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Mr. Lewis L. Lawrence, III

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: MPPDC Board of Commissioners**  
**FROM: Lewis Lawrence, Executive Director**  
**DATE: February 20, 2025**  
**RE: February Commission Meeting**

The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the HUB 33 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 February 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 [LLawrence@mppdc.com](mailto:LLawrence@mppdc.com)

I look forward to seeing you on **February 26<sup>th</sup>**!

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

**7:00 P.M.**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

**4521 Lewis B. Puller Memorial Highway**

**Mattaponi, VA 23110**

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of January Minutes
- III. Approval of Financial Report for January
- IV. Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for February
- V. MPCBPAA Update
- VI. MPA Update
- VII. MPPDC Public Relations/Communications Update
- VIII. Public Comment

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- IX. General Assembly Update
- X. Update on Munciple Dredging Program Funding
  - a. Broad Creek Experience- break the cycle
  - b. Material holding and site management
- XI. Committee Appointments
  - a. OPD & Budget Committee
  - b. Nominating Committee
- XII. General Discussion on Operations of MPPDC
  - a. HR Consultant
  - b. Continuity of Commission operations
  - c. Strategic Reorganization of MPPDC
  - d. Transition Planning and Munciple Dredge Program Funding
  - e. Monday.Com and additional financial staff arrangements
- XIII. Other Business
- XIV. Adjournment

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**MIDDLE PENINSULA PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**January 22, 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, January 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. MPPDC Chairman, Chriscoe welcomed everyone in attendance.

Ms. Seay provided an overview of the new King and Queen Telework Center, which currently hosts the Middle Peninsula Planning District, Sentara Therapy Center, and a telework space for businesses interested in establishing a presence on the Middle Peninsula.

**Commissioners Present**

Essex County: Bud Smith, John Magruder

Gloucester County: Ashley Chriscoe, Tony Nicosia

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

King William County: Justin Catlett

Middlesex County: Wayne Jessie, Reggie Williams, Kendall Webre, Matt Walker

Town of Tappahannock: Kay Carlton, Eric Pollitt

Town of Urbanna: Dr. William Goldsmith

**Commissioners Absent**

Essex County: Sarah Pope, April Rounds

Gloucester County: Dr. Willy Reay

King William County: Benjamin Edwards

Mathews County: Tom Bowen, David Jones, Ramona Wilson

Town of West Point: James Pruett

**Also in Attendance**

Lewie Lawrence, MPPDC Executive Director

Dawn Mantell, MPPDC Executive Assistant

Jennifer Farmer, MPPDC Finance and Projects Manager

Guests

**II. Approval of November Minutes**

Chairman Chriscoe asked whether there were any corrections or changes to the November Minutes. There being no corrections to the Minutes, Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to approve the November Minutes. Ms. Norman moved that the November Minutes be approved. Mr. Smith seconded the motion; motion carried.

**III. Approval of Financial Report**

Chairman Chriscoe asked whether there were any questions regarding the financial reports for November and December 2024 being approved subject to audit. There being no questions, Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to approve the financial reports for November and December 2024 subject to audit. Mr. Jessie moved to approve the financial

reports for November and December 2024 subject to audit. Ms. Carlton seconded the motion; motion carried.

**IV. Executive Director’s Report on Staff Activities for the December and January**

Executive Director Lawrence presented the staff activity report for December and January. This monthly report is compiled with input from all MPPDC staff and subcontractors, organized by PDC Service Centers, and serves to update both the Commission and relevant grant funding agencies on ongoing activities.

Executive Director Lawrence highlighted several key items, including but not limited to, Project 30007 - VCZMP 309 Dredging Financing, Project 30186 – Elevated Septic Pilot FY22, Project 30196 – DCR Flood Fund, and Project 32174 – NFWF & VCZMP Hog Island Restoration, Project 38816 DEQ IJJA Living Shoreline BMP Construction. Several of these projects are in the final stages of closeout.

**V. MPCBPAA Update**

None.

**VI. MPA Update**

MPA Chairman Chriscoe shared that, in collaboration with Delegate Keith Hodges, MPA is preparing to resume its efforts.

**VII. MPPDC Public Relations/Communications Update**

Ms. Stephanie Heinatz, Consociate Media, gave several updates including Fight the Flood new solutions section, MidPenRideShare rebranding and community survey, SLPP grant funds open to King William residents, PAA’s launching of the Winter Hunting Tourism Campaign.

**VIII. Public Comment**

None.

**IX. New Commissioner Introductions and what MPPDC does**

None.

**X. Adoption of the CY25 MPPDC Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Walker moved to approve the CY25 Annual Meeting Schedule as presented. Mr. Pollitt seconded the motion; motion carried.

**XI. Broad Creek Maritime Messaging – Stephanie Heinatz, Consociate Media**

Ms. Stephanie Heinatz, Consociate Media, will lead efforts to communicate the dredging of Broad Creek, aiming to highlight the importance of the waterways and support marine businesses affected by the shoaling.

**XII. General Assembly Update – Advantus Strategies**

Mr. Robert Crockett, Advantus Strategies, provided an update on several bills currently under consideration, including HB 2336 (Commercial Fishing Pier – fishing piers owned by political subdivisions), HB 2331 (RPA signed and sealed), HB 2450 (Research University Collaborative), and HB 1834 (Waterway Maintenance Program and Fund). He also briefly touched on other key bills of interest, such as those related to oyster stock assessments, septic/well permit guidance, solar and data centers, the Forest Sustainability Fund, and PFAS.

MPPDC Chairman Chriscoe presented Robert Crockett, President of Advantus Strategies, with a resolution honoring his years of exceptional service, unwavering advocacy, visionary leadership, and expertise in support of the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority, and rural coastal Virginia.

**XIII. Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matter per §2.2-3711 and §2.2-3712**

Chairman Chriscoe made a motion that the MPPDC enter closed session as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) to discuss the performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of a specific named employee of the MPPDC. Mr. Nicosia seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed.

Motion to Re-enter Open Session and Certification of Closed Session

Chairman Chriscoe made a motion that the MPPDC reconvene in open session as provided in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and that each so certify to the best of each member’s knowledge that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and that only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body. Mr. Catlett seconded the motion. The Commissioners were polled:

<b>Essex County</b>	<b>Gloucester County</b>	<b>K&amp;Q County</b>	<b>King William County</b>	<b>Mathews County</b>	<b>Middlesex County</b>	<b>Town of Tappahannock</b>	<b>Town of Urbanna</b>	<b>Town of West Point</b>
Bud Smith - Yes	Ashley Chriscoe - Yes	Mark Berry - Yes	Justin Catlett - Yes	Tom Bowen - Absent	Wayne Jessie, Sr. - Yes	Kay Carlton - Yes	Dr. William Goldsmith - Certify	James Pruett - Absent
John Magruder - Yes	Dr. Willy Reay - Absent	Marie Norman - Yes	Benjamin Edwards - Absent	David Jones - Absent	Reggie Williams, Sr. - Yes	Eric Pollitt - Certify		
Sarah Pope - Absent	Tony Nicosia - Yes	Vivian Seay - Yes	Vacant – Citizen Rep	Vacant – Citizen Rep	Kendall Webre - Yes			
April Rounds - Absent				Ramona Wilson - Absent	Matt Walker - Yes			

After closed session, Ms. Seay made a motion to grant staff a bonus for additional work over the last few months due to the extended absence of the Deputy Director. Staff shall receive a \$1000 bonus paid 50% this fiscal year and 50% at the start of the next fiscal year. The CFO shall receive a \$1500 bonus split the same as staff. Ms. Norman seconded the motion; motion carried.

**XIV. Other Business**

- Mr. Walker, Middlesex County Administrator and MPPDC's former landlord, thanked MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence for being a good tenant in the previous office space and for his hard work and dedication to the Middle Peninsula.
- Mr. Magruder provided a recap of an event he attended where former U.S. House of Representatives Abigail Spanberger, addressed issues faced in rural areas.

**XV. Adjournment**

Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jessie so moved; Ms. Norman 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)**

## Project Financial Report

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-----Expenditures-----								
Code	Description	Budget	Curr Month	Project Total	Un/Over	% Budget	Revenues	Balance
30001	CZM Coastal TA FY24	128,999.00	2,755.83	9,257.86	119,741.14	7.18%	64,600.11	55,342.25
30002	DEQ WIP TA 2025	0.00	48.40	1,915.07	(1,915.07)	0.00%	1,874.74	(40.33)
30005	DCR CFPF Resilience Planning	369,969.00	9,560.50	23,090.91	346,878.09	6.24%	0.00	(23,090.91)
30006	LRNow Derelict Vessels (NOAA)	10,000.00	216.86	2,766.49	7,233.51	27.66%	1,331.52	(1,434.97)
30007	NOAA/VCZMP Public Financing	50,000.00	175.98	12,732.31	37,267.69	25.46%	0.00	(12,732.31)
30008	MP/ES Dredge Mat. Mgt & Han	3,048,500.00	11,445.12	30,362.89	3,018,137.11	1.00%	0.00	(30,362.89)
30009	CFPF Sinclair Flood Mitigation (E	105,296.00	0.00	4,143.74	101,152.26	3.94%	102,200.00	98,056.26
30013	Housing Loan Admin (EE&CBG)	0.00	0.00	610.22	(610.22)	0.00%	1,348.36	738.14
30101	Davis Ck Dredg (VPA/DCR CFPF)	1,065,472.00	3,430.92	52,814.79	1,012,657.21	4.96%	0.00	(52,814.79)
30125	FY25 PDC Staff Support for Adm	0.00	(28.72)	(2,376.04)	2,376.04	0.00%	2,000.00	4,376.04
30170	Sm Bus Loan Admin (MPBDP Sta	0.00	0.00	1,050.40	(1,050.40)	0.00%	7,264.54	6,214.14
30186	Elev Septic Pilot (DHCD) (\$10k N	120,000.00	0.00	94,160.93	25,839.07	78.47%	120,000.00	25,839.07
30187	VHDA Housing Development	1,000,000.01	102,890.84	620,906.03	379,093.98	62.09%	447,332.56	(173,573.47)
30190	Hoskins Creek (DCR/Tapp CFPF)	91,620.00	50.14	13,814.54	77,805.46	15.08%	9,248.99	(4,565.55)
30191	Mill Creek Boat Ramp (DCR/Mse	61,680.00	338.68	54,977.15	6,702.85	89.13%	19,593.78	(35,383.37)
30192	FTF GIS Tool (DCR/FEMA)	147,000.00	65.51	131,657.14	15,342.86	89.56%	135,246.03	3,588.89
30196	York (CFPF) (Parker Match \$21,4	49,955.00	0.00	0.00	49,955.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
30197	Mobjack (CFPF)	133,257.00	0.00	0.00	133,257.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
30198	Gwynns Island Onsite Septic Rej	20,000.00	3.78	10,148.52	9,851.48	50.74%	30,000.00	19,851.48
30201	VA Water Trails Website (MPPD	8,063.00	17.95	5,082.68	2,980.32	63.04%	11,391.08	6,308.40
30220	FY24 CAP Operating Program (D	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	19,649.25	19,649.25
30221	FY25 CAP Operating (DRPT/TDM	84,680.00	2,457.84	31,295.01	53,384.99	36.96%	12,934.60	(18,360.41)
30321	FY24 Rural Transportation Planr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	23,926.98	23,926.98
30420	Onsite Loan Management	0.00	79.00	14,985.82	(14,985.82)	0.00%	40,027.89	25,042.07
31002	General Assembly Lobbyist	71,253.00	0.00	22,500.00	48,753.00	31.58%	71,259.00	48,759.00
31005	FY25 RTP (VDOT)	72,500.00	313.53	12,402.76	60,097.24	17.11%	17,389.12	4,986.36
31500	Living Shoreline Incentive Progr	0.00	720.04	63,466.68	(63,466.68)	0.00%	22,297.11	(41,169.57)
32021	PAA GOVA Sea Grant Resilience	175,913.50	10,950.25	150,258.93	25,654.57	85.42%	175,087.25	24,828.32
32022	PDC Staff Support for Admin of	0.00	7.29	361.44	(361.44)	0.00%	0.00	(361.44)
32024	PAA VOF Get Outdoors-Trailblaz	5,000.00	44.00	4,194.39	805.61	83.89%	5,000.00	805.61
32025	PAA Admin - Reimb.	4,200.00	497.02	(21,566.81)	25,766.81	-513.50%	4,200.00	25,766.81
32163	DEQ 319(h) BMP Res Septic \$96	232,119.76	913.22	195,536.80	36,582.96	84.24%	155,990.79	(39,546.01)
32166	DCR FTF Homeowner Fees	22,362.00	25.29	18,243.99	4,118.01	81.58%	36,769.11	18,525.12
32169	US DOT RAISE	2,018,476.00	666.15	1,011,532.00	1,006,944.00	50.11%	708,822.74	(302,709.26)
32171	DEQ CZM Next Gen PLANS - Yr2	0.00	31.62	(3,987.61)	3,987.61	0.00%	0.00	3,987.61
32173	VDH Local SWAP	299,980.00	2,394.33	172,554.26	127,425.74	57.52%	140,416.56	(32,137.70)
32174	NFWF & DEQ CZM Hog Island Re	947,200.15	483.03	956,903.24	(9,703.09)	101.02%	838,178.27	(118,724.97)
32176	NFWF Veterans Partnership	75,000.84	0.00	69,279.27	5,721.57	92.37%	71,765.25	2,485.98
32177	EDA TA (\$70k-VPA/MPA/VASG/	192,800.00	0.00	154,650.00	38,150.00	80.21%	170,000.00	15,350.00
32178	VDH SWAP (BIG)	378,933.00	1.79	158,523.33	220,409.67	41.83%	229,456.12	70,932.79
32179	DEQ ARPA SLPP Septic Repair(Fl	730,194.00	6,356.31	104,003.55	626,190.45	14.24%	58,408.08	(45,595.47)
32180	FEMA Ware Cove (H.Owner Mai	215,705.00	425.05	27,541.68	188,163.32	12.77%	13,265.77	(14,275.91)
32181	FY23 Coastal TA (DEQ CZM)	129,000.00	933.01	118,168.25	10,831.75	91.60%	100,549.93	(17,618.32)
32182	DEQ CZM Working Waterfront A	54,505.00	484.49	50,457.79	4,047.21	92.57%	8,522.41	(41,935.38)
32183	SCRC LDD Capacity Building	24,000.00	235.32	20,899.27	3,100.73	87.08%	8,346.52	(12,552.75)
32184	FY24 WIP TA (DEQ)(\$14.5kMatc	58,000.00	(7.88)	35,350.11	22,649.89	60.95%	52,748.34	17,398.23
32300	FEMA VDEM AHMP Update 202	172,074.00	6,419.86	18,208.33	153,865.67	10.58%	19,933.84	1,725.51
33001	C-515771 Septic and Living Shor	0.00	0.00	121,056.87	(121,056.87)	0.00%	30,810.12	(90,246.75)
35001	CZM Ecotourism Booster	29,836.00	318.79	1,276.50	28,559.50	4.28%	0.00	(1,276.50)
35002	VHDA CIG Housing Planning FY2	50,000.00	168.02	13,899.82	36,100.18	27.80%	11,700.00	(2,199.82)
35003	VTC Micobusiness Marekting - F	14,067.00	46.67	3,861.06	10,205.94	27.45%	0.00	(3,861.06)
38024	FY24 Local Projects	0.00	(24.80)	(4,017.96)	4,017.96	0.00%	3,004.02	7,021.98

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38025	FY25 Local Projects	282,491.23	9,560.03	68,063.15	214,428.08	24.09%	280,395.76	212,332.61
38100	LGA Grants Program	128,541.00	11,907.86	128,287.00	254.00	99.80%	134,250.00	5,963.00
38809	Mathews HITW Dredging (VDOT)	354,728.00	20.61	347,061.69	7,666.31	97.84%	181,322.13	(165,739.56)
38810	VPA Aberdeen Dredging	156,364.00	0.00	82,532.78	73,831.22	52.78%	82,301.15	(231.63)
38811	DCR CFPP Broad Creek Dredging	475,723.00	5,880.49	61,984.14	413,738.86	13.03%	32,160.92	(29,823.22)
38812	DCR CFPP Whiting Crk Dredging	153,596.00	797.80	8,228.04	145,367.96	5.36%	42,947.63	34,719.59
38813	Broad Crk Spot Dredging (Middl)	65,000.00	26.20	28,616.01	36,383.99	44.02%	27,920.95	(695.06)
38814	DEQ/NOAA/VCZMP - NPC Board	183,952.00	982.26	55,620.90	128,331.10	30.24%	126,521.90	70,901.00
38815	Middlesex Comp Plan Audit - CL	6,423.30	11.47	5,958.10	465.20	92.76%	10,017.02	4,058.92
38816	DEQ IJJA Rapp Shoreline BMP Cc	1,847,451.00	11,583.66	143,080.60	1,704,370.40	7.74%	78,783.88	(64,296.72)
39000	General Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	205,408.77	205,408.77
<b>Totals:</b>		<u>16,121,879.79</u>		<u>5,518,386.81</u>		<u>34.23%</u>		<u>(312,465.92)</u>
			<u>206,681.41</u>		<u>10,603,492.98</u>		<u>5,205,920.89</u>	

## Balance Sheet by Category

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**Assets:**

Cash in Bank	355,333.19
Cash in Bank, Restricted	526,765.19
Receivables	848,896.45
Property & Equipment	6,664.71

<b>Assets:</b>	<b>\$1,737,659.54</b>
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**Liabilities:**

Accounts Payable	302,500.45
VRA Loan Payables	691,963.42
Payroll Withholdings	16,091.96
Cost Allocation Control	411,021.47

<b>Liabilities:</b>	<b>\$1,421,577.30</b>
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**Equity:**

Not Assigned to a Code	93,952.96
Local Initiatives/Information Resources	210,551.19
Economic Development	11,640.58
Transportation Programs	223,551.40
Onsite Repair & Pumpout	15,853.69
Housing	1,348.36
Coastal Community & Environmental	(302,940.70)
Public Access Auth Programs	62,124.76

<b>Equity:</b>	<b>\$316,082.24</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$1,737,659.54</b>
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<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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**Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission**  
**Executive Director's Report of Regional Progress**  
**February 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 \(viriniaworks.com\)](http://viriniaworks.com)
- For MPPDC Website: <https://www.mppdc.com/>

**MPPDC Staff and Contact Information**

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**Director of Daily Operations: Rachael Peabody**

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**Finance and Projects Manager: Jennifer Farmer**

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Programs: *Environmental Programs, Hazard Mitigation Planning, Grant Writing, Graphic Arts*

**Coastal Resilience Planner: Taylor Ovide**

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**Hub 33 Building Manager: Dawn Mantell**

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Programs: *Septic Pumpout, Repair/Replacement Assistance Programs, PDC Staff Support, MPA Staff Support, PAA Staff Support, Facilities Scheduling, Website Management*

## INFORMATION RESOURCES/ASSISTANCE

- Updated [www.mppdc.com](http://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.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted
- Reviewed the internal budget and amendment for this project.
- Provided 2 support letters – one from MPPDC and one from PAA - to Triangle Environmental for a proposal to pilot and roll out LIXIL, a nutrient treatment technology for wastewater on PAA owned land.
- Began to draft the FY25 Coastal TA scope of work which is due March 5.
- Met with the James River Association and Department of Wildlife Resources to discuss scaling living shoreline implementation and possible grant partnerships for upcoming NOAA grants.
- Submitted 5 applications to DCR's CFPF Round 5 grants. Project requests included:
  - The PAA is purchasing a Port-a-dam system that would protect the Pool House from flood and storm at the Captain Sinclair Recreational Area.
  - Gap funding for construction of breakwaters at Haven Beach in Mathews County.
  - The development of a resilience plan for the Town of West Point.
  - Construction of a living shoreline project that will include widening of the beach, heightening dunes, installation of plants and rock sills at Gloucester Point Beach Park in Gloucester County.
  - The design and deployment of a network of tide gauges in the Mobjack Bay, an area designated as a low-income area as defined by the Flood Fund guidance, to allow for parametric insurance to be offered to currently uninsurable assets at risk along the waterfront and in flood-prone areas. Also, this project will aim to enhance and advance effective flood resilience in the Middle Peninsula by utilizing the MPPDC Fight the Flood (FTF) program to offer flood insurance policy reviews and strategies for making flood insurance more affordable for local property owners.
- Coordinated with DEQ's Office Water Supply to schedule a Regional Water Supply Plan kick-off meeting. At this meeting DEQ staff will (1) Introduce DEQ Office of Water Supply staff to Regional Planning Unit (RPU) representatives and any stakeholders within the RPU; (2) Provide an overview of Water Supply Planning goals; (3) Explain planning requirements, processes, and timelines; (4) Share resources for Water Supply Plan development; and (5) Address any questions you may have. This meeting is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. Also coordinated with DEQ staff to schedule a meeting to discuss logistics ahead of the meeting and also determine the best way to notify RPU members.
- Began to draft the FY25 Coastal TA scope of work. This is due to CZM by March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Pulled data from the PAA reservation site regarding three hunters on the Brown Tract related to law enforcement violations.

### **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.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- Met with CZM to discuss proposals for an SAV mitigation banking proposal and for additional funding for literature review related to sediment and handling for beneficial use of dredge material. Both will be proposals for FY 2025 CZM 309.
- Met with DWR and JRA to discuss a NOAA proposal for wetland restoration plant propagation on the Sinclaire's property. We additionally spoke about updates related to the Mobjack Bay shoreline funding, which is currently on hold by the EPA.

### **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.*

- Continued coordinating with Tim Tillage at Mathews County to utilize funding to remove two vessels at Gwynn's Island.

### **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.*

- Continued working with MPPDC legal to review the draft financing white paper.
- Met with Deltaville marina owners to provide an update on the dredging of Broad Creek and possible future funding approaches for maintenance dredging.

### **Project 30008 – VPA MP-ES Dredge Material Planning**

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

- Convened a meeting with Shore Consulting Group and Corps of Engineers to discuss various dredge material pre-project launch items

### **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.*

- Completed contract with UVA for berm design at Captain Sinclairs. Scheduled a meeting with UVA landscape team, but weather forced a reschedule for March.

### **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.*

- Triangle Engineering made a site visit to Hub 33 to initiate installation of commercial elevated septic unit to Hub 33.

**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.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- Completed quarterly report and reimbursement. Project is entering close out.

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

*Project is to design and develop a draft Joint Permit Application for the shoreline and structures adjacent to the boat ramp at the Carlton Road (Mill Creek) public wharf in Middlesex. The designed solution will help mitigate the shoaling of the boat ramp and enhance the overall resilience of the public wharf.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- Drafted the final report to submit on January 30<sup>th</sup> to DCR and completed the final reimbursement. This project will be ready for full close out once the revenue is received.

**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.*

- Completed the quarterly report and the reimbursement but waiting on Gloucester CFM to sign the CFM documentation in order to submit.
- York CFPF Project 1 is fully invoiced under the CFPF Award, totaling \$85,060.50, with all work completed except for the grass installation, which will be invoiced under a different grant.
- The total project cost for York CFPF Project 1 is \$199,300.00, and the project has far exceeded the required match under the CFPF.
- The project is awaiting the final grass installation for closure, but all CFPF funds have been fully invoiced.
- York CFPF Project 2 is fully invoiced under the CFPF Award, totaling \$49,955.50, with all work completed except for the grass installation, which will be invoiced under a different grant.
- The total project cost for York CFPF Project 2 is \$86,050.00, and the project has far exceeded the required match under the CFPF.
- The project will be closed once the grass installation is completed and invoiced under the other grant, with all CFPF funds already fully invoiced.

**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.*

- Submitted the reimbursement and quarterly report
- York CFPF Project 3 is fully invoiced under the CFPF Award, totaling \$53,201.00, with all work completed.
- The total project cost for York CFPF Project 3 is \$106,494.00, and the project has far exceeded the required match under the CFPF.
- All costs have been fully invoiced, and the contractor has been paid in full. A separate reimbursement request for the IJJA portion has been submitted to DCR, with no further CFPF costs remaining.

- York CFPF Project 4 is fully invoiced under the CFPF Award, totaling \$94,611.00, with construction still ongoing.
- The total project cost for York CFPF Project 4 is \$156,521.00, and the project has far exceeded the required match under the CFPF.
- At this stage, no reimbursement requests are being made as the project is being cash-flowed through a loan. Once construction is complete, the full CFPF allocation will be invoiced.

**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.*

- Finance: Managed routine monthly financial requirements.
- Initiated a planned meeting for the PAA in March.
- Responded to a FOIA request for all information related to South Garden LLC land donation.

**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 is approaching close out in March. Final administrative closeout work remains, and some extension work by prize winners.

**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 is planned to be closed out in February.

**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.*

- Project planned to be closed out in February.
- Analyzed monitoring report from VIMS and began to summarize the report and findings for the final NFWF report through the NFWF easy grants website.

**Project 32182 – VCZMP Working Waterfront Resilience Assessments**

*MPPDC staff will be contracting with Accomack-Norhampton, Northern Neck, and Hampton Roads PDCs to conduct vulnerability assessments of publicly owned working waterfronts in each region with the intent of identifying and advancing solutions at the properties which are eligible and competitive for various state and federal grant funding opportunities.*

- Submitted the final report to Jeff Flood at Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) by the February 15, 2025, deadline. Worked closely with Jeff throughout the process to compile and refine

the assessments from the Planning District Commissions (PDCs).

- Collaborated with PDC partners to gather detailed data on over 20 waterfront sites (5 for each PDC), focusing on infrastructure conditions and climate vulnerabilities. Ensured all relevant information was integrated into the final report, reflecting the needs and priorities of each site.
- Reviewed the report multiple times, incorporating feedback and making necessary adjustments to align with project goals and submission requirements. Coordinated with Jeff to ensure accuracy and clarity throughout the final report.
- The final report provides a comprehensive assessment of key waterfront sites, highlighting infrastructure challenges, climate risks, and resilience needs. It aims to guide future funding opportunities and inform strategic planning for Virginia’s coastal communities.
- The submission outlines essential resilience needs and provides the necessary data for requesting funding through the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF). It also supports the broader goals of the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan (VCRMP).

#### **Project 32184 – DEQ Chesapeake Bay WIP Technical Assistance 2024**

*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 final report to DEQ.
- Received and signed the WIP TA contract for 2025. This project is currently being onboarded by MPPDC staff.
- Staff met to discuss the WIP TA 2025 project requirements. A draft scope of work is due to DEQ for the 2026 WIP TA project by March 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.

## **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.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- Continued work on dredging and shoreline protection by contractor.

#### **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.*

- Transitioned management of this program to Jennifer Farmer.
- Discussed and submitted FY26 Cap Grant Application with DRPT PM Kathy Molin.
- Scheduled a meeting with VDRPT consultants for updating the Middle Peninsula commuter master plan
- Submitted Quarter 2 report and reimbursement.

#### **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.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- Initiated transfer of project management activities to Jennifer Farmer. Continued coordination with VDOT staff
- Responded to subpoena request for all information related to road ending named Tin Can alley on Gwynn's Island in Mathews County.

#### **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.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- Administrative and Financial Activities:
  - Finance: Reconciled project from start. Worked with USDOT staff to ensure records match. Submitted and received payment for quarter report ending 9.30.24.
  - Received updated program agreement to extend the project deliverable timeline of the implementation plan, now scheduled to be completed in 8-2025.
  - Amended budget to include an 11<sup>th</sup> site for design.
  - Coordinating with Mark Mansfield on the economic analysis and with Newport News on using their working waterfront model as an example for implementation.
- Working Waterfront Needs Assessment & Improvement Strategies
  - VHB continued development of the Needs Assessment document.
  - VHB continued the necessary fieldwork internally and with subconsultants to obtain necessary information to continue developing the 30% design plans.
  - VHB continued developing the engineering plans & permit documents for the (11) selected sites.
  - VHB presented to Middlesex County Board of Supervisors the feedback from Public Engagement – January 7, 2025
  - VHB met with Gloucester County Administrator, Carol Steele to provide feedback from public

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- Implementation Plan Development
  - VHB continued developing the implementation plan
  - VHB and its consultant, Shore Consulting Group, continued the assessment of the economic impacts associated with the proposed improvements.
    - VHB and its consultant, Shore Consulting Group, met with VDOT to discuss potential Operating and Maintenance Cost for working waterfront sites to assist in the development of the Benefit Costs Analysis – January 15, 2025
    - VHB and its consultant, Shore Consulting Group, met with Tim Tillage, Mathews County Manager of facilities to discuss potential Operating and Maintenance Cost for working waterfront sites to assist in the development of the Benefit Costs Analysis – January 17, 2025
    - VHB met with Tommy Kellum, owner of W.E. Kellum Seafood, to discuss the assess the economic impacts associated with the proposed improvements – January 20, 2025
    - VHB and its consultant, Shore Consulting Group, met with John Vigliotta, owner of Mobjack Bay Seafood, to discuss the assess the economic impacts associated with the proposed improvements – January 21, 2025

### **Project 301012 – DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF)/VPA Waterway Maintenance Fund (WMF) Davis Creek Dredging**

*Project is for finalizing dredged material disposal solution and implementing dredging of Davis Creek.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- Continued communications with property owners of potential upland placement sites.
- Received an overall project schedule from the USACE.
- Next important deliverable is a ranking exercise of upland placement options by the USACE (February 2025).
- Participated in a joint Mathews County, Corps of Engineers and MPPDC staff call to discuss process for the Corps to select and or narrow the list of sites eligible to receive dredge material from Davis Creek
- Reached out to Mark Mansfield requesting updates on the project for DCR quarterly report.

### **Project 38810 – VPA Aberdeen 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 upland disposal site. MPPDC is administering the grant on behalf of the County with procurement and permitting assistance and project oversight.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- Met with project team to plan next steps for Aberdeen creek design build solution.

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

*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.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been

omitted.

- Continued weekly coordination calls with Middlesex County on emergency dredging project.
- Convened meeting with Waterways, Middlesex County and MPPDC staff to discuss dredging construction site management services with Waterways.
- Phase 2 dredging contract addendum signed jointly by Middlesex County and Seaward Marine Corporation.

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

*Project is for designing and developing draft permit applications for dredging and beneficial reuse or disposal of dredged material at Whiting Creek in Middlesex County.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- Continued communications with Middlesex County regarding placement site evaluations.
- Conducted in-progress-review meeting #2 for the Design/Permitting Phase with VIMS and Middle Peninsula PDC regarding next phase of work.
- Reached out to Mark Mansfield requesting updates on the project for DCR quarterly report.

#### **Project 38813 – Broad Creek Spot Dredging (Middlesex)**

*Project is for designing and developing draft permit applications for dredging (Phase 1) and dredging and material disposal (Phase 2) at Broad Creek in Middlesex County.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- Convened meeting with Waterways, Middlesex County and MPPDC staff to discuss dredging construction site management services with Waterways.

### **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.*

- As of February 14, MPPDC staff has identified (3) potential homeowners and continues to screen septic assistance inquiries for eligibility to receive financial assistance through this grant program provided by the Mathews Community Foundation. The physical addresses of each of these septic systems were entered into the mapping tool to verify their location is within the program’s target area, Gwynn’s Island.
- Reminder of available funding to assist low-income homeowners on Gwynn’s Island with any repair approved by the Virginia Department of Health and not prohibited by any local ordinance was emailed to Mathews County Administrator, Board of Supervisors, and Health Dept, and local septic contractors. Funds will be awarded based on current median family income as published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

#### **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.*

- **As of February 14**, MPPDC staff has received phone calls from **235** homeowners in Gloucester, <sup>21</sup>

Mathews, and Middlesex Counties in response to the press release for available 319(h) funding. The physical addresses of each of these septic systems were entered into the mapping tool to verify their location is within the program's target areas. **(82)** homeowners had miscellaneous requests, declined moving forward, requested ineligible practices such as voluntary upgrades and reimbursement for work completed prior to the submission of a complete and qualified 319(h) application; **(6)** Mathews County homeowners placed their project on hold; and **(115)** homeowners' septic system isn't located in the program's target area. To-date, **(10)** Alternative Septic Systems in Mathews County have been installed; **(2)** Conventional Septic Systems, (1) in Gloucester County and (1) in Mathews County have been repaired; **(2)** Septic Systems in Middlesex County, **(2)** in Gloucester County, and **(4)** in Mathews County have been pumped out. All 20 homeowners were approved and reimbursed 50% of the average practice cost set DEQ. **(1)** Alternative Septic System installation in Mathews County has been completed. Reimbursement is pending approval by the Review Committee and **(1)** Middlesex County homeowner is waiting on an estimate from a second septic contractor after the first contractor didn't have the appropriate licensure.

**(9)** Homeowners remain on the Septic Pumpout list. (7 Mathews, 2 Middlesex)

**(3)** Homeowners remain on the Septic Repair/Replacement list. (2 Mathews, 1 Middlesex)

- Continue to receive inquiries from King William, King & Queen, and Essex County residents seeking septic assistance and are not in the designated target area set by DEQ to be eligible for 319(h) septic reimbursement funding. When applicable, these inquiries are screened for interest and eligibility in other MPPDC program funding, referred appropriately to VA DHCD, VHDA, and SERCAP for possible septic repair/**replacement** assistance and those seeking septic pumpout assistance are placed on the waiting list for when funding becomes available.
- Submitted Quarterly report and reimbursement. Reimbursement was approved.

#### **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.*

- SWAP is no longer accepting applications. Staff have received 22 complete applications. Staff have collected and submitted 20 homeowners' income documents for verification by Local Health Department staff to confirm that the applicants' income is at or below 200% FPG. To date, 20 applicants have been verified as low-income, 1 applicant has not submitted adequate income documentation, and 1 applicant has been found to be over-income and was referred to other resources.
- No projects were completed this month. In total, 7 projects have been completed, including 1 septic in Gloucester, 1 septic in Mathews, 1 well in Gloucester, 3 wells in Essex, and 3 well abandonments in Essex. The King William well project is pending, awaiting a Notice to Proceed, which is delayed due to an amendment needed to shift funds to the well. The King and Queen septic evaluation and design received a qualifying bid; however, it was determined that a professional engineer is required for the design, and the project will need to be rebid, as the original AOSS contractor could not provide a design.
- Submitted Quarterly Report and reimbursement.

#### **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.*

- MPPDC staff facilitated a meeting between the Health Department and the contractor to resolve issues regarding the drainfield location, as prior paperwork from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) was not transferred and cannot be located by VDH.

- MPPDC staff successfully negotiated an extension with VDH, executed on December 23, 2024, which included additional salary funding for staff to complete the remaining work in Essex County.
- MPPDC staff coordinated the completion of the shoreline repair in Essex County, funded by a separate grant program, ensuring that it was finished prior to the septic work.
- MPPDC staff worked to address the septic system construction bid in Mathews County, where the lowest bid came in over \$50,000. MPPDC ensured that this project moved forward despite the higher costs.
- The Mathews County project represents the final task for MPPDC in this series, aside from the ongoing work in Essex County.
- MPPDC staff began working on the newly added direct discharge project in Chesapeake, which was initiated by HRPDC and VDH. MPPDC staff played a crucial role as HRPDC lacked the capacity to manage such a project independently.
- MPPDC also facilitated an additional project in Chesapeake that was added by VDH at the request of HRPDC.

**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.*

- Have had two septic inquiries on Fight the Flood that an application for SLPP funding was distributed too. Staff continue to coordinate with homeowners to further determine if they meet the eligibility requirements.
- Staff have redrafted the application as it needed to reflect changes to qualifiers to make an application for funding that need to be made to the program design.
- Staff have worked to begin distributing marketing materials.

**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.*

- **Finance:**
  - IRS issues are satisfied.
  - Form 990 has been filed using external CPA
  - Dues notices mailed
  - Entity registration in progress

**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.*

- Submitted reimbursement on 1/31/2025 for Most Effective Basins (MEB) construction (for Sites 1-8) \$440,663.94.
- Submitted reimbursement on 1/31/2025 for NON MEB IJJA construction: \$184,937.50.

- Submitted quarterly report 1/31/2025, and received a thank you from DEQ for such a thorough report.
- MPPDC staff engaged with 7 homeowners and 1 civic association in the Most Effective Basins (MEB).
- All projects seeking reimbursement are 100% complete or awaiting marsh grass installation.
- Site 1: Existing living shoreline completed last year in Middlesex County; no further work needed.
- Site 2: 895 feet of shoreline requires protection in Middlesex County; 175 feet designed for installation. Contractor estimate: \$151,500. JPA submitted 09/26; permits obtained in January 2024. Construction to begin soon.
- Site 3: 83 feet of shoreline in Essex County, \$82,500 estimated cost. JPA issued 09/17. \$73,175 owed to Moyer's, \$15,000 owed to Natrx for installation and grass planting.
- Site 4: 265 feet of shoreline in Middlesex County, Quickreef BMP planned. Total cost \$82,710. \$75,850 requested for work completed, with grasses pending installation.
- Site 5: 84 feet of shoreline in Essex County, low-income homeowner seeking reimbursement for Flexamat. Total project cost \$174,575. Loan packet submitted; \$171,307.94 requested, with a final draw of \$3,267 once grasses are planted.
- Site 6: Civic association of 12 parcels in Middlesex County unsuitable for permitted BMPs; no further action taken.
- Site 7: 168 feet of shoreline in Middlesex County, contractor estimate \$105,331. Reimbursement pending submission after all permits obtained and project paid in full by the homeowner.
- Site 8: Over 6,000 feet of shoreline in Middlesex County. Construction quotes received, but homeowner has moved away from permitted design. Funds will likely have to be reallocated to other eligible projects.
- IJJA Site 1: Nearly complete, awaiting grass installation in King and Queen County. Total project cost: \$199,300. Grass installation cost to be invoiced separately.
- IJJA Site 2: Nearly complete, awaiting grass installation in Gloucester County. Total project cost: \$86,050. Grass installation cost to be invoiced separately.
- IJJA Site 3: Fully completed in Gloucester County. Total project cost: \$106,494. All reimbursements have been submitted.
- IJJA Site 4: Ongoing, cash flowed through loan in Gloucester County. Total project cost: \$156,521.
- IJJA Site 5: Ongoing, cash flowed through loan in Gloucester County. Total project cost: \$244,833.
- Two homeowners are using MPPDC's Living Shoreline Loan to support project completion.

### **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.*

- **Finance:**
  - Loan Funds available – \$149,376.76 (asset #10002)

### **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.*

- Developed the final report and final reimbursement and submitted on January 24, 2025. This closes out the project deliverables. Waiting to receive the revenue to fully close-out.

### **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](http://www.VirginiaWaterTrails.org)*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- Performed monthly maintenance, backups and security checks on website.

### **Project 38025 – FY25 Local & Regional Technical Assistance**

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

- Provided general assistance to localities as requested.
- Reached out to EDA to discuss the status of the Local Planning TA project. This project application is still open and can be updated and resubmitted. This project focuses on updating the regional CEDS plan.

### **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.*

- Awarded \$130,000 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) from Virginia Energy to conduct energy audits in Middlesex County and Urbanna.
  - Contract on hold due to 90-day federal government delay.
- Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) grant proposal for \$552,000 for Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority to acquire 513 acres near Middle Peninsula Regional Airport for conservation and public recreation was awarded 50% funding by DOD. Matching 50% funding announcement by NPS is paused due to federal government delay.
  - MPPDC is working with Virginia Office of the Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs for potential alternative matching funds.
  - \$255,000 in DCR LWCF matching funds already secured.
- Funding from Sen. Kaine and Warner’s offices for two FY25 earmark requests submitted by MPPDC are still pending the federal budget process:
  - Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies bill for FY25: \$801,585 to purchase, deploy and operate for one-year water level monitoring stations in the Middle Peninsula.
  - Homeland Security bill for FY25: \$942,574 to purchase and install generators providing backup power to emergency operations centers in Gloucester, Mathews, Middlesex, and Essex counties.

- Updates on full or partial funding of requests will be shared as the appropriations process takes place. Current Continuing Resolution expires March 14.
- Developing USDA Rural Development Rural Business Development Grant (RDBG) proposal for Gloucester County to conduct Gloucester Courthouse historic building ROI and long-term planning study.
- Developing three FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending (earmarks) requests in anticipation of the Spring 2025 cycle:
  - Met with Middlesex County and Bay Aging staff to develop Scope of Work and budget for Rawley Park workforce housing construction project.
  - Developing Scope of Work for Town of Tappahannock to advance phased site development at Tappahannock Airport Redevelopment Site.
  - Provided Essex County with information to develop potential request for funding for County animal shelter.
- Met with Parrindise Marina to begin developing VDH Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) proposal to fund boat slips and dock improvements.
- Coordinating with Essex County to develop DCR Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant proposal to fund trail maintenance in the upcoming Spring grant cycle.
- Essex County Ready, Set, Go! project was completed through LGA Grants Program to provide designs, schedule & cost estimate for VDOT Transportation Alternative's Program (TAP) application to fund Queen Street pedestrian crossing. County is working with VDOT to determine if they will request assistance submitting TAP pre-application in Spring 2025 grant cycle.
- Provided Gloucester County with information on DOD REPI program to acquire waterfront property in anticipation of FY26 grant cycle.

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

*Rehabilitation of the observation deck at the New Point Comfort Natural Area Preserve in Mathews County.*

- The observation deck demolition has been fully completed, and all new pilings were successfully installed this month, marking a key milestone in the project.
- MPPDC staff are closely monitoring the contractor's progress as they move on to framing, decking, and railing installation, ensuring the work remains on schedule.
- Communication with Docks of the Bay continues to ensure smooth transitions between project phases and to address any challenges that arise.
- Weather conditions are being closely tracked, with MPPDC staff prepared to adjust timelines as needed to accommodate potential delays.
- In February 2025, MPPDC staff met with the Mathews Rotary Club to acknowledge their matching funds contribution and provide an update on the project's progress.
- Coordination with VDOT remains ongoing to facilitate a temporary road closure needed for staging and storing construction equipment, ensuring minimal disruption to traffic flow.
- Staff continue overseeing the necessary permits, ensuring compliance with guidelines from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, VMRC, and the local wetlands board.
- MPPDC staff are reviewing the project's overall timeline to ensure the February 28, 2025, completion deadline is met while staying proactive about any potential delays.

## HOUSING

### Funding – Housing Loan Program Income

#### **Project 30187 – VHDA Affordable Workforce Housing Development**

*The three-year project will involve 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.*

- Construction continues of 6 apartments at Capt. Sinclair's.

#### **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.*

- **Finance:**
  - Funds available – \$46,774.52 (asset #10003)
  - Working with K&Q to use the remaining fund balance at Hub 33.

## 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.*

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- Coordinated with Consociate Media on deliverables. All deliverables will be completed by the end of February. Once complete MPPDC staff will work on project closeout.
- Reconciled invoices for reimbursement requests to DCR.

#### **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.*

- Initiated first reimbursement request for the project. Ware Cove LLC has been fronting construction startup costs. Continued discussions with VDEM on reimbursement process.

#### **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.

- Developed a service agreement for localities to bring to their Boards or Town Councils. MPPDC staff also requested that each locality appoint 2 representatives to participate on the AHMP Planning Team. The table below shows the status of each locality:

Locality	Local Adoption Date	Planning Team Appointees
Essex County	12/11/24	
Gloucester County	1/21/25	Jane Wenner & Brian Lewis
King & Queen County		None to date.
King William County	1/13/25	Andrew Terry & TBD Director of Community Planning
Mathews County	12/19/24	None to date.
Middlesex County		Dave Kretz & David Layman
Town of Tappahannock		James Knighton & Eric Pollitt
Town of Urbanna	12/20/24	None to date.
Town of West Point	12/17/24	Steven Hudgins & Holly McGowan

- **Finance:**
  - All localities have been invoiced for Dues.

## 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.*

- **Finance:**
  - Uncommitted septic repair funds remaining: \$23,555.18 in loan funds – \$21,641.00 in grant funds.
  - Continue to work with clients in need to process loan applications. As the weather worsens, more needs materialize.

### **Project 31500 – Living Shoreline Loan Program**

*The MPPDC Living Shoreline Incentive Program Loan Fund provides low-interest loans to local homeowners to implement living shorelines. These funds will be used for erosion prevention and water quality control and to protect and enhance natural shoreline habitats using strategically placed plants, stone, sand fill and other structural and organic materials.*

- **Finance:**
  - Remaining uncommitted living shoreline funds: \$0 Loan is closed.

### **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.*

- **Finance:**

- Remaining uncommitted funds: \$2,521,174.42 in loan funds - \$258,908 in principle forgiveness (grant funds).
- Continue to work with clients in need to process loan applications.
- Continued management of multiple reimbursements monthly.

## **AGENCY ADMINISTRATION**

**Funding - Indirect cost reimbursements from all PDC projects**

### **MPPDC Administration**

*Administrative services provided to MPPDC programs. Planned FY25 Indirect Cost rate = 16.41%.*

- Continued work on Monday.com as a project management tool to assist program managers with tools needed to manage individual projects.
- Continued routine financial management activities.
- Continue to work with external resources on PDC IRS issues.

## **Closed Projects**

### **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 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.*

## 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)

## Opportunities Identified to Implement Commission Priorities

### *Proposals Status for Grant Applications Submitted*

### **FY2025**

Service Center	Project Title and Description	Date Applied	Funding Requested	Status
Environmental	DCR CFPF Rd. 5 – Captain Sinclairs Portadam Flood Protection	Nov. 2024	\$132,680	Submitted
Environmental	DCR CFPF Rd. 5 – West Point Flood Protection Master Plan	Nov. 2024	\$1,413,304	Submitted
Environmental	DCR CFPF Rd. 5 – Parametric & Flood Insurance Accelerator (Try #2)	Nov. 2024	\$883,167	Submitted
Environmental	DCR CFPF Rd. 5 – Gloucester Point Beach Living Shoreline (Try #2)	Nov. 2024	\$2,565,000	Submitted
Environmental	DCR CFPF Rd. 5 – Haven Beach Living Shoreline Gap Funding (Try #2)	Nov. 2024	\$1,393,557	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ 319h Mattaponi Watershed Septic Repair	Sep. 2024	\$493,668	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ IJJA Shoreline BMP Construction FY25	Sep. 2024	\$699,022	Awarded
Local/Reg	US EDA Technical Assistance 2025	Sep. 2024	\$70,000	Submitted
MPCBPAA	DCR VLCF Robinson-Bakers Creek Acquisition	Aug. 2024	\$303,975	Submitted
Local/Reg	DCHD Regional Coop. Act – Local Tech. Assistance FY25	Aug. 2024	\$114,971	Submitted
Local/Reg	VTC Microbusiness Marketing - Hunters' Lodging Program	Jul. 2024	\$6,500	Awarded
Local/Reg	NOAA Saltonstall-Kennedy Blue Catfish Marketing pre-proposal	Jul. 2024	\$148,500	Submitted
MPCBPAA	NERRS BIL West Point Airport Property Acquisition LOI (Try #2)	Jul. 2024	\$797,000	Not Awarded
MPCBPAA	NOAA BIL West Point Airport Property Acquisition LOI (Try #2)	Jul. 2024	\$797,000	Not Awarded
Local/Reg	NOAA BIL Middlesex Co. Bushy Park Farm Acquisition LOI (Try #2)	Jul. 2024	\$5,971,248	Submitted
<b>FY 2025 Awarded Total (July – November 2024)</b>			<b>\$705,522</b> (2 awards)	
<b>FY 2025 Requested Total (July – November 2024)</b>			<b>\$16,889,219</b> (15 proposals submitted)	
<b>FY 2025 Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total</b>			<b>\$13,490,070</b> (11 proposals awaiting award decision)	

### ***Status of Pending Applications Submitted during FY2024***

Service Center	Project Title and Description	Date Applied	Funding Requested	Status
Local/Reg	DOD REPI West Point Airport Acquisition	May 2024	\$697,000	Submitted
Local/Reg	Congressionally Directed Spending - Parametric Tide Gauges	Apr. 2024	\$801,585	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP Technical Assistance FY25	Mar. 2024	\$72,500	Submitted
Transportation	FEMA BRIC– Essex Coleman Island Rd. Flooding Study	Jan. 2024	\$100,000	Submitted
Environmental	DCR Resilient VA Revolving Fund - MPPDC Resilience Loan Funding Program launch	Dec. 2023	\$500,000	Submitted
Environmental	FEMA BRIC - VA low water state project scoping	Nov. 2023	\$150,000	Submitted
<b>FY 2024 Awarded Total (July 2023 – June 2024)</b>			<b>\$17,927,222</b> (22 awards)	
<b>FY 2024 Requested Total (July 2023 – June 2024)</b>			<b>\$105,764,809</b> (70 proposals submitted)	
<b>FY 2024 Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total</b>			<b>\$2,321,085</b> (6 proposals awaiting award decision)	
<b>FY 2024 &amp; FY 2025 Cumulative Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total</b>			<b>\$15,811,155</b> (17 proposals awaiting award decision)	

## 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



# MPPDC Session Report

February 15, 2025

## Overview

We have reached the last week of session and the General Assembly will wrap up its work by the deadline of February 22. The General Assembly saw 3,170 bills and resolutions introduced this year. Only 368 have passed both the House and Senate with 1,297 still pending. The last day for committee action on bills is Monday, February 17 and the biggest item remaining is the final conference report on the amendments to the biennium budget. The House and Senate rejected the other chambers budget bills and have proceeded to a committee of conference. All revenue bills (those bringing in revenue for the Commonwealth) have passed the House and Senate and the conference committee must now deal with shortfalls in K-12 education and Medicaid funding. The conference report will need to be completed and posted online by Thursday, February 20 to fulfill the 48-hour rule. The General Assembly rules state the budget must be posted online for 48-hours prior to action by the House and Senate.

The budget conferees from each chamber are:

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### Senate Budget Conferees

- L. Louise [Lucas](#) (D – District 18)
- R. Creigh [Deeds](#) (D – District 11)
- Mamie E. [Locke](#) (D – District 23)
- Ryan T. [McDougle](#) (R – District 26)
- Todd E. [Pillion](#) (R – District 6)

### House Budget Conferees

- Luke E. [Torian](#) (D - Prince William)
- Mark D. [Sickles](#) (D - Arlington)
- David L. [Bulova](#) (D – Fairfax)
- Betsy B. [Carr](#) (D – Richmond)
- Terry L. [Austin](#) (R - Botetourt)
- Robert S. [Bloxom](#), Jr. (R - Accomack)

Delegate Bloxom's bill to move the Waterway Maintenance Fund from the Virginia Port Authority to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission passed out of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee unanimously on Friday. The bill now moves to the Senate floor. There is an amendment in the House budget and the Senate Finance Committee's action indicates the amendment will be included in the final budget conference report. Delegate Candi Mundon King's solar bill, HB 2438, will be heard in the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Monday, February 17. The bill would require localities to adopt specific standards and criteria for solar projects. The bill is opposed by VACo, environmental organizations, and the agricultural and forestry communities.

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## Tracked Bills

Bill	Sponsors	Title	Last Action	Latest Version
<a href="#">HB 1577</a>	<a href="#">Wren M. Williams</a> <a href="#">Eric Phillips</a>	Centralized local government reporting system; unfunded mandates on localities.	House, Feb 4, 2025: Left in Counties, Cities and Towns	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 1601</a>	<a href="#">Joshua E. Thomas</a> <a href="#">Shelly A. Simonds</a> <a href="#">Betsy B. Carr</a>	Siting of data centers; site assessment; high energy use facility. <b>House Calendar: 02/17/2025: Unfinished Business - House - General, Position: 1</b>	House, Feb 14, 2025: Senate substitute rejected by House (Y-2 N-94 A-0)	<a href="#">Local Government Substitute</a>
<a href="#">HB 1774</a>	<a href="#">Marty Martinez</a>	County services; provision of services within towns.	House, Feb 4, 2025: Left in Counties, Cities and Towns	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 1810</a>	<a href="#">Robert S. Bloxom, Jr.</a>	Marine Resources Commission; encroachment on subaqueous beds, permitting requirements.	Senate, Feb 14, 2025: Passed Senate (36-Y 0-N)	<a href="#">Engrossed</a>
<a href="#">HB 1834</a>	<a href="#">Robert S. Bloxom, Jr.</a>	Virginia Waterway Maintenance Grant Program and Fund; administration by Marine Resource Commission. <b>***Priority***</b>	Senate, Feb 14, 2025: Reported from Finance and Appropriations (14-Y 0-N)	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 1907</a>	<a href="#">Hillary Pugh Kent</a>	Blue catfish; Board of Wildlife Resources to amend regulations to remove one-fish daily limit.	House, Feb 4, 2025: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 1950</a>	<a href="#">Phil M. Hernandez</a>	Living Shoreline Grant Fund; established.	House, Feb 4, 2025: Left in Appropriations	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 2024</a>	<a href="#">Holly M. Seibold</a> <a href="#">Nadarius E. Clark</a> <a href="#">Kelly K. Convirs-Fowler</a>	Solar photovoltaic equipment, etc.; national environmental protection and product safety standards. <b>Senate Calendar: 02/17/2025: House Bills on Third Reading - Uncontested Calendar, Position: 12</b>	Senate, Feb 14, 2025: Passed by for the day	<a href="#">General Laws Substitute</a>
<a href="#">HB 2077</a>	<a href="#">Paul E. Krizek</a> <a href="#">Shelly A. Simonds</a> <a href="#">Betsy B. Carr</a>	Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund; loan and grant program, eligible recipients. <b>Senate Calendar: 02/17/2025: Awaiting House Action - General, Position: 2</b>	House, Feb 14, 2025: Conferees appointed by House	<a href="#">Finance and Appropriations Substitute</a>
<a href="#">HB 2126</a>	<a href="#">Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr.</a>	Virginia Energy Facility Review Board established; localities; comprehensive plan and local ordinances related to siting of	House, Feb 5, 2025: Left in Labor and Commerce	<a href="#">Labor and Commerce Subcommittee Substitute</a>

		critical interconnection projects; planning district commissions; regional energy plans; Virginia Clean Energy Technical Assistance Center established.		
<a href="#">HB 2142</a>	<a href="#">Paul V. Milde</a>	Land use; refund by localities of certain application fees.	House, Feb 4, 2025: Left in Counties, Cities and Towns	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 2309</a>	<a href="#">M. Keith Hodges</a>	Local health districts and health departments; guidance for septic and well permits. <b>Senate Calendar: 02/17/2025: House Bills on Second Reading - Uncontested Calendar, Position: 60</b>	Senate, Feb 13, 2025: Reported from Education and Health (15-Y 0-N)	<a href="#">Health and Human Services Substitute</a>
<a href="#">HB 2326</a>	<a href="#">M. Keith Hodges</a>	Commercial fishing pier; public fishing pier owned by a political subdivision, exclusion. <b>***Priority***</b>	House, Feb 4, 2025: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	<a href="#">HACNR Sub: Chesapeake Substitute</a>
<a href="#">HB 2331</a>	<a href="#">M. Keith Hodges</a>	Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas; acceptance of signed & sealed plan in lieu of local plan review. <b>***Priority***</b>	House, Feb 4, 2025: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	<a href="#">HACNR Sub: Chesapeake Substitute</a>
<a href="#">HB 2417</a>	<a href="#">Phillip A. Scott</a>	Procurement; local budget.	House, Feb 4, 2025: Left in Counties, Cities and Towns	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 2450</a>	<a href="#">M. Keith Hodges</a>	Research university collaborative; reassigning coastal resource management duties.	House, Feb 4, 2025: Left in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 2453</a>	<a href="#">M. Keith Hodges</a>	Living Shoreline Grant Fund; established.	House, Jan 24, 2025: Stricken from docket by Appropriations (22-Y 0-N)	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 2481</a>	<a href="#">Paul E. Krizek</a>	Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.	House, Feb 4, 2025: Left in Appropriations	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 2521</a>	<a href="#">Alfonso H. Lopez</a> <a href="#">Nadarius E. Clark</a>	Virginia Institute of Marine Science & Marine Resources Commission; oyster stock assessment, report.	House, Feb 4, 2025: Left in Rules	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">HB 2671</a>	<a href="#">Eric Phillips</a>	Authorized septic system inspectors; definitions, minimum requirements, penalty. <b>On docket • <a href="#">Senate Commerce and Labor</a></b> Feb 17, 2025	House, Feb 6, 2025: Fiscal Impact Statement from Department of Planning and Budget (HB2671)	<a href="#">Labor and Commerce Substitute</a>

		no location specified		
<a href="#">HB 2713</a>	<a href="#">Paul V. Milde</a>	Atlantic menhaden; Marine Resources Commission, et al., to study ecology, fishery impacts, etc.	House, Feb 4, 2025: Left in Rules	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 136</a>	<a href="#">Christopher T. Head</a>	Local government; prohibition on certain appointments.	Senate, Nov 19, 2024: Left in Local Government	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 788</a>	<a href="#">Christopher T. Head</a>	Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.	Senate, Jan 20, 2025: Passed by indefinitely in Commerce and Labor (9-Y 6-N)	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 851</a>	<a href="#">J.D. "Danny" Diggs</a>	Rainwater harvesting systems, certain; local ordinances for use. <b>House Calendar: 02/17/2025: Senate Bills on Third Reading - Uncontested Calendar, Position: 4</b>	House, Feb 14, 2025: Read second time	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 930</a>	<a href="#">Richard H. Stuart</a>	Aquatic fauna/water quality in Chesapeake Bay & its major tributaries; surface water intakes.	Senate, Feb 5, 2025: Left in Finance and Appropriations	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 933</a>	<a href="#">Richard H. Stuart</a>	Fishing with trawl nets and drag nets; shrimp and horseshoe crab; license fee; penalty. <b>House Calendar: 02/17/2025: Senate Bills on Third Reading - Uncontested Calendar, Position: 9</b>	House, Feb 14, 2025: Read second time	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 1112</a>	<a href="#">Angelia Williams Graves</a>	Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.	Senate, Feb 5, 2025: Left in Finance and Appropriations	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 1165</a>	<a href="#">Saddam Azlan Salim</a>	Solar photovoltaic equipment, etc.; national environmental protection and product safety standards.	House, Feb 11, 2025: Referred to Committee on Rules	<a href="#">General Laws and Technology Substitute</a>
<a href="#">SB 1169</a>	<a href="#">Saddam Azlan Salim</a>	Marine Resources Commission; encroachment on subaqueous beds, permitting requirements. <b>House Calendar: 02/17/2025: Senate Bills on Third Reading - Uncontested Calendar, Position: 17</b>	House, Feb 14, 2025: Read second time	<a href="#">Engrossed</a>
<a href="#">SB 1171</a>	<a href="#">Saddam Azlan Salim</a>	Gas-powered leaf blowers; local prohibition or regulation, civil penalty.	Senate, Jan 20, 2025: Failed to report (defeated) in Local Government (3-Y 12-N)	<a href="#">Introduced</a>

<a href="#">SB 1190</a>	<a href="#">R. Creigh Deeds</a> <a href="#">Jeremy S. McPike</a> <a href="#">Schuyler T. VanValkenburg</a>	Va. Energy Facility Review Board & Virginia Clean Energy Technical Assistance Center; established.	Senate, Feb 6, 2025: Failed to pass	<a href="#">Finance and Appropriations Substitute</a>
<a href="#">SB 1218</a>	<a href="#">Richard H. Stuart</a>	Labor and employment; covenants not to compete prohibited, low-wage employees, exceptions, civil pen <b>House Calendar: 02/17/2025: Senate Bills on Second Reading - Regular Calendar, Position: 30</b>	House, Feb 13, 2025: Reported from Labor and Commerce (12-Y 10-N)	<a href="#">Commerce and Labor Substitute</a>
<a href="#">SB 1234</a>	<a href="#">Lashrecse D. Aird</a>	Private well permit application; application shall include whether repair of existing well, etc. <b>House Calendar: 02/17/2025: Senate Bills on Second Reading - Regular Calendar, Position: 32</b>	House, Feb 13, 2025: Reported from Health and Human Services (17-Y 5-N)	<a href="#">Education and Health Substitute</a>
<a href="#">SB 1337</a>	<a href="#">David W. Marsden</a>	Coastal storm risk mgmt.; Office of Commonwealth Resilience to study costs of feasibility studies	House, Feb 5, 2025: Referred to Committee on Rules	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 1349</a>	<a href="#">Kannan Srinivasan</a>	Conflict of Interests Act, State and Local Government, etc.; annual filing of disclosure statements.	Senate, Jan 29, 2025: Passed by indefinitely in General Laws and Technology (14-Y 1-N)	<a href="#">Introduced</a>
<a href="#">SB 1434</a>	<a href="#">Jeremy S. McPike</a>	Solar photovoltaic project; decisions of localities, regional energy plans.	Senate, Jan 24, 2025: Incorporated by Commerce and Labor (SB1190-Deeds) (15-Y 0-N)	<a href="#">Introduced</a>

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