



*Rachael L. Peabody
Acting Executive Director*

*Hon. Ashley C. Chriscoe
Chairman*

MEMORANDUM

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

The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 24th 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 September 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 **September 24, 2025.**

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Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

4521 Lewis B. Puller Memorial Highway

Mattaponi, VA 23110

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

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- IX. DRPT Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan Approval – Walker Freer, Kaylei Verrill
- X. Adoption of the MPPDC FY26 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan
- XI. FEMA All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update
- XII. DEQ Water Supply Plan Update
- XIII. Other Business
- XIV. Adjournment

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MIDDLE PENINSULA PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

July 23, 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, July 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. MPPDC Chairman, Ashley Chriscoe welcomed everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present

Essex County: John Magruder

Gloucester County: Ashley Chriscoe, Chris Renew, Tony Nicosia

King and Queen County: Vivian Seay

Mathews County: Ramona Wilson, Tom Bowen, Tim Hill

Middlesex County: Wayne Jessie, Reggie Williams,

Town of West Point: James Pruett

Town of Tappahannock: Kay Carlton

Commissioners Absent

Essex County: Bud Smith, Sarah Pope, April Rounds

King and Queen County: Mark Berry, Marie Norman

King William County: Justin Catlett, Benjamin Edwards

Mathews County: David Jones

Middlesex County: Matt Walker, Kendall Webre

Town of Tappahannock: Doug Fawcett

Town of Urbanna: Dr. William Goldsmith

Also in Attendance

Rachael Peabody, MPPDC Acting Executive Director

Jennifer Farmer, MPPDC Director of Operations Manager

Lewie Lawrence, MPPDC Managing Director

Guests

II. Approval of June Minutes

Chairman Chriscoe asked whether there were any corrections or changes to the June Minutes. There being no corrections to the Minutes, Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to approve the June Minutes. Wayne Jessie moved that the June Minutes be approved. Tim Hill seconded the motion; motion carried.

III. Financial Report for June – Non-Action Item

Acting Executive Director Rachael Peabody stated that the financial report would be discussed in the future.

IV. Executive Director’s Report on Staff Activities for the July

Acting Executive Director Rachael Peabody gave an overview on several activities; VCZMP Coastal TA FY24 has technical trainings for regional planners and administrators coming up on July 30 at RCC. USDOT RAISE Public Working Waterfront Designs – application is due September 10 for funding to continue the working waterfront work; DEQ ARPA Septic Local Partner Program – additional funding is available and MPPDC has applied and is waiting to receive if the request was accepted. DEQ IIJA – MPPDC is getting additional funding for the Rappahannock; LGA Grants Program – DCR is providing Gloucester for the Swan Bridge Replacement in Beaverdam Park, \$810,000 to acquire dredged material disposal sites.

V. MPCBPAA Update

Managing Director Lewie Lawrence reported that progress on the Main House and Pool House is back on track. While a setback occurred due to a failed septic system, the project is moving forward, bids have been solicited, one company has already visited the site, and final bids are expected soon.

VI. MPA Update

Chairman Chriscoe said the meeting is still in the works and it is taking longer than expected.

VII. MPPDC Public Relations/Communications Update

Vivian Seay said that Stephanie Heinatz is doing a small business workshop regarding social media on August 26 at 5 p.m. at HUB33.

VIII. Public Comment

None.

IX. Approval of the updated Middle Peninsula VDOT Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan

Denise Nelson discussed that last month’s edits and comments, including data, were added to the plan as requested. Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to approve the updated Middle Peninsula Rural Long Range Transportation Plan, John Magruder moved that the plan be approved. Vivian Seay seconded the motion; motion carried.

X. Silviculture Waste Product Utilization

Hon. John Magruder provided an update on silviculture efforts, focusing on converting waste materials, such as used tires, farm residue, and phragmites into usable products.

A company leading this initiative is Bright Sand, which is involved in a range of projects, including data centers. Bright Sand's data center team is planning for discussions with King and Queen County as they look for potential facility sites. They are particularly interested in locations that are co-located with mills because they want to monetize that opportunity and create 15-20 jobs.

XI. DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF)

Acting Executive Director Rachael Peabody went over the Round 5 award for CFPF: Town of West Point – \$1.2 million for Coastal Resilience Plan, Essex County - \$241,887 for floodplain training, Gloucester County – \$2.4 million for the Gloucester Point Beach Living Shoreline Project and MPPDC - \$255,000 for regional tide gauges and parametric insurance policy (this insurance hedges against the event occurring, not the peril of the asset). Round 6 Draft Manual Public Comment Period Update – comment period has closed.

XII. Grant Opportunities

Acting Executive Director Rachael Peabody announced that MPPDC has been officially designated as an Economic Development District (EDD). With this new status, MPPDC will take on additional responsibilities for the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). As part of this work, MPPDC plans to reinvigorate the Middle Peninsula Alliance (MPA), update the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) plan, and work to attract more businesses into HUB33 to support the Fight the Flood initiative.

Further discussions focused on the Guinea Marshes and the importance of maintaining the islands. MPPDC applied for \$20 million in funding and received \$550,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for project design, along with \$10 million for restoration and erosion control around the island from the EPA. MPPDC has five years to utilize the \$10 million, and an additional application for \$10 million in funding was submitted in April.

XIII. Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Comment Period Open

Acting Executive Director Rachael Peabody went over the agreement with the states on the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and the EPA. The Middle Peninsula is not regulated the same way by the EPA, but there are important discussions concerning the commercial fishing industry and PFAS. The comment period is open until September 1, 2025.

XIV. Other Business

Vivian Seay stated that the trip to Danville to visit the manufacturing facility is now slated for September 12.

XV. Adjournment

Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to adjourn. Jessie so moved; Hill 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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(Secretary)

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Executive Director's Report of Regional Progress
September 12, 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 \(viriniaworks.com\)](http://viriniaworks.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.

- Met with Consociate Media regarding the accrued benefits and mapped out a timeline for completion.
- Attended the webinar hosted by DCR on the ROUND 6 Community Flood Preparedness Funds (CFPF) on September 8th and began to brainstorm project ideas to submit.
- Discussed a potential CFPF project ideas with Antioch Church, the Town of Tappahannock, Gloucester County, West Point, PAA and Middlesex County
- Began initial outline of accrued benefits narrative report.
- Hosted DEQ for a local planners training associated with the new regulations and ordinance amendment requirements for CBPA regulations.
- Hosted VIMS CCRM for an adapt VA training for Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck local planning and administrators at the Rappahannock Community College, Glens Campus.
- Hosted DCR's Flood Plain Program for a Flood Plain Management training to Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck local planners and administrators.
- Submitted two applications for the Rural and Tribal Assistance Grant: Urbanna Marina Bridge repair/replacement, and the Middle Peninsula Waterfront Commerce Park.

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.

- Received updates from DEQ on IJA funding and the timeline to submit the proposal for FY 26 funding.
- Initiated discussions internally regarding how to proceed with proposal development for IJA funds.
- Attended the Chesapeake Bay PDC meeting hosting by DEQ on September 10th to discuss WIP progress within the region. Other topics discussed included land cover data available through the Chesapeake Bay program and how PDC's are using this data.
- Hosted DEQ for a local planners training associated with the new regulations and ordinance amendment requirements for CBPA regulations.
- Hosted VIMS CCRM for an adapt VA training for Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck local planning and administrators at the Rappahannock Community College, Glens Campus.

Project 30005 – DCR CFPF 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.

- Provided an introduction to the FTF program to the Rotary Club of West Point.
- Collaborated with Wetlands Watch to facilitate joint FTF and Catch the King promotions.
- Coordinated with the York River Stewart and Mathews Land Conservancy on a Fall Community outreach event.
- Received two new FTF business registration requests.
- Conducted shoreline site visits related to potential grant funding of living shoreline installations.
- Continued to receive and process both septic and living shoreline loan requests.
- Attended living shoreline training at VIMS.
- Finalized Digital Badge design for businesses approved for placement in program and database.
- Finalized business card for general contact purposes for program.
- Monthly website maintenance and security back-ups.
- Designed white paper on Triangle Enviro program/product.
- Designed white paper on Home Mechanix program/product.
- Designed white paper on ThermaSteel program/product.

Project 30006 – NOAA Marine Debris Removal Pilot

Project provides consulting services under a NOAA grant administered by Lynnhaven River NOW (LRNow), 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.

- 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 monitoring the situation and maintaining communication with enforcement personnel to 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. These vessels are in varying stages of enforcement. MPPDC staff are coordinating with VMRC Marine Police and providing local knowledge and logistical support.
- MPPDC staff participated in a recent 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 is being considered to improve planning and access for future removal operations.
- LRN has also begun working directly with Gloucester County staff to support vessel removal efforts. MPPDC staff are continuing to assist with interagency coordination and communication. Planning for physical removal is actively moving forward.
- MPPDC staff are also in ongoing discussions with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources to explore options for support in documenting and tagging vessels in localities where law enforcement lacks capacity to assist.

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.

- Consulted with Middlesex County staff and Board of Supervisors concerning next steps with review and consideration of financing methodologies and selection of preferred option. Given the political pressure brought by citizens and business owners related to the Broad Creek dredging project, the Board has elected to defer decision until the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority convenes and a collation of the willing is established to establish the municipal dredging program which will require various financing mechanisms to be deployed.

Project 30008 – VPA MP-ES Dredge Material Planning

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

- Executed a contract with UVA Weldon Center for Public Service to contract 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.
- Coordinated to conduct a site assessment and mapping exercise for in-water and upland placement strategies and locations.
- 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.

- Began to draft the final report for this project to DCR.
- Coordinated with UVA on potential amendments to the berm design
- Reviewed the design with DEQ's CBPA office
- Presented the Berm Design to local regulators as part of the CBPA training with DEQ
- Received final edits from UVA staff on berm design denoting both the landward and waterward RPA area and relations to berm.
- Project is complete and berm design package will be presented to the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority in the fall of 2025.

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.

- The project has been complete. Staff is awaiting a final report from Triangle Environmental on their companies' thoughts and perspective as they bring innovative wastewater treatment system to the marketplace.

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 to DCR on the most last staff activities under this project. IJA funds were also awarded as part of this effort but had not yet been disbursed to the Town. Those funds were received this week.

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.

- The final report for DCR Flood Fund Round 3 Supplemental - York Private Property Shorelines is currently being drafted and will be submitted before September 30.
- The Hodges shoreline stabilization project is now complete, with all grass installations now finished.
- The Parker project was completed on April 10, 2025, including all native grass plantings. This project has now been paid in full and is considered complete. No further action is required.

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.*

- During this reporting period, MPPDC staff continued to implement and coordinate shoreline restoration projects funded by the Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF), including contractor coordination, financial oversight, and reimbursement activities. Staff also remained engaged with homeowners and funding partners to ensure smooth project progression and compliance with all program requirements.
- The Harvey project is fully complete, with all construction and planting finalized.
- The Robens project is substantially complete, with rock and sand installation finished. Native grass installation is now also complete. Staff are currently working to complete CFM inspections and compile all necessary paperwork to prepare and submit the reimbursement request for the CFPF funds.

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.

- Coordinated with PAA Secretary for organization related to the administration of the Regional Dredge Program.

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.

- Final Deliverables and Reimbursement Submitted.

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.

- Continued to work with NFWF on a request to split indirect expenses in the final reimbursement. However, MPPDC staff explained that the indirect rate is locked.

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.

- Consociate Media is completing the experiential video for the Guinea Marsh water trail.
- Completed storyboard of video series.
- Confirmed models for video series.
- Booked video/photoshoot dates for video series.
- Requested historic imagery to support video series, coordination with Guinea Heritage Association.
- Requested interview with subject matter expert and voice over talent for video series.
- Received extension on the project until March 2026.

TRANSPORTATION

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

Project 38809 – Mathews Co. Hole-in-the-Wall/Haven Beach Implementation

Mathews County was awarded VA Port Authority Waterway Maintenance Funding to dredge the Hole in the Wall channel to -7 feet Mean Low Water depths, place the dredged sand at the county-owned Haven Beach property, and construct new breakwaters adjacent to the renourished beach. MPPDC is administering the grant on behalf of the County with procurement and permitting assistance and project oversight. Mathews County has contracted MPPDC to provide continued oversight of the requisite beach monitoring beyond the closure of the VPA grant.

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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.

- Consociate reviewed and participated in edits to strategic plan for program.
- Finalized send of two more email marketing campaigns (paid) to targeted audience in region.
- Met with Kathy Molin to discuss final claims submission.
- Attended ACT's 39th Annual Commuter Conference, which provided insight into emerging trends and best practices in the commuter field. Breakout sessions covered topics such as AI applications in

commuting and TDM, innovative commuter incentive strategies, and recent data and research updates. A notable gap in sessions were for rural commuting, which I communicated to the ACT committee to encourage greater inclusion of rural perspectives in future programming.

- Completed both Q4 reports, and reimbursement claims and received final reimbursement for FY25 30221 grant.
- Completed final work on the MPPDC Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan with ICF and DRPT.

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.

- Completed quarterly reporting and reimbursement for Q4.
- Initiated contractual work related to the transportation screening tool which will be used to point localities towards possible funding options (for projects rather than ideal locations) for grants depending on responses to questions.
- Attended the Roaring Springs Walking Feasibility Public Information Meeting on August 14th. This informational meeting put on by VDOT, was to provide feedback to the public on the options for creating a shared use path from Wyncote Ave to Beaverdam in Gloucester. Comments on this path were taken until September 11.

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 multi-modal 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.

- Submitted three USDOT Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) proposals to implement Working Waterfronts designs developed through RAISE grant:
 - \$10,411,805 for improvements at East River, Winter Harbor Landing, Davis Creek, Corduroy Canal, Perrin Wharf, and Williams Landing in Gloucester and Mathews counties. MPPDC is the applicant of record.
 - \$9,022,902 for improvements at Mattaponi River Access site and Rappahannock River Park in King and Queen County and Town of Tappahannock. King and Queen County is as the applicant of record.
 - \$5,565,292 for improvements at Mill Creek Landing, Stampers Bay Landing, and Whiting Creek Landing in Middlesex County. MPCBPAA is the applicant of record.
- VHB held the following meetings during the period:
 - July 16th – VHB attended PIDP Grant Meeting with MPPDC and Denise Nelson
 - July 17th – VHB, Shore Consulting, MPPDC In-Person Meeting with Andrew Scheld & Shelby White at VIMS
 - July 22nd - VHB, Shore Consulting, MPPDC Virtual Meeting with Dr. Van Senten (VT Professor)
 - July 23rd - VHB, Shore Consulting, MPPDC Meeting with VMRC Commissioner Jamie Green

- August 4th - VHB attended PIDP Grant Meeting with MPPDC and Denise Nelson
- August 5th– VHB attended Middlesex County Board of Supervisors to present a project update
- August 13th – VHB attended Virginia Watermen Association Meeting to present seafood benefits survey
- VHB Completed the following key activities:
 - VHB continued final report development
 - VHB updated the Needs Assessment Report
 - VHB developed in conjunction with Shore Consulting Group the seafood benefits survey
 - VHB provided documents and resources for the submission of the PIDP Grant
 - VHB continued NEPA process regarding "scoping work" & path forward

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.

- Rights-of-Entry requests were submitted to property owners for the purpose of obtaining permission for the US Army Corps of Engineers to conduct necessary field work/site investigations at four upland locations.
- Participated in a Virtual Thin Layer Placement webinar sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation entitled “Building Marsh Resilience with Thin Layer Placement: Insights from the Field”.
- Scheduled IPR meeting #2 to occur with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Mathews County and the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission to discuss the current and future status of Upland Placement (UP) and Marsh Elevation Enhancement (MEE) dredge material placement as well as project future funding options. Summary notes will be developed and coordinated with participants.
- Coordinated with the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding Section 408 requirements.

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.

- Continued coordination with VIMS to update joint permit application.
- Subcontracted through Carlexson to collect updated channel bathymetry and develop 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.
- Coordinated with ODU about potential support for surveying and marsh assessments to support the habitat restoration.
- Gathered and reviewed additional information from vendors about use and placement of geotubes for dewatering within the habitat restoration project.
- Met with Gloucester County to provide progress updates on the project and align next steps.

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.

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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.

- A bathymetric survey has been completed.
- Obtained pre and post dredging and dredged material placement maps from the last (2003) US Army Corps of Engineers dredging of Whiting Creek.
- Conducted In-Progress-Review meeting # 5 with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Middlesex County and the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission. Summary notes will be developed and coordinated with participants.
- A pre-application meeting will be scheduled with the regulatory permitting agencies once the Dredge Project Design is completed including the identification of an appropriate placement site(s).
- Coordinated with the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding Section 408 requirements.
- Provided input for the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission to include in a quarterly report to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

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.

- Requested a modification to the scope of work in July and waiting for approval to move from septic repair to septic pump out.

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.

- In the process of compiling paperwork for last install with current grant money.

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.

- Throughout this reporting period, MPPDC staff remained focused on advancing the Septic and Well Assistance Program (SWAP), managing ongoing projects, and addressing key issues impacting progress. A significant milestone for the King and Queen project was the receipt of the required permit and completion of the design. Bids for the installation phase are due by September 15, 2025. This is likely the last project to be installed using local SWAP funds.
- The King William well project is now complete, though payment to the contractor is still pending.
- Earlier in the program, a critical funding amendment to reallocate funds to the King William well project was finalized by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) on May 15, 2025, after a delay of over a year and a half. This amendment resolved a major barrier that had stalled progress on the well project.
- 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.
- No new project completions occurred during this period, but progress continues on existing efforts. The septic evaluation and design project in King and Queen County is moving forward following rebidding due to the original contractor's inability to provide a professional engineer's design.
- 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. While these completions reflect steady progress, some projects remain pending due to permitting delays, engineering requirements, and previous funding challenges.
- MPPDC staff continue regular communication with VDH and stakeholders to monitor project status, maintain compliance, and resolve issues. With funding amendments finalized and installation bids forthcoming for the King and Queen project, staff are optimistic about increased implementation momentum in the coming months.

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.

- Prior work included completing several septic projects that required coordination with homeowners, contractors, and local health departments to address permitting and site-specific challenges.
- Currently, MPPDC staff are advancing the direct discharge correction project in Chesapeake, which is the last septic project under Big SWAP. This project is expected to take additional time due to required coordination with DEQ because of the direct discharge component. During the reporting period, MPPDC staff finalized and advertised the bid package, received one bid which was reviewed, conducted a site visit, and held an in-person meeting with Chesapeake Local Health Department staff on July 11, 2025. ¹⁶A Notice

to Proceed has been issued, and staff continue close coordination with VDH, DEQ, and local partners to ensure the project moves forward within scope and budget.

- MPPDC staff maintained regular communication with VDH and local health departments throughout the month to track progress, address challenges, and keep projects aligned with program goals.

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 received notification of an additional award of approximately \$480,000 for the Fight the Flood (FTF) septic repair program. Staff are actively working to onboard these funds with the funder by providing updated timelines, budget details, and project schedules. This expanded funding will allow for increased support across the region.
- Concurrently, staff are addressing a cost challenge related to the first fleet purchase project. The original fleet budget was \$40,000, but the contractor has proposed a professional engineer-designed alternative drip system with a turnkey cost of approximately \$87,000. MPPDC is preparing overcost approval requests to submit to DEQ for consideration.
- During this reporting period, MPPDC staff continued implementing the septic repair initiative supported through the FTF program. The number of homeowner assistance requests increased from 23 to 25, reflecting continued growth in community engagement. While most applicants remain outside the designated King William target area, staff are actively reviewing eligibility and connecting applicants with appropriate resources.
- For those outside the current geographic focus, MPPDC staff distributed letters explaining program limitations and referring homeowners to alternative assistance such as the septic loan program. The letters also highlight ongoing efforts to secure additional funding to expand support.
- Program intake improvements include adapting the application for bulk distribution to pre-screened likely qualifiers, increasing processing efficiency to keep pace with growing demand. Outreach efforts have expanded with informational materials distributed to county offices, libraries, social services, and local health departments to raise awareness and encourage participation.
- Progress continues on the first septic repair project under FTF. A Notice to Proceed was previously issued, but installation is delayed pending completion of a property survey. Staff remain engaged with all parties to resolve the delay and move the project forward promptly.
- MPPDC staff also advanced the fleet purchase component, a critical element for expanding regional capacity to address septic failures. The purchase will support quicker deployment of repair services and remains a top priority.
- Throughout the month, staff maintained close coordination with Local Health Department personnel to identify additional households with verified septic failures. These efforts help ensure the program reaches the most vulnerable residents and maximizes impact. As the program gains momentum, staff continue focusing on advancing active projects, streamlining intake, and strengthening outreach across the region.

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.

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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 finalized and received approval from the funder for updates to the shoreline program design. These changes reflect shifting dynamics in how projects are entering the pipeline and are intended to improve flexibility and responsiveness moving forward.
- Staff also met with contractors to initiate design and permitting on several new projects and are actively working with legal counsel to draft homeowner agreements to support project implementation. These administrative steps are helping to prepare the next round of shoreline BMP installations and ensure compliance with program requirements.
- MPPDC continues to coordinate across active and pending shoreline projects, including oversight of construction activities, contractor engagement, loan processing, and reimbursement preparation. While some homeowners have paused their projects due to uncertainty about reimbursement eligibility, staff are identifying and advancing alternative eligible projects to maintain program momentum and keep awarded funds encumbered.
- An ongoing shoreline project on town-owned property in Urbanna remains under consideration, and staff have been conducting outreach and site development discussions with town officials. Additionally, MPPDC staff are assessing shoreline conditions along the Rappahannock River to identify future project sites and support targeted outreach in that area.
- Interest in the program continues to grow, and staff are fielding inquiries from homeowners throughout the region. Technical assistance remains available to guide interested property owners through eligibility, permitting, and financing processes.
- Reimbursement funds requested earlier this summer were received in July. MPPDC staff met this week with finance personnel to coordinate the distribution of these funds to the appropriate project partners. Additional reimbursement packets are being finalized as construction milestones are completed.
- At this time, most projects seeking reimbursement are either fully complete or only awaiting marsh grass installation. One project remains delayed, and a few are being reevaluated due to construction or homeowner-related changes.
- MPPDC staff continue to provide outreach, permitting support, and coordination across all active sites.

Educational materials approved by DEQ are being used in consultations, and loan assistance remains available for qualifying homeowners financing 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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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

- Monthly website maintenance.

Project 38026 – FY26 Local & Regional Technical Assistance

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

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Project 30003–DEQ Water supply Plan Update

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

- Continued to work with Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI) on Water Supply Plan development, including:
 - Request for information (RFI) #1 was sent on 7/18/2025 to localities included in the Northern Plains 2 planning area. Information requested included water sources, use and demand data. All localities provided feedback by the 7/31 deadline.
 - RFI #2 was sent on 8/29/2025 to localities requesting additional water source, use and demand data, and questioning water conservation efforts and policies within the locality. This information is due to MPPDC by 9/12.
- Discussed water source, use and demand data with King & Queen County as this is information that does not pass through the county and is not required to be kept by the county. King & Queen County connected MPPDC staff and WSSI consultants with Virginia Department of Health Drinking Water Division staff to possibly assist with the missing water supply data.
- Meet with WSSI on 8/18/25 for project update. WSSI explained that they have digested the water source, use and demand data that was provided by localities. WSSI also mentioned that they scheduled a meeting with DEQ Water Supply Office to ask questions about outstanding data gaps and demand projections. This meeting is scheduled for 9/9.
- WSSI provided a draft document for Chapters 1-3 for the Water Supply Plan. MPPDC staff will review

and provide feedback.

- Received notice of the 2026 Local and Regional Water Supply Planning Grants Program to support localities in water supply plan development. The application period will open Monday, September 29, 2025, and will close on Friday, October 24, 2025. MPPDC staff will apply for these funds to supplement regional water supply planning expenses.

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.

- NPS awarded \$276,000 in Readiness & Recreation Initiative (RARI) funds as match for a DOD Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program award to Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority to acquire 513 acres near Middle Peninsula Regional Airport for conservation and public outdoor recreation.
- DCR awarded \$250,000 in Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding for Gloucester County's Swan Bridge replacement project in Beaverdam Park. Contract agreement anticipated by end of September.
- 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.
 - Staff coordinated site visit with Wittman to generate press materials in support of these projects.
- Submitted three USDOT Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) proposals to implement Working Waterfronts designs developed through RAISE grant:
 - \$10,411,805 for improvements at East River, Winter Harbor Landing, Davis Creek, Corduroy Canal, Perrin Wharf, and Williams Landing in Gloucester and Mathews counties. MPPDC is the applicant of record.
 - \$9,022,902 for improvements at Mattaponi River Access site and Rappahannock River Park in King and Queen County and Town of Tappahannock. King and Queen County is as the applicant of record.
 - \$5,565,292 for improvements at Mill Creek Landing, Stampers Bay Landing, and Whiting Creek Landing in Middlesex County. MPCBPAA is the applicant of record.

- Submitted DCR Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) proposal for \$714,788 to implement Gloucester Point Beach Park recreational improvements, including demolishing, rebuilding, and elevating combined restroom and pavilion facility.
- Submitted VDH Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) proposal for \$743,950 to implement Perrindise Marina boat slip and dock improvements for transient boaters
- Submitted Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant proposal for \$58,150 update PAA web reservation system and support eco-business on PAA properties in King & Queen County.
- 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 parameters for conservation easement, West Point water access easement, & other project details.
 - Completed DHR review required for NPS Readiness & Recreation Initiative (RARI) matching fund award of \$276,000.
 - 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 VDEM Emergency Shelter Upgrade Assistance Grant proposal for generator upgrades for Mathews County’s emergency shelter at Thomas Hunter Middle School, due October 1.
- Developing DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) proposal for Gloucester Point Beach Park Resiliency Master Plan development, due October 17.
- Researched funding opportunity requests including:
 - Town of West Point grants to fills gaps in Head Start funding
 - Gloucester County Beaverdam Park reservoir living shoreline installation.

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.

- One single-family rental unit at 10204 Margaret Lyell Rd. in Gloucester County has been renovated and an agreement with Knott Alone – Hold Fast has been signed for the rental of the property for their program participants.
- The contract with VHDA was amended to reduce the 10-unit production of rental units to 7 since the cost estimates to produce the remainder units exceeded the available grant funds awarded. The original planning for the Captain Sinclair property included the renovation of the south wing of the Main House for three

rental units, the addition of a second story addition to the Pool House for three rental units, and the construction of three tiny homes on individual lots. The construction of the three tiny homes was eliminated from the work plan.

- 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. VHDA has approved the contract amendment to reduce the number of units to 4 and to allow for the reallocation of 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.
- The cost overruns at the Main House are now being evaluated for resolution prior to grant expiration in October. It is anticipated that the renovation of the Main House will be completed within the grant period. A MOU has been executed between MPPDC and MBH-RE which establishes 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 from 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 of the engineered system was put out to bid and a contract for construction was 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.

- The grant had four milestones and three deliverables. Two of the four milestones have been completed and drafts of the three deliverables, “white papers”, have been prepared.
- 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 feedback on the applications was incorporated in the revised “white papers”. The final “white papers” are under review for submission to VHDA.

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.

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.

- Submitted the final reimbursement to FEMA/VDEM project expenses.
- Met with VDEM regarding the final reimbursement and the project management expenses.
- Received notice from VDEM that the final reimbursement would be paid in full. MPPDC staff wait for the reimbursement.

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.

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				
	✓ = attended meeting -- = did not attend meeting				
	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. WSSI provided the following updates:
 - The HAZUS analysis for Mathews County has been successfully completed.
 - Coastal floodplain delineation has been completed in both Essex and King William counties. This will support the coastal annualized loss analysis.
 - Riverine floodplain data are still required to complete the annualized loss assessment across the counties.
 - Next steps include (1) Finalize QA/QC procedures for completed county models, (2) Continue segment-based processing for riverine floodplains in King & Queen and other counties, (3) Mosaic segmented outputs into unified datasets for each county, and (4) Generate thematic maps and integrate all results into the final reporting structure.
- Updated the MPPDC website with Local Planning Team meeting 5 minutes. Here is the link to this page: <https://mppdc.com/index.php/service-centers/mandates/hazards>.
- Worked with Consociate Media to develop a public survey about hazards and mitigation actions.
- Launched public survey about hazards and mitigation actions.
- Prepared communications materials to drive public participation in survey about hazards and mitigation actions to be launched in mid-September and include a press release, toolkit for locality communication offices and social media marketing.

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.

- Currently processing 2 applications for shoreline and septic assistance.

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%.

- Getting acclimated with loan processing responsibilities and procedures.
- Learning and navigating GMS for payroll, financial reporting, and grant tracking.
- Supporting grant and budget management, including project amendments and reporting alignment.
- Composing and recommending SOPs to strengthen internal controls and separation of duties.
- Coordinating with staff and local partners to clarify responsibilities and ensure accurate financial transactions.

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 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

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