while strengthening community resilience and honoring local cultural and historical connections to the landscape. This project is funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) National Coastal Resilience Fund and administered by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) with subaward to MPPDC.

- Executed subaward with DCR to initiate work
- Contracted with Carlexson Consulting for project management and professional services to support the procurement and management of all subcontracts and provide technical oversight and professional services for report and deliverable development.
- Coordinated with Consociate Media to partner in all community and stakeholder engagement for the project including participation in outreach sessions and stakeholder meetings, development of a community-informed implementation plan, and production of educational materials to communicate project goals, benefits, and updates to the public.
- Coordinated with academic institutions to outline field services including LiDAR, bathymetric surveys, and biological assessments of the project area.

TRANSPORTATION

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

Project 30222 – VDRPT Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) Operating FY26

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.

- Signed agreement with Consociate Media for subcontract marketing and promotional work for FY26.
- Met with Kathy Molin to discuss quarterly goals.
- Completed final minor grammatical revisions to the Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan.

Project 31007 – VDOT Rural Transportation Planning FY26

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.

- Timmons has initiated work on the Transportation Screening Tool.
- Discussion with the Resilience Office on flooding in the Middle Peninsula – specifically ditches and low-lying areas.
- Local Planners Meeting on September 24 with Cassy Lord giving an overview of Smart Scale Round 7 and what scores well for the Middle Peninsula (safety).

Project 32169 – USDOT RAISE Public Working Waterfront Designs

Project is to conduct a region-wide planning project that will result in a suite of shovel-ready, high-priority multimodal transportation infrastructure improvements intended to address critical needs related to the region's publicly owned working waterfronts in order to meet the modern and future needs of the region's growing commercial seafood and maritime industries. The project will involve three distinct tasks: 1) State of Good Repair Condition Assessments, 2) Multimodal Working Waterfront Needs Assessment and Improvement Strategies, and 3) Multimodal Working Waterfront Improvement Plan Development.

- VHB continued NEPA process regarding environmental scoping work & path forward
- VHB sent direct emails to watermen and seafood distributors to encourage additional responses to the Benefits Survey
- VHB finalized the 30% design drawings for all (11) sites

- VHB began the development of the final Maritime Working Waterfront Implementation Plan Report
 - Developed Outline for sections of report and necessary graphics
 - Developed first draft of multiple sections of the report

Project 301012 – DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF)/VMRC Waterway Maintenance

Fund (WMF) Davis Creek (Mathews) Dredging.

Project is for finalizing dredged material disposal solution obtaining appropriate permits and implementing dredging of Davis Creek.

- Continued to monitor the Rights-of-Entry requests which were submitted by the US Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) to property owners for the purpose of obtaining permission for the USACE to conduct necessary field work/site investigations at a number of Upland Placement (UP) and Marsh Elevation Enhancement (MEE) sites.
- Conducted IPR meeting #2 with the USACE, Mathews County and the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission to discuss the current and future status of UP and MEE dredge material placement as well as project future funding options. Summary notes were developed and coordinated with participants.
- Continued coordination with the USACE regarding Section 408 requirements.
- Began efforts to schedule IPR meeting #3.

Project 38810 – VPA Waterway Maintenance Fund (WMF) Aberdeen Creek (Gloucester) Dredging

Gloucester County was awarded VA Port Authority Waterway Maintenance Funding to dredge the Aberdeen Creek channel to -7 feet Mean Low Water and place the dredged material at an appropriate location. MPPDC is administering the grant on behalf of the County with procurement and permitting assistance and project oversight.

- Collected updated channel bathymetry to inform conceptual plans for dredged material placement in the Aberdeen Spit habitat restoration footprint. Field collection of data was completed and post-processing to inform conceptual plans is ongoing including an incremental volume analysis of the channel relative to available placement capacity.
- Coordinated with industry representatives about feasibility of dewatering fine-grained dredged material in geotubes within the tidal prism with a soft foundational footprint.
- Coordinated with CBNERR for cross-sharing of knowledge about habitat restoration, representative marsh data, and potential alignment of future phases of work.

Project 38811 – DCR Flood Fund – Broad Creek (Middlesex) Dredging and Jetty Design

Project is for designing and dredging Broad Creek while concurrently designing and developing a draft joint permit application for the construction of shoaling protection structures along the mouth of the channel to ensure long-term navigability.

- Drafted the quarterly report. This will be submitted on October 30th.

Project 38812 – DCR Flood Fund – Whiting Creek (Middlesex) Dredging

Project is for designing and developing a draft permit application for dredging and beneficial reuse of disposal of dredged material at Whiting Creek.

- Conducted IPR meeting #5 with Middlesex County and the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission to discuss the Design/Draft Permit Application (JPA) phase. Summary notes were developed and coordinated with participants.
- Identified a potential dredged material placement area such that VIMS could conduct preliminary coordination contact with the property owners. VIMS has contacted the property owners.
- A pre-application meeting will be scheduled with the regulatory permitting agencies once the Dredge Project Design is completed by VIMS.
- Continued coordination with the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding Section 408 requirements.
- Began efforts to schedule IPR meeting #6.
- Provided input for the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission to include in a quarterly report to the Commonwealth of Virginia grant agency. This will be submitted on October 30th.

Project 38813 – Broad Creek Spot Dredging (Middlesex) VPA Emergency Dredging

Project is for emergency dredging of the federal navigation channel and placement of dredging material in the federal upland placement site adjacent to Broad Creek.

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ONSITE REPAIR & PUMPOUT

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

Project 301981 – FY25 Gwynn’s Island Septic

To support the MPPDC Regional On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Funding Program, this grant from Mathews Community Foundation provides septic repair assistance to LMI homeowners on Gwynn’s Island.

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Project 32163 – DEQ 319(h) NPS IP for BMP Residential Septic 2021

This project provides cost-share assistance to landowners, homeowners, and agricultural operators as an incentive to voluntarily install nonpoint source (NPS) best management practices (BMPs) in designated watersheds.

- Working with the last homeowner to complete the project by December.

Project 32173 VDH Septic Well Assistance Program (SWAP)

This project will provide grant funding to assist VDH approved low-income Middle Peninsula homeowners with costs associated with septic repair/installation, private well installation/abandonment, and connecting to public water and sewer for the purposes of wastewater/water improvements.

- During this reporting period, MPPDC staff continued to manage ongoing projects under the Septic and Well Assistance Program (SWAP) and support implementation in King and Queen, King William, Gloucester, Mathews, and Essex counties. Staff remain focused on advancing projects, monitoring compliance, and resolving issues that impact progress.
- The King and Queen Airport Road project is now in progress and represents the final project expected to utilize remaining local SWAP funds. Staff have coordinated design, permitting, and contractor engagement to advance installation, ensuring readiness for implementation. Bids for installation were completed, and work is actively underway.

- The King William well project is now complete, and payment to the contractor has been processed. Earlier in the program, a critical funding amendment reallocating funds to the King William well project was finalized by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) on May 15, 2025, resolving a major barrier that had previously stalled progress.
- The broader SWAP program continues to be managed by MPPDC staff. The application period closed over a year ago, with 22 completed applications received. Of these, 20 applicants submitted the required income documentation verified by the Local Health Department, confirming eligibility under the program's $\leq 200\%$ federal poverty guideline threshold. One applicant was found over-income and referred to alternative assistance programs, while another did not submit required documentation and was unable to proceed.
- To date, seven projects have been completed under SWAP, including septic systems in Gloucester and Mathews counties, wells in Gloucester and Essex counties, and well abandonment projects in Essex County. Some projects remain pending due to permitting delays, engineering requirements, or previous funding challenges.
- MPPDC staff continue regular communication with VDH and other stakeholders to monitor project status, maintain compliance, and resolve issues. With the King and Queen Airport Road project underway, remaining local SWAP funds are expected to be fully utilized. The grant is on track to close out by its scheduled end date of December 2025.

Project 32178 VDH Septic Well Assistance Program (SWAP) Direct to Partner Initiative (D2PI)

This project will utilize American Rescue Plan Act Funding (ARPA) through the SWAP Program to expedite the installation and completion of ~5 VDH approved Middle Peninsula low-income homeowner's shovel-ready septic, sewer, and well installation projects for the purposes of wastewater/water improvements.

- During this reporting period, MPPDC staff continued to advance the direct discharge correction project in Chesapeake, which is the final project under Big SWAP. Progress on this project is dependent on securing all required permits due to the direct discharge component. Staff continue close coordination with VDH, DEQ, and Chesapeake Local Health Department staff to ensure the project moves forward within scope and budget once permitting is complete.

Project 32179 DEQ ARPA Septic Local Partner Program

This project will utilize American Rescue Plan Act Funding (ARPA) through the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to utilize a new and more cost-effective septic repair pilot program approach for participating Middle Peninsula homeowners with failing septic systems.

- During this reporting period, MPPDC staff continued implementation of the Fight the Flood (FTF) septic repair program, following notification of an additional award of approximately \$480,000. Staff provided the funder with updated timelines, budget details, and project schedules to support program planning and expanded regional reach. The contract for these additional funds is still pending from the funder.
- Staff addressed a cost challenge related to the first fleet purchase project. The contractor proposed a professional engineer-designed alternative drip system with a turnkey cost of approximately \$87,000, exceeding the original \$40,000 budget. MPPDC submitted over cost approval requests to DEQ and received approval. A Notice to Proceed has been issued to the contractor, and staff are drafting associated contract documents.

- Program activity continues to grow, with homeowner assistance requests increasing from 23 to 25. While most applicants remain outside the King William target area, staff continue to review eligibility and connect homeowners with alternative resources, including the septic loan program. Letters explaining program limitations and alternative assistance options have been distributed to non-target-area applicants.
- Progress continues on the first FTF septic repair project. A Notice to Proceed has been issued, and staff remain engaged with all parties to address installation requirements, including completion of a property survey. Outreach and intake improvements, including bulk application distribution to pre-screened likely qualifiers, are increasing processing efficiency and ensuring the program keeps pace with growing demand. Informational materials have also been distributed to county offices, libraries, social services, and local health departments to raise awareness and encourage participation.
- Staff attended a DEQ financial reporting webinar on October 8, 2025, to support compliance and program tracking. Coordination with Local Health Department personnel continues to identify additional households with verified septic failures, ensuring the program reaches the most vulnerable residents.
- As the program gains momentum, staff remain focused on advancing active projects, streamlining intake, expanding outreach, and supporting the fleet purchase to enhance regional capacity for timely septic repair services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

Project 301250 – Staff Support to Middle Peninsula Alliance (MPA) FY25

MPPDC staff are providing clerical and fiscal assistance to the Middle Peninsula Alliance.

- Received an EDA Capacity Grant to reconvene the MPA.

Project 38816 – DEQ IJJA Living Shoreline BMP Construction

MPPDC staff are constructing living shorelines within and outside of defined Most Effective Basin areas and submitting the projects to the DEQ BMP warehouse to help the Commonwealth meet its federally-mandated requirements to reduce nutrients and sediment pollution within the Chesapeake Bay.

- During this reporting period, MPPDC staff continued implementation and coordination of shoreline program activities in Middlesex and Essex counties under the remaining Mod 1 funds and the new Mod 2 award. Staff worked closely with homeowners, contractors, and partners through multiple site visits and meetings to advance new and pending projects through design and permitting. These coordination efforts required significant facilitation to address project-specific questions and maintain timelines for the next round of installations. Staff are also working with legal counsel to finalize the updated homeowner agreement, which will be used for upcoming projects once ready for execution.
- Several new properties entered the pipeline this month. Site 13 was designed and permitted earlier this year but will not move forward, as the homeowner declined to proceed in order to maintain family beach access. Site 14 has submitted permits for a Quickreef design with an estimated cost of \$89,250, and Site 16, also permitted, is estimated at \$86,600. Site 19, located in Urbanna, is advancing a 310-linear-foot project estimated at \$209,500, with permit applications submitted. Site 20, added following an intake system issue, has also submitted permits and received a contractor estimate of \$175,100.

- Other sites remain in coordination or decision stages. Site 15 withdrew its application on September 15, 2025. Site 17, previously permitted, was again declined by the property owners, and Site 18 also withdrew after receiving a riprap permit earlier in the year. Sites 21 and 22 are active in design and coordination, with one awaiting a contractor estimate and the other in early development. Sites 25 and 26 are currently in queue for future contact.
- MPPDC staff also conducted additional site visits during this period, including verification work at Site 24, which appeared to fall outside the MEB boundary. Staff confirmed the location and provided loan program information for the homeowner’s consideration. Site 23, which includes a large eroding peninsula affecting nearby properties and creek access, remains under evaluation for design and funding options and is expected to utilize the remaining Mod 1 balance once details are finalized.
- MPPDC continues to coordinate across active and pending shoreline projects, including oversight of construction activities, contractor engagement, loan processing, and reimbursement preparation. Most projects seeking reimbursement are either complete or awaiting final marsh grass installation. Staff are finalizing additional reimbursement packets as construction milestones are reached and continue to meet with finance personnel to ensure timely fund distribution to project partners.
- Interest in the program remains high, with staff continuing to respond to new homeowner inquiries and provide technical assistance on eligibility, permitting, and financing. Site-specific consultations are supported by DEQ-approved educational materials, and loan assistance continues to be available for qualifying property owners.
- Collectively, the current and pending projects in Middlesex and Essex counties reflect sustained regional demand for shoreline stabilization and demonstrate continued progress toward implementing living shoreline BMPs.

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.

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Project 35004– EDA Partnership Planning Program

The project will the enable Economic Development District (EDD) to provide comprehensive economic development planning services to the EDD region and will enable the EDD to successfully manage and coordinate the development and implementation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to address the unique needs of our region and support the region’s economic development and growth.

- Facilitated two field trips with all localities; one to the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing and Research in Danville and the other at the Dominion closed landfill solar field in Charlottesville.
- Under contract with Consociate Media for a MPPDC website rebuild to create a more modern, user-friendly, and accessible digital presence with a focus on economic development and promotion of the Fight the Flood business network.
- Signed Contract with EDA.

LOCAL INITIATIVES

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

Project 302010 – FY25 VA Water Trails Website Maintenance

MPPDC partners with PlanRVA, Accomack-Northampton PDC, and Northern Neck PDC to host and maintain the VA Water Trails website as a recreational, tourism, and public access resource to water trails within the partner regions – www.VirginiaWaterTrails.org

- Conducted monthly website maintenance of Virginia Water Trails website.

Project 38026 – FY26 Local & Regional Technical Assistance

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

- Continued discussions about DCR’s CFPF Round 6 projects.

Project 30003–DEQ Water supply Plan Update

This project addresses the Virginia General Assembly mandate to develop a water supply plan.

- Continue to work with consultant and localities to gather water supply data.

Project 38100 – LGA Grants Program

Research, write, secure, and monitor federal, state, local, and foundational grants for participating Middle Peninsula local governments based on needs identified by Local Government Administrators.

- Gloucester County & DCR signed grant agreement for \$250,000 in Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding to replace Swan Bridge in Beaverdam Park.
- Two Middle Peninsula projects are under consideration for inclusion in the FY26 federal budget via Congressionally Directed Spending (earmarks) by Senators Kaine & Warner:
 - Regional EOC Generators Project: \$673,842 to purchase and install generators providing backup power to emergency operations centers in Gloucester, Middlesex, and Essex counties
 - MPCBPAA Water-level Monitoring Program: \$933,585 to purchase, deploy, and operate for one-year water-level monitoring stations across the Middle Peninsula
 - Staff will provide updates as the federal budget is developed.
- Two projects are under consideration for inclusion in the FY26 federal budget via Community Project Funding (earmarks) by Representative Wittman:
 - MPCBPAA Regional Dredging Program: \$810,000 to acquire dredged material disposal sites to support municipal dredging program
 - Winter Harbor Dredging: \$2M pass-through funding to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for maintenance dredging
 - Staff will provide updates as the federal budget is developed.
- Perrindise Marina’s Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) proposal for \$743,950 to install new boat slips and other improvements for transient boaters progressed to initial round of reviews. VDH conducted site visit and will provide updates on next steps.
- Submitted two VDEM Emergency Shelter Upgrade Assistance Grant proposals:
 - \$223,466 for generator upgrades required to relocate Mathews County’s emergency shelter to Thomas Hunter Middle School
 - \$78,361 for new pump station generator and extension of existing generator service area for Emergency Shelter at Gloucester High School.

- Continuing to coordinate between DOD, NPS, DCR and Virginia Office of the Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs to execute contract for \$350,000 in Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program grant funding to Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority for acquisition of 513 acres near Middle Peninsula Regional Airport for conservation and public recreation:
 - Continuing to set and attend meetings with Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Mid-Atlantic, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, and MPCBPAA to establish conservation easement language and parameters, and other project details. DOD project partners are furloughed due to federal government shutdown, delaying finalization of easement language.
 - Continuing to coordinate with NPS to enter contract for pending \$276,000 matching fund award.
 - Continuing to coordinate with Virginia Military Liaison regarding pending Virginia Military Community Infrastructure Grant Program (VMCIGP) matching fund award, amount TBD.
 - \$255,000 in DCR Virginia Land Conservation Fund (VLCF) matching funds already secured.
- Developing DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) proposal for Gloucester Point Beach resiliency improvements.
- Developing DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) proposal for Town of Tappahannock elevated roadway and shoreline stabilization project.
- Researched funding opportunity requests including:
 - Community Development Block Grants for Town of Tappahannock’s DAW theater rehabilitation and/or downtown revitalization project
 - Save America’s Treasures Grant for Town of Tappahannock’s DAW theater rehabilitation

HOUSING

Funding – Housing Loan Program Income

Project 30187 – VHDA Affordable Workforce Housing Development

The three-year project involves planning, designing, and constructing approximately ten affordable workforce housing units on property owned by the Middle Peninsula Public Access Authority. The project goals involve creating resilient and safe housing for citizens who need to live and work on or near the water. The designs will involve long-range planning for increased flooding and sea-level rise where the units can be readily moved once a site becomes unsafe for continued residential use.

- Submitted quarterly report and reimbursement.
- The construction contract for the renovation of the Main House and addition to the Pool House was executed in October of 2024 with Fresh Start Renovations. Permitting delays extended the start of the renovation on the Main House. Issues related the issuance of the building permit for Pool House and projected cost overruns at the Main House and Pool House have resulted in abandonment of the addition to the Pool House. A modification of the grant agreement with VHDA was approved to reduce further the rental unit production number to four units, extend the grant to September 30, 2025, and reallocate costs from the Pool House to the Main House. A contract addendum has been issued with Fresh Start Renovations to complete the renovation of the Main House by the September 30, 2025 grant deadline. VHDA has approved a further time extension to December 31, 2025. The Main House renovations are now projected to be complete by November 1, 2025.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been executed between MPPDC and MBH-RE establishing the method of sharing the costs of non-housing related renovation of the Main House.
- In March of 2025 the septic system serving the Main House and Pool House failed. Grant assistance form DEQ was received to replace the existing failed system with a new engineered system large enough to serve both the Main House and Pool House. The design of the engineered septic system has been completed and the VDH permit application approved. The construction contract for the engineered system awarded to Soils Inc. The construction of the engineered septic system is projected to be complete by the end of 2025.

Project 35002 – VHDA CIG Housing Planning FY24

VHDA awarded MPPDC a \$50,000 Community Impact Grant – Innovation Planning to scope out three innovation building systems, floating moisture barrier system (FMBS) – Home Mechanix, onsite wastewater treatment & reuse system (OWTRS) – Triangle Environmental, and structural steel insulated panel system (SSIP) – ThermaSteel. The grant was for the preparation of three “white papers” that would mirror the application for a VHDA Housing Innovation Implementation Grant. These three innovative housing systems can significantly improve the resiliency of housing, allow for the development of resilient housing in low-lying coastal areas, and reduce the overall cost of housing, particularly for lower-income households. The purpose of the project was to test demonstrate each innovative building system at the Captain Sinclair property with the objective increasing the deployment of each system in coastal Virginia.

- Submitted quarterly report and reimbursement.
- The grant had four milestones and three deliverables. All four milestones have been completed and the three deliverables, “white papers”, have been prepared and submitted to VHDA.
- Three VHDA Housing Innovation Implementation grant applications were prepared and submitted to VHDA. Unfortunately, VHDA did not award grants to any of the three demonstrations during this round of funding. VHDA is expected to accept applications again in the fall of 2025 or the winter of 2026. The final “white papers” provide the framework for resubmission of these applications.

Project 30013 – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Revolving Loan Fund

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 was tasked with administering the overall project. MPPDC is administering the revolving loan program per DMME.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Funding – VDEM/FEMA/Homeland Security

Project 30192 – DCR/FEMA - Fight the Flood GIS Tool Enhancements

Improvements will be made to the FTF online and GIS tools which are intended to enhance the GIS data tool capabilities and the overall management of the program. Improvements will include automated programs to expedite and streamline the grant application process, programs for identifying needs and advancing projects which align with available funding resources, improvements which will help feature products and services for participating FTF businesses, and training for MPPDC staff.

- Will work with VDEM Staff to close out this project.

Project 32180 – FEMA Ware Cove LLC

This project is for the mitigation reconstruction of a residential structure in Gloucester County. The current structure will be demolished and a smaller, more code-compliant and more hazard-resistant structure on an elevated foundation system will be constructed. The mitigation reconstruction project will mitigate flood risk and the associated costs.

- Foundation block and concrete floor have been poured. Inspection for CMU block walls is scheduled. Framing and windows orders have been placed. Framing should commence in late September.

- Met with VDEM staff to understand eligible expenses.
- Drafted and submitted the quarterly report.
- Began to input expenses into the grants portal for the reimbursement request.

Project 32300 - FEMA VDEM AHMP

This project will guide Middle Peninsula localities through the updating of the regional All Hazards Mitigation Plan (AHMP). The Plan evaluates all hazards that may affect the region and proposes mitigation strategies to reduce the impacts of future hazardous events.

- The table below shows meeting of the Local Planning Team and the meeting attendance.

| Locality | Meeting Attendance | | | | |
|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | LPT Meeting 1 (4/23/25) | LPT Meeting 2 (5/5/25) | LPT Meeting 3 (5/19/25) | LPT Meeting 4 (6/9/25) | LPT Meeting 5 (6/23/25) |
| Essex | ✓ | ✓ | -- | ✓ | ✓ |
| Gloucester | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| King William | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| King & Queen | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mathews County | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Middlesex County | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Town of Urbanna | ✓ | ✓ | -- | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tappahannock | ✓ | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| West Point | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

- The table below shows the localities that have provided review of documents or have completed forms/surveys that will be used to update the AHMP. The table below shows the localities that have provided the requested information. If the tile is blank that means that PDC staff is working with the locality to gather the needed information.

| Locality | Plan Components | | | |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | Community Profiles | Kaiser Permanente | NFIP Survey | Capability Assessment |
| Essex | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Gloucester | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| King William | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| King & Queen | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mathews | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Middlesex | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Urbanna | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tappahannock | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| West Point | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

- Attended status meeting with WSSI on the HAZUS on October 3rd. WSSI provided the following updates:
 - The report is being assembled.
 - Extracted the list of critical facilities for each locality in HAZUS. Will map once input is provided by localities.
- Sent localities the list of critical facilities for their input and for any additions to the list.
- Worked with Consociate Media to post the public survey about hazards and mitigation actions. This survey closed on October 15th.
- Continued marketing of the public survey about hazards and mitigation actions. Activities included the following:
 - Development of regional media and communications offices database to provide the survey link and toolkit to.
 - Distribution of a press release to database.
 - Organic social media communications on MPPDC channels.
 - Sharing of toolkit, to include graphics, flyer and other copywriting assets, to database for additional offices to encourage survey participation.
 - Launched paid digital campaign targeting regional residents to take survey.

LOAN FUNDS FOR SEPTIC AND LIVING SHORELINES

Funding – VRA

Project 30420 – On-Site Technical Guidance Assistance and 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. In addition, MPPDC received funding under the Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) to provide grants to low-to-moderate income Middle Peninsula and New Kent County homeowners to repair failing septic systems impacting water quality and health in the region. Grants can be paired with loans from the MPPDC Onsite Wastewater Revolving Loan Fund to provide matching funds as required. It is anticipated this funding will be used to provide assistance to 20-27 homeowners.

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Project 33001 – Loan Fund Program for Septic and Living Shoreline

During 2022, the MPPDC received a \$3M line of credit for living shoreline and septic repair projects from the VA Resources Authority. The fund provides a single financing program for activities historically covered by the MPPDC's On-Site Technical Guidance and Living Shoreline Incentive Programs.

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AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

Funding - Indirect cost reimbursements from all PDC projects

MPPDC Administration

Administrative services provided to MPPDC programs. Planned FY26 Indirect Cost rate = 27.93%.

Finance & Administration

- Continued strengthening of internal financial controls and refinement of loan processing workflows to improve efficiency and documentation accuracy.
- Implemented updates to invoice and payment approval procedures to enhance oversight and alignment with established authorization protocols.
- Maintained payroll accuracy and compliance reporting through GMS, ensuring adherence to state and federal requirements.
- Coordinated with banking partners to address transaction authorization and wire transfer procedures.
- Prepared for the upcoming Finance Committee meetings, including discussion of payroll allocations and PAA funding.

Grants & Program Support

- Supported alignment of accounting practices with grant compliance requirements across multiple state and federal programs.
- Attended GMS Regional Training to strengthen understanding of grant management practices, reporting, and financial documentation requirements.
- Advanced development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Employee Work Plans (EWPs) to formalize internal processes.
- Continued coordination with program staff to ensure consistency between financial and programmatic reporting.

Reporting & Strategic Planning

- Reviewed and updated financial reporting schedules to ensure timely submission of required reports.
- Initiated planning for year-end financial closeout and FY25 audit preparation activities.
- Ongoing efforts to enhance efficiency, transparency, and audit readiness across all financial operations.

Closed Projects

Project 38814 – NOAA/VCZMP New Point Comfort Observation Deck Rehab

Project 32182 – VCZMP Working Waterfront Resilience Assessments

Project 30191 – DCR Flood Fund – Mill Creek Boat Ramp (Middlesex)

Project 31500 – Living Shoreline Loan Program

Project 30124 – Staff Support to Middle Peninsula Alliance (MPA) FY24

MPPDC staff are providing clerical and fiscal assistance to the Middle Peninsula Alliance.

Project 30195 – Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) – Round 3 Supplemental (Piankatank) VDCR CFPF

funding for one shoreline protection construction project on private property within the Piankatank River watershed.

Project 30198 – Gwynn’s Island Septic

To support the MPPDC Regional On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Funding Program, this grant from Mathews Community Foundation provides septic repair assistance to LMI homeowners on Gwynn’s Island.

Project 30220 – Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) Operating FY24

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.

Project 30321 – Rural Transportation Planning FY24

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.

Project 32164 – CZM 306 Next Generation Shoreline Plan (Pilot Project – Yr1)

VIMS Shoreline Studies Program will develop a whitepaper to examine the use of technology, modeling, alternative materials, proprietary products, and innovative nature-based mitigation measures in the planning process for “next generation shorelines” which are intended to provide an enhanced level of shoreline resilience and water quality in response to more frequent and severe flooding and accelerated sea-level rise. One design of a next generation shoreline for a publicly owned property in a high energy wave environment will be completed. Year 2 will involve further development of the whitepaper and a next generation shoreline design for a moderate wave energy publicly owned site.

Project 32170 – Virginia Coastal TA FY22

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.

Project 32171 – CZM 306 Next Generation Shoreline Plan Yr2

VIMS Shoreline Studies Program will continue to develop a whitepaper to examine the use of technology, modeling, alternative materials, proprietary products, and innovative nature-based mitigation measures in the planning process for “next generation shorelines” which are intended to provide an enhanced level of shoreline resilience and water quality in response to more frequent and severe flooding and accelerated sea-level rise. One design of a next generation shoreline for a publicly owned property in a moderate energy wave environment publicly owned site will be completed.

Project 32172 – DEQ CZM ANPDC Ecotourism VI FY23

This project will build on the efforts completed between 2020-2021. During this project, PDCs will focus on implementing actions identified in the 36-month Marketing Strategy and Action Plan. MPPDC staff will also develop a grant application to seek funds which address resilience needs identified in the 2022 resilience assessment of MPCBPAA properties. PDCs will also collaborate to identify a long-term sustainability plan for maintaining the site for years to come.

Project 32175 – DEQ Chesapeake Bay WIP Technical Assistance 2023

MPPDC will continue to engage localities and regional and state partners regarding Bay WIP III programmatic actions and implementation activities with funding provided by DEQ.

Project 32176 – NFWF Veterans Partnership

MPPDC will develop and formalize an operating agreement between the MP-PAA and Knott Alone-Hold Fast, Inc, a nonprofit organization providing counseling and coastal eco and restoration workforce development services focusing on leveraging Chesapeake Bay coastal environs for veterans. The project will build capacity to address a known gap in local workforce for resilience and restoration activities.

Project 32021 – PAA GO VA Sea Grant Resilience Economy

Virginia Sea Grant was awarded a GO Virginia award to assist the Middle Peninsula and other coastal areas with developing a water management economy to combat flooding and sea-level rise. This project will utilize land owned by the MPCBPAA as field stations to encourage business innovation in the flood resiliency space.

Project 30221 – VDRPT Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) Operating FY25

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.

Project 31005 – VDOT Rural Transportation Planning FY25

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.

Project 32024 – MPPDC Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) Get Outdoors

This project will provide the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority with nature trail demarcation and location services on the Captain Sinclair's complex in Gloucester by partnering with Knott Alone Hold Fast, a veteran support program.

Project 32177 – EDA Technical Assistance Program 2023

MPPDC will facilitate the maintenance, update, and implementation of the Middle Peninsula Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) utilizing existing regional partnerships and building upon recent and ongoing regional initiatives focusing on fostering economic growth within the region.

Project 32181 – VCZMP Coastal Technical Assistance FY23

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.

Project 32183 – FY2023 SCRC Local Development District Capacity Building

MPPDC received funding from the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission to provide technical assistance for economic and community development activities within the region. This year's grant will focus on partnering with the Middle Peninsula Alliance to hire a trainer who can relaunch a business development course which is a requisite for accessing available MPPDC small business loan funding.

Project 38024 – FY24 Local & Regional Technical Assistance

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

Project 38815 – Middlesex County Comp Plan Audit – Feb 2024

A diagnostic review and analysis of the Middlesex County Comprehensive Plan will be conducted to identify areas in need of improvement or addition to ensure compliance with state requirements.

Project 321771- GO Virginia – West Point Adjacent Land Airport Study

Project studies the needs for moving the land adjacent to the airport to the next tier under the VEDP site readiness program.

Project 321772 – DCR Flood Fund - West Point Bridge Study

Project is to conduct a Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study and Structural Design and Level of Service Study to address ongoing flooding for a Town owned bridge adjacent to the Middle Peninsula Regional Airport.

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 15 years +)

Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan Technical Advisory Committee: As appointed by the Governor in EO-71, a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) with representatives of state agencies, coastal planning districts and regional commissions, and academic advisors, among others will facilitate the coordination and the development of the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan. The Commonwealth's Chief Resilience Officer, Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, and TAC will work with localities, regional entities, citizens, and stakeholder groups to identify critical infrastructure, at-risk communities, adaptation strategies, and specific resilience projects for inclusion in the Plan.

Congressman Robert Wittman's Fisheries Advisory Committee and Environmental Advisory Committee: (MPPDC Staff 8 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 9 years+)

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 concerned with promoting telework and providing telework information and technical assistance to employers (MPPDC Staff 10 years+)

The Coastal Society: The Coastal Society is an organization of private sector, academic, and government professionals and students. The Society is dedicated to actively addressing emerging coastal issues by fostering dialogue, forging partnerships, and promoting communications and education. (MPPDC staff serves as a Director)

Virginia Shoreline Working Group: The Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program launched the working group in 2022 to focus in on complex regulatory and legal matters pertaining to shoreline management and to help advance shoreline protection and habitat restoration projects that can compete for federal funding.

Virginia Bay Enhancement Working Group (BEWG): The Northam Administration and VMRC launched BEWG in 2020 as result of administration policy of no future overboard discharge of dredged material. The group is tasked with identifying beneficial reuse opportunities for the 1 Million cubic yards of material that is dredged every 3-5 years from the York Spit Navigation Channel which is the primary shipping channel for the Baltimore Harbor in the southern section of the middle of the Chesapeake Bay. MPPDC staff were requested to serve to evaluate alternatives from around the Bay and including the Middle Peninsula.

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA): The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), founded in 1906, represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada. The association's more than 20,000 members are federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials deeply involved in planning, financing, and implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions. GFOA's mission is to advance excellence in public finance. (MPPDC Staff 9 years). No longer a member of this organization.

Virginia Government Finance Officers Association VGFOA: The Virginia Municipal Finance Officers' Association was organized on January 12, 1968. The name of the organization was changed to The Virginia Government Finance Officers Association on October 5, 1984. The VGFOA provides educational opportunities to members through the VGFOA Certification Program, provides networking and educational opportunities through two annual conferences, provides legislative updates and updates from standard-setting bodies such as GASB, OMB, etc. (MPPDC Staff 15+ years and Certified)

National Grants Management Association (NGMA): NGMA provides national and international leadership, helping its members achieve success in the grants management community through the advocacy of best practices and the promotion of professional excellence. (MPPDC Staff 3 months)

ACRONYMS

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| ACH | Automated Clearing House | OLGA | Online Grant Administration |
| AFID | Agricultural and Forestry Industries Development | PAA | Public Access Authority |
| AHMP | All Hazards Mitigation Plan | RBOG | Rural Business Opportunity Grant |
| BCC | Building Collaborative Communities Project | RFP | Request for Proposal |
| BOS | Board of Supervisors | RFQ | Request for Qualifications |
| CBPA | Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area | RLF | Revolving Loan Fund |
| CDBG | Community Development Block Grant | RTP | Rural Transportation Planning |
| CEDS | Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy | SERCAP | Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project |
| CIP | Capital Improvement Plan | SHSG | State Homeland Security Grant |
| COI | Conflict of Interest | SWCD | Soil and Water Conservation District |
| CZMP | Coastal Zone Management Program | SWM | Storm Water Management |
| DEQ | Department of Environmental Quality | SWRP | State Water Resource Plan |
| DCR | Department of Conservation & Recreation | THIRA | Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment |
| DGIF | Department of Game and Inland Fisheries | TMDL | Total Maximum Daily Loads |
| DHR | Department of Historic Resources | USACE | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers |
| DHCD | Department of Housing and Community Development | USDA | U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| DMME | Department of Mines Minerals and Energy | USFWS | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| DOE | Department of Energy | VACORP | Virginia Association of Counties Risk Pool |
| DRPT | Department of Rail and Public Transportation | VAPA | Virginia Planning Association |
| EDA | Economic Development Administration | VAPDC | Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions |
| EDO | Economic Development Organization | VASG | Virginia Sea Grant |
| EECBG | Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant | VCP | Virginia Coastal Program |
| EOC | Emergency Operation Center | VCRMP | Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency | VCWRLF | Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund |
| FEMA | Federal Emergency Management Agency | VCZMP | Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program |
| Fracking | Hydraulic Fracturing | VDEM | Virginia Department of Emergency Management |
| GIS | Geographic Information System | VDH | Virginia Department of Health |
| HRPDC | Hampton Roads Planning District Commission | VDOT | Virginia Department of Transportation |
| LGA | Local Government Administrators | VEE | Virginia Environmental Endowment |
| LPT | Local Planning Team | VIMS | Virginia Institute of Marine Science |
| LSIP | Living Shoreline Incentive Program | VLCF | Virginia Land Conservation Fund |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding | VMRC | Virginia Marine Resource Commission |
| MPA | Middle Peninsula Alliance | VOAD | Volunteer Organization Active in Disasters |
| MPBA | Middle Peninsula Broadband Authority | VOP | Virginia Outdoors Plan |
| MPCBPAA | Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority | VRA | Virginia Resources Authority |
| MPEDRO | Middle Peninsula Economic Development and Resource Organization | VSMP | Virginia Stormwater Management Program |
| NIMS | National Incident Management System | VTA | Virginia Tourism Association |
| NFWF | National Fish and Wildlife Foundation | VTC | Virginia Tourism Corporation |
| NOAA | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | VWP | Virginia Water Protection |
| NPS | National Park Services | VWWR | Virginia Water Withdrawal Reporting |
| OCVA | Oyster Company of Virginia | WIP | Watershed Implementation Plan |
| OIPI | VA Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment | WQIF | Water Quality Improvement Fund |