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Mr. Lewis L. Lawrence, III

MEMORANDUM

TO: MPPDC Board of Commissioners
FROM: Lewis Lawrence, Executive Director
DATE: January 16, 2025
RE: January Commission Meeting

The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the HUB 33 Conference Room at the new Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission office located at 4521 Lewis B. Puller Memorial Highway in Shacklefords, VA 23156.

Enclosed are the January 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) 758-2311 or email me at LLawrence@mppdc.com

I look forward to seeing you on **January 22nd**!

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Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

125 Bowden Street

Saluda VA 23149

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

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- IX. New Commissioner Introductions and what MPPDC does – Ashley Chriscoe & Lewie Lawrence
- X. Adoption of the CY25 MPPDC Meeting Schedule
- XI. Broad Creek Maritime Messaging – Stephanie Heintz, Consociate Media
- XII. General Assembly Update – Advantus Strategies
- XIII. Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matter per §2.2-3711 and §2.2-3712 – Ashley Chriscoe
- XIV. Other Business
- XV. Adjournment

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MIDDLE PENINSULA PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
November 20, 2024
Saluda, Virginia

I. Welcome and Introductions

The monthly meeting of the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission was held in the Regional Board Room at the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission office in Saluda, Virginia on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. MPPDC Chairman, Chriscoe welcomed everyone in attendance.

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, Benjamin Edwards, Stacey Davenport
Mathews County: Tom Bowen, Dave Jones, Harry Meeks
Middlesex County: Wayne Jessie, Reggie Williams
Town of Tappahannock: Kay Carlton
Town of Urbanna: Dr. William Goldsmith

Commissioners Absent

Essex County: Sarah Pope
Gloucester County: Dr. Willy Reay
King William County: Greg Henrich
Mathews County: Ramona Wilson
Middlesex County: Kendall Webre, Matt Walker
Town of Tappahannock: Eric Pollitt
Town of West Point: James Pruett

Also in Attendance

Lewie Lawrence, MPPDC Executive Director
Curt Smith, MPPDC Deputy Director
Taylor Ovide, MPPDC Coastal Resilience Planner
Dawn Mantell, MPPDC Executive Assistant

II. Approval of October Minutes

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

III. Approval of Financial Report

MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence reported on the continuing efforts to obtain reimbursement from the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Del. Keith Hodges plans to bring this to the attention of the House of Appropriations in hopes of reaching a resolution. Chairman Chriscoe asked whether there were any questions regarding the financial report before being approved subject to audit. There being no questions, Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to approve the financial

report subject to audit. Mr. Jessie moved to approve the financial report subject to audit. Ms. Norman seconded the motion; motion carried.

IV. Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for the Month of November

MPPDC Chairman Chriscoe requested MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence review the Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for the month of November. The Executive Director's Report on staff activities is developed monthly with input from all MPPDC staff and subcontractors. The report is organized by PDC Service Centers, and the activities are used to report activities to both the Commission and respective grant funding agencies.

Mr. Lawrence directed the Commissioners' attention to a few items:

- REPI grant proposal for \$552,000 for Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority to acquire 513 acres near the Middle Peninsula Regional Airport for conservation and public recreation continues to advance through federal agency review. *Mr. Lawrence reported this award is the second largest grant award obtained by the local grants program. The first award was ~\$250,000 for a total of \$750,000 being obtained to date.*
- Held initial discussions with legal counsel regarding financing options to be considered during the project. *Mr. Lawrence reported legal counsel has been retained to develop a whitepaper and model ordinance on multiple financing options to assist localities with funding dredging projects.*
- Finalized contract with UVA School of Architecture for flood mitigation berm design at the PAA Captain Sinclairs and discussed utility of new DCR Pluvial Model products for the berm designs. *Mr. Lawrence reported testing of these designs will begin soon.*
- Mathews County Hole-in-the-Wall/Haven Beach Implementation Phase 2 (Breakwater Construction): Construction of the breakwaters continues. Developed proposal to VDCR Flood Fund for funding needed to construct the remaining two breakwaters designed for the site *Mr. Lawrence reported this project has moved into the construction phase for breakwater and weather permitting, should be completed within the next two weeks.*

V. MPCBPAA Update

None.

VI. MPA Update

MPA Chairman, Ashley Chriscoe, reported Del. Keith Hodges will be scheduling a meeting with MPA Board members and County Administrators and Town Managers of participating localities for the first week of December. Invoices for MPA dues are in the process of being prepared and will be distributed as soon as the meeting date has been finalized.

VII. MPPDC Public Relations/Communications Update

None.

VIII. Public Comment

None.

IX. Discussion of Regional Dredging Priorities for 2025 Virginia Waterways Maintenance Fund Grant Round

MPPDC Chairman Chriscoe asked if there was a motion from the Commission to recommend advancing Broad Creek for emergency funding, remove Timberneck for the time being and put Parrots Creek in its place for the follow-up if emergency funding is awarded to Broad Creek. If Broad Creek isn't completely funded, Broad Creek will be re-submitted during the February round but, if Broad Creek is fully funded through the emergency funding, then Parrots Creek will be submitted in the February round. Ms. Norman so moved; Mr. Nicosia seconded the motion; motion carried.

X. Municipal Dredging Program Update

MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence reported that a draft Dredge Program Operating Plan and PowerPoint Presentation has been submitted to the Virginia Port Authority. The municipal dredge program funding being held by the Virginia Port Authority, must be expended by June 30, 2025 and is expected to be released to the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority at the March meeting of the VPA.

XI. Community Inundation Assessment and Alternatives Analysis

MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence reviewed the Community Inundation Assessment and Alternatives Analysis developed by MPPDC staff with funding from the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program. Topics reviewed: Pain Points; Methodology; Community Impact Assessment Pilot – Bavon, Mathews County, VA; New Point Comparative Analysis; Property Owner Decisions; and Owner Alternatives. Mr. Lawrence shared a video produced by Consociate Media to help Middle Peninsula citizens understand their options. The video will be posted to the Fight the Flood website and will direct visitors to the report.

XII. Discussion of General Assembly – Legislative Items

MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence reviewed the MPPDC priority legislation Del. Keith Hodges will introduce to the General Assembly this session. This legislation addresses License fees associated with public fishing piers operated by a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; Acceptance of signed and sealed plan in lieu of local plan review for land-disturbing activity in a Resource Protection Area; Indirect Costs to be recognized as a real cost by state agencies; and Virginia Waterway Maintenance Fund and Budget Amendment.

XIII. DCR Pluvial Model Presentation

MPPDC Deputy Director, Curt Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation on new Pluvial Modeling available from VDCR. The model is the first of its kind available nationally. Mr. Smith reviewed Sources of Flooding; Total Simulations; 63 Rainfall Scenarios; Forecasting Future Flooding with “Planning Scenarios”; Regional Resilience Planning; Stormwater Management; and Staff Training and Professional Development & Capacity Building.

XIV. VDOT Smart Scale Round 6 Application Summary

MPPDC Deputy Director, Curt Smith reported \$7.5B is available in Round 6 for road projects and provided a handout listing the 10 Middle Peninsula Smart Scale FY 2026 Project applications still in contention for Round 6 funding. VDOT is expected to determine in January which projects should be funded.

XV. Other Business

- **USDOT RAISE Project:** MPPDC Deputy Director, Curt Smith reported that on December 4th at 4 p.m., a public meeting for the USDOT RAISE project for working waterfront improvements will be held at Rappahannock Community College, Glens Campus. Those that cannot attend in person to provide feedback on the conceptual designs for the targeted sites can attend via a virtual public meeting room created by VHB.
- **Commission Appointments:** Chairman Chriscoe announced the Commissioners with terms expiring on December 31, 2024, and reminded them to make sure their Board of Supervisors addresses these vacancies before the next MPPDC meeting in January.
- **Virginia Resources Authority Update:** MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence reported the King & Queen County Board of Supervisors has adopted the entire \$500k debt service on the short-term line of credit and thanked them for their generosity.

XVI. Adjournment

Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jones so moved; Mr. Jessie 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	16.31	6,491.53	122,507.47	5.03%	64,550.33	58,058.80
30002	DEQ WIP TA 2025	0.00	4.69	1,863.66	(1,863.66)	0.00%	0.00	(1,863.66)
30005	DCR CFPF Resilience Planning	369,969.00	33.95	13,508.55	356,460.45	3.65%	0.00	(13,508.55)
30006	LRNow Derelict Vessels (NOAA)	10,000.00	6.39	2,545.51	7,454.49	25.46%	1,331.52	(1,213.99)
30007	NOAA/VCZMP Public Financing	50,000.00	15.24	6,120.50	43,879.50	12.24%	0.00	(6,120.50)
30008	MP/ES Dredge Mat. Mgt & Han	3,048,500.00	47.48	18,887.22	3,029,612.78	0.62%	0.00	(18,887.22)
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	41.77	49,356.31	1,016,115.69	4.63%	0.00	(49,356.31)
30170	Sm Bus Loan Admin (MPBDP Sta	0.00	(5.81)	(1,293.05)	1,293.05	0.00%	7,264.54	8,557.59
30186	Elev Septic Pilot (DHCD) (\$10k N	120,000.00	0.00	94,016.76	25,983.24	78.35%	120,000.00	25,983.24
30187	VHDA Housing Development	1,000,000.01	102,801.60	536,762.62	463,237.39	53.68%	447,332.56	(89,430.06)
30190	Hoskins Creek (DCR/Tapp CFPF)	91,620.00	4.86	13,761.28	77,858.72	15.02%	9,248.99	(4,512.29)
30191	Mill Creek Boat Ramp (DCR/Mse	61,680.00	20.78	54,624.80	7,055.20	88.56%	19,593.78	(35,031.02)
30192	FTF GIS Tool (DCR/FEMA)	147,000.00	13.26	131,582.81	15,417.19	89.51%	135,246.03	3,663.22
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	0.38	10,144.52	9,855.48	50.72%	30,000.00	19,855.48
30201	VA Water Trails Website (MPPD	8,063.00	3.63	5,062.31	3,000.69	62.78%	11,391.08	6,328.77
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	71.94	28,790.18	55,889.82	34.00%	12,934.60	(15,855.58)
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	0.00	14,906.82	(14,906.82)	0.00%	39,341.74	24,434.92
31002	General Assembly Lobbyist	71,253.00	0.00	18,750.00	52,503.00	26.31%	71,259.00	52,509.00
31005	FY25 RTP (VDOT)	72,500.00	30.34	12,069.71	60,430.29	16.65%	17,389.12	5,319.41
31500	Living Shoreline Incentive Progr	0.00	145.30	62,649.85	(62,649.85)	0.00%	22,004.51	(40,645.34)
32021	PAA GOVA Sea Grant Resilience	175,913.50	56.90	139,272.14	36,641.36	79.17%	175,087.25	35,815.11
32022	PDC Staff Support for Admin of	0.00	0.89	353.58	(353.58)	0.00%	0.00	(353.58)
32024	PAA VOF Get Outdoors-Trailblaz	5,000.00	5.37	4,146.94	853.06	82.94%	5,000.00	853.06
32025	PAA Admin - Reimb.	4,200.00	(54.57)	(22,027.40)	26,227.40	-524.46%	4,200.00	26,227.40
32163	DEQ 319(h) BMP Res Septic \$96	232,119.76	12.06	194,615.81	37,503.95	83.84%	155,990.79	(38,625.02)
32166	DCR FTF Homeowner Fees	22,362.00	5.11	18,215.29	4,146.71	81.46%	36,769.11	18,553.82
32169	US DOT RAISE	2,018,476.00	64.69	1,010,824.19	1,007,651.81	50.08%	671,401.15	(339,423.04)
32171	DEQ CZM Next Gen PLANS - Yr2	0.00	(10.10)	(4,012.75)	4,012.75	0.00%	0.00	4,012.75
32173	VDH Local SWAP	299,980.00	46.60	170,129.62	129,850.38	56.71%	190,679.77	20,550.15
32174	NFWF & DEQ CZM Hog Island Re	947,200.15	81.31	956,367.92	(9,167.77)	100.97%	838,178.27	(118,189.65)
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	143,903.25	48,896.75	74.64%	170,000.00	26,096.75
32178	VDH SWAP (BIG)	280,413.00	0.37	158,521.30	121,891.70	56.53%	179,192.91	20,671.61
32179	DEQ ARPA SLPP Septic Repair(Fl	730,194.00	108.61	97,576.94	632,617.06	13.36%	58,408.08	(39,168.86)
32180	FEMA Ware Cove (H.Owner Mai	215,705.00	3.87	27,114.16	188,590.84	12.57%	13,265.77	(13,848.39)
32181	FY23 Coastal TA (DEQ CZM)	129,000.00	130.94	117,150.66	11,849.34	90.81%	100,549.93	(16,600.73)
32182	DEQ CZM Working Waterfront A	54,505.00	94.98	49,910.20	4,594.80	91.57%	13,682.98	(36,227.22)
32183	SCRC LDD Capacity Building	24,000.00	46.90	20,632.73	3,367.27	85.97%	8,346.52	(12,286.21)
32184	FY24 WIP TA (DEQ)(\$14.5kMatc	58,000.00	48.28	35,327.00	22,673.00	60.91%	52,748.34	17,421.34
32300	FEMA VDEM AHMP Update 202	172,074.00	29.62	11,769.47	160,304.53	6.84%	8,193.99	(3,575.48)
33001	C-515771 Septic and Living Shor	0.00	0.00	121,056.87	(121,056.87)	0.00%	69,055.99	(52,000.88)
35001	CZM Ecotourism Booster	29,836.00	2.40	956.16	28,879.84	3.20%	0.00	(956.16)
35002	VHDA CIG Housing Planning FY2	54,103.00	21.36	8,612.17	45,490.83	15.92%	0.00	(8,612.17)
35003	VTC Micobusiness Marekting - F	14,067.00	9.44	3,808.10	10,258.90	27.07%	0.00	(3,808.10)
38024	FY24 Local Projects	0.00	(2.10)	(3,991.83)	3,991.83	0.00%	3,004.02	6,995.85
38025	FY25 Local Projects	282,491.23	420.42	58,167.99	224,323.24	20.59%	249,111.36	190,943.37

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38100	LGA Grants Program	128,541.00	167.48	115,547.78	12,993.22	89.89%	134,250.00	18,702.22
38809	Mathews HITW Dredging (VDOT)	354,728.00	2.00	347,039.80	7,688.20	97.83%	181,322.13	(165,717.67)
38810	VPA Aberdeen Dredging	156,364.00	0.00	82,532.78	73,831.22	52.78%	82,301.15	(231.63)
38811	DCR CFPF Broad Creek Dredging	475,723.00	99.65	56,038.37	419,684.63	11.78%	32,160.92	(23,877.45)
38812	DCR CFPF Whiting Crk Dredging	153,596.00	5.27	7,426.81	146,169.19	4.84%	42,947.63	35,520.82
38813	Broad Crk Spot Dredging (Middl	65,000.00	5.30	28,586.27	36,413.73	43.98%	27,920.95	(665.32)
38814	DEQ/NOAA/VCZMP - NPC Board	183,952.00	16.36	54,628.00	129,324.00	29.70%	126,521.90	71,893.90
38815	Middlesex Comp Plan Audit - CL	6,423.30	2.32	5,945.08	478.22	92.55%	10,017.02	4,071.94
38816	DEQ IJJA Rapp Shoreline BMP Cc	1,847,451.00	1,161.16	131,302.49	1,716,148.51	7.11%	78,783.88	(52,518.61)
39000	General Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	205,408.77	205,408.77
Totals:		<u>16,027,462.79</u>		<u>5,302,083.01</u>		<u>33.08%</u>		<u>(149,804.79)</u>
			<u>105,835.00</u>		<u>10,725,379.78</u>		<u>5,152,278.22</u>	

Balance Sheet by Category

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Assets:

Not Assigned to a Code	16,240.99
Cash in Bank	358,139.90
Cash in Bank, Restricted	615,423.05
Receivables	1,071,281.19
Property & Equipment	6,664.71
Prepaid Pension (Deferred Outflows)	48,680.91

Assets:	\$2,116,430.75
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Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	118,044.76
VRA Loan Payables	1,072,944.01
Payroll Withholdings	14,453.94
Accrued Leave	69,782.80
Deferred Revenue	76,646.09
Deferred Inflows (VRS)	117,112.00
Net Pension Liabilities	(14,365.00)
Cost Allocation Control	(894,823.93)

Liabilities:	\$559,794.67
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Equity:

Not Assigned to a Code	114,474.45
Local Initiatives/Information Resources	290,045.25
Economic Development	25,024.07
Transportation Programs	234,801.41
Onsite Repair & Pumpout	15,246.54
Housing	1,348.36
Coastal Community & Environmental	(92,395.29)
Public Access Auth Programs	73,166.86
Temporarily Restricted	177,307.09
General Fund Balance	717,617.34

Equity:	\$1,556,636.08
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Total Liabilities and Equity	\$2,116,430.75
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Balance:	\$0.00
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Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Executive Director's Report of Regional Progress
January 22, 2025

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

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

MPPDC Staff and Contact Information

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Coastal Resilience Planner: Taylor Ovide

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Executive Assistant: 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 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
- Developed a subcontract for Consociate Media to complete the following: (1) Develop the annual "Benefits Accrued from Ongoing and Prior CZM Grants" report; (2) Write and publish four blog posts to the Virginia Water Trails website; (3) Develop public outreach strategies such as a media calendar, focused media stories about coastal issues, and other strategies to bring awareness of the importance of CZM funding; and (4) Maintain the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority Online Facility Reservation system design by providing technical planning assistance through deliverables such as improved social media awareness, and monetization of Virginia Coastal Wilds. This contract was executed on December 20, 2024.
- Continue to develop proposals to DCR's CFPF Round 5 that are due on January 24th.
- Coordinating with VMRC and DWR on Guinea Marsh Habitat Restoration Design and Construction.
- Final Report and Reimbursement submitted
- Fight the Flood Program Management:
 - The redrafts of the Regional Living Shoreline Incentive Funding Program survey and the Regional On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Funding Program (septic) survey have been completed. The septic survey is live and implemented, with the necessary changes made. The living shoreline survey is awaiting Executive Director approval before it can be implemented. These surveys are designed as standalone entities accessible through the Fight the Flood webpage, representing a significant improvement to efficiently guide participants to the appropriate programs.
 - Five new businesses have entered the Fight the Flood program, including a soil scientist, a laboratory in Hampton, and a local sand provider in Gloucester. Four of these businesses have been vetted and approved for listing, with approval still pending for the fifth. Additionally, staff worked with an existing company to majorly update their business listing.
 - Four new homeowners have registered in Fight the Flood, and staff have connected with all but one of them. Numerous phone calls, emails, and inquiries have also been received from previous registrants.

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.

- Drafted the quarterly report for DCR.
- Onboarded new employee – Rachael Peabody
- Coordinating final subcontract with Consociate Media for marketing strategy and resilience planning.

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.

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted
- Coordinated with VMRC on the availability of additional funds for the removal of ADVs. VMRC has additional funds available to spend for FY 25 as grants to localities for vessel investigation, removal, and disposal.
- MPPDC staff conducted field visits to six sites identified by LRN for vessel removal in the Middle Peninsula.
- Investigator sheets were completed and submitted to LRN for each site visited.
- MPPDC staff continue development of a list of stakeholders for invitation to a kickoff meeting.
- According to CZM staff, the program administered by Lynnhaven River NOW is beginning to look toward vessel removal in the Middle Peninsula, as efforts in the Hampton Roads Region have had limited success.

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.

- Received draft dredging finance service district document from Sands Anderson for review.

Project 30009 – CFPF Captain Sinclairs Berm/Road Flood Mitigation

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

- Drafted the quarterly report for DCR.
- Coordinated with DEQ Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act staff regarding collaboration between MPPDC and DEQ in support of ongoing development of CBPA Resilience guidance.
- Draft contract under development with UVA School of Architecture for flood mitigation berm design at the PAA Captain Sinclair's and discussed utility of new DCR Pluvial Model products for the berm designs.

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 Environmental is preparing to relocate the text commercial elevated septic system to the Hub 33 building in King and Queen now that the building is occupied.

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.
- Consulted with Town Manager of Tappahannock to request final invoices to initiate reimbursement for the Town.
- Drafted the quarterly report for DCR.

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 30th to DCR. This will close out the project.

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

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

- Drafted the quarterly report for DCR.
- Ninety-five percent of both private shoreline project construction is complete. Site clean-up and planting remains.

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

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

- Drafted the quarterly report for DCR.
- MPPDC has not been reimbursed for a completed project. MPPDC staff has provided DCR staff with evidence of expenses, but DCR staff have not accepted this as evidence. MPPDC staff has asked if they will accept receivable reports from the contractor as sufficient evidence.

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.

- Initiated review of GMS financial records as part of the MPPDC CFO duties. First order was MPPDC records and now it's PAA reconciliation.

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.

- Planned, marked, cut paths through most of the areas. Knott Alone Hold Fast will continue to improve and maintain those paths by cutting, expanding, moving debris piles, adding mulch in areas needed (once acquired). I am beginning to work on the adjacent area where the unique bridge is and will cut the path across the canal over the coming weeks as part of phase 2.
- 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.

- Received the monitoring report from CBNERRS. This report was sent to Natrx for review. Natrx will write a memo to add to the front of the monitoring report that will help to provide context.
- Completed the annual progress report and financial report.
- Project planned to be closed out in February.

Project 32182 – VCZMP Working Waterfront Resilience Assessments

MPPDC staff will be contracting with Accomack-Northampton, 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.

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- After significant efforts, partner PDC's have completed previously delinquent assessments of their working waterfronts and MPPDC staff are coordinating with CZM staff to compile all assessments into a final deliverable.

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.

- Drafted and submitted the final report to DEQ.

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.

- Initiated project planning with Consociate Media.

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.

- Met with Kathy Molin, Commuter Programs Manager at DRPT, to review the FY25 CAP Operating Grant and discuss strategies for the FY26 grant application.
- Collaborated with Consociate Media to establish a timeline for FY25 deliverables and explore prospective campaign ideas for the FY26 grant cycle.
- Discussed ConnectingVA updates and explored the potential addition of Ride Home Reward discount opportunities for businesses on the Middle Peninsula.
- Finalized marketing plan for Work Local Campaign. Campaign will aim to recruit MidPen businesses to offer discounts to people who telecommute in MidPen and register them officially in the AgileMile platform. Goal is to drive more spending in region and recruit more people to sign up for AgileMile and track telecommute miles. This effort aligns with the opening of the telework center.
- Finalized marketing plan for Ride Together, Thrive Together Campaign. Campaign will target all workers on the MidPen and get them to register for the MidPenRideShare / Agile Mile program. All people registered in the system as part of this campaign will be entered to win a \$100 gas gift card.
- Finalized marketing plan for Connecting Communities Campaign. Campaign will be a re-launch of the survey of community and their commuting habits. This survey has been issued region-wide the two other times and this enables the MPPDC to get ongoing data about commuting habits and how – and if – they are changing. The benefit to the program is survey participants will get an opportunity to enter their email for a chance to win a prize for taking the survey. Those emails will become part of the MidPenRideShare marketing database.

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.
- Coordinated with VDOT on several public access road ending issues as well as discussed culvert flooding and maintenance work needed.

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:
 - Submitted quarterly reimbursement request. Still waiting for review and approval.
- Equity Analysis and Inclusion Planning:
 - VHB continued development of MPPDC Maritime Communities and Industries Explorer.
 - VHB's Equity Strategist assisted with preparation for the Public Engagement Session held on December 4, 2024.
- State of Good Repair Condition Assessments:
 - None this period.
- Multimodal Working Waterfront Needs Assessment and Improvement Strategies:
 - VHB hosted the virtual meeting room and public online survey
 - VHB hosted the Public Engagement Session and received public feedback on December 4, 2024, at Rappahannock Community College, Glens Campus.
 - VHB presented the MPPDC with an updated master schedule and grant preparation schedule
 - VHB continued necessary fieldwork (wetland delineation, topographic survey, hydro survey, etc.) internally and with subconsultants to obtain necessary information to continue developing the 30% design plans.
 - VHB continued developing the engineering plans and permit documents for the (11) selected sites.
 - VHB continued development of the Needs Assessment document.
 - VHB met with K&Q County Administrator, Vivian Seay to provide feedback from Public Engagement – December 20, 2024
 - VHB met with Tappahannock Town Manager, Eric Pollitt and staff to provide feedback from Public Engagement – December 20, 2024
- Multimodal Working Waterfront Implementation Plan:
 - 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.

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.
- Drafted the quarterly report for DCR.
- Continued communications with property owners of potential upland placement sites.

- Conducted an in-progress-review meeting with Mathews County and the USACE.
- Next important deliverables include receipt of an overall project schedule from USACE (January 2025) and results of a geospatial desktop exercise from USACE (February 2025).

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.
- Continued pre planning for issuance of design build RFP.

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.
- Drafted the quarterly report for DCR.
- Continued coordination with Middlesex County regarding Phase 2 dredging contract. Review comments provided to Middlesex County regarding draft contract addendum.
- Participated in on-site meeting to discuss dredging project components.
- Continued weekly coordination calls with Middlesex County on dredging project.
- Coordinated development of a drop box for all Section 10/404/408 permits for the dredging project.
- Participated in RFP on-site meeting with Middlesex County, Middle Peninsula PDC, and potential bidders for the jetty design project.
- Received one RFP response for Design Build for Jetty.

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.
- Drafted the quarterly report for DCR.
- Conducted in-progress-review meeting #1 for the Design/Permitting Phase with VIMS and Middle Peninsula PDC regarding next phase of work.

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.
- Drafted the quarterly report for DCR.

- Transitioned into Project 38811.

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 January 10, 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.
- Received phone call from a Mathews County homeowner requesting septic pumpout assistance. Septic system is located in the program’s target area but is an ineligible practice under this program. Homeowner was referred to SERCAP, Bay Aging and other local agencies for possible assistance.

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 January 10**, MPPDC staff has received phone calls from **235** homeowners in Gloucester, 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. Funding is currently encumbered for the installation of **(1)** Alternative Septic System in Mathews County.
 - (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.

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.

- One septic project in Gloucester has been completed. In total, 7 projects are complete, 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.

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 successfully managed an extension with VDH that was fully executed December 23, 2024, allowing additional salary to complete the remaining project in Essex County, which required a shoreline repair funded by a separate grant program outside the septic grant. The living shoreline portion of the Essex County project has been completed, and the septic evaluation and design are currently in progress, with the contractor working on-site immediately following the completion of the shoreline work.
- VDH staff added an extra project in Chesapeake at the request of HRPDC and VDH, which would not have been completed without MPPDC staff assistance, as HRPDC lacks the demand to run such a program independently.
- MPPDC staff supported the completion of the direct discharge project in Chesapeake, initiated by HRPDC and VDH.
- A final, last-minute extension was issued by VDH at the end of the original grant timeline, enabling MPPDC staff to successfully complete a septic project in Mathews County.
- The lowest bid for construction of the septic system in Mathews County came in over \$50,000.
- The Mathews County project marks the final task, with the exception of the ongoing project in Essex County.

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.

- MPPDC staff sought additional clarification from DEQ prior to pushing marketing. The program design from DEQ required a notice of violation to apply for cost share funds. Notice of Violations are not very common and are not a good qualifier. DEQ consulted VDH SWAP staff and determined to change the qualifier to be a repair permit.
- Submitted quarterly report January 5th, 2025. Drafted new internal budgets and made an amendment to cover overages on legal costs associated with the fleet purchase RFP.
- Finalized, published and distributed press release on grant funds available to King William residents for septic repairs and replacement.
- Finalized direct mail postcard for use by King William and organizations in the County to send to targeted households eligible for the grant funds.
- Finalized flyer to distribute in King William to highlight the grant funds available to residents.

- Finalized series of social media graphics for King William and organizations within the County to share online to promote access to the grant funds.

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.

- Staff continues to work with legal and IRS.
- Del. Hodges is coordinating a meeting of MPA for January.

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.

- MPPDC staff focused on implementing approved BMPs, aligning with the scope of services, and submitted an extension request for project completion.
- Cohort 1 Progress: MPPDC engaged with 7 homeowners and 1 civic association in Most Effective Basins (MEB), specifically in portions of Middlesex and Essex Counties. The team discussed the reimbursement grant for eligible BMP costs at 8 sites, while coordinating with contractors on project funding. A total of \$1,065,669 was encumbered out of \$1,066,911 across 6 sites. Site 1 has an existing living shoreline that was completed one year ago. Site 2 requires protection for 895 feet of shoreline in Middlesex County, with a traditional living shoreline BMP planned. While 175 feet have been designed for installation, permit approval is pending due to the landowner wanting changes to the design. Site 3, measuring 83 feet of shoreline in Essex County, is complete with installation but pending after the homeowner omitted some necessary documentation. Site 4 features 265 feet of shoreline in Middlesex County with a Quickreef BMP designed by Native Shorelines. The project is now complete, except for the grasses, and is awaiting submittal for reimbursement. Site 5 involves an 84-foot shoreline for a low-income homeowner in Essex County, who is seeking reimbursement for Flexamat costs. A loan packet has been submitted, and reimbursement is awaiting approval. Site 6, which involves a civic association of 12 parcels, is unsuitable for permitted BMPs. Site 7 has a homeowner with 168 feet of shoreline in Middlesex County, with installation complete and reimbursement pending submission. Site 8 encompasses over 6,000 linear feet of shoreline, with construction quotes received for 720 linear feet. Ongoing coordination with the property owner is happening, with the intention to encumber the remaining funds.
- Cohort 2 Progress: MPPDC collaborated with a consultant on marketing efforts in the MEB area to promote available funds for project generation. The materials developed were approved by DEQ and shared with eligible property owners during initial visits. Outreach for permission to document project phases was also conducted.
- Cohort 3 Progress: MPPDC added one project to utilize remaining funds, with \$509,784 encumbered out of \$534,619 across 5 sites. Two projects have completed installation, and staff are preparing for reimbursement submission. There was significant coordination with property owners and contractors, with two homeowners utilizing MPPDC's Living Shoreline Loan to advance their projects.
- Documented (photography from land and drone) two living shoreline installation projects constructed with these funds.
- Planned out production of documenting additional project construction.
- Coordinated with project manager and MPPDC staff on promoting living shoreline grant projects and press outreach to help encourage residents in the region to submit information about their property to the

Fight the Flood database to ensure all eligible residents can gain access to current and future grant and loan funds.

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.

- **Loan Funds available – \$148,819.08 (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 which is due January 30th. This will close out the project.

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

- 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.
- Completed structural updates to the website, to include creating a new blog feed feature on the homepage and updating the events feed.
- Coordinated with economic development representative in Essex County to include additional content on outdoor recreation from Essex.

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.

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 partial Virginia Brownfields Restoration & Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund (VBAF) proposal for environmental remediation at West Point Airport Industrial Site. Original request for \$110,000 was to demolish and dispose of five former classroom/office trailers and two fuel storage tanks. VBAF program offered to fund fuel tank removal only, as trailers had no known asbestos present.
 - o Town of West Point declined partial funding.
- As a result of the VABF proposal, West Point is in discussion with VDEQ regarding EPA funding for environmental site characterization & planning work related to redeveloping the Airport Industrial Site.

- Submitted NOAA Climate Ready Coasts Grant Competition proposal for \$4,246,340 for Middlesex County to acquire 118 acres at Bushy Park Farm for conservation and to establish a new public park.
 - Awards announced March 2025.
- Submitted NOAA Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Competition proposal for \$148,500 for MPPDC to promote and market Middle Peninsula blue catfish industry.
 - Awards announced May 2025.
- Developing USDA Rural Development Rural Business Development Grant (RDBG) proposal for Gloucester County to conduct historic building ROI and long-term planning study.
- Developing Scope of Work for Spring 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending request for Town of Tappahannock to advance phased site development at Tappahannock Airport Redevelopment Site.
- Coordinating with Essex County, Gloucester County & West Point to develop potential DCR Recreational Trail Program (RTP) grant proposals for trail maintenance for Spring 2025 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. Coordinating with Essex County to develop potential TAP pre-application for Spring 2025 grant cycle.
- 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 advanced to the Secretary of the NPS.
 - Awards announced this month.
- Funding from Sen. Kaine and Warner's offices for two earmark requests submitted by MPPDC is 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.
- Met with VDOT Local Assistance Division to discuss Economic Development Access Program grant for road design project at Tappahannock Airport Redevelopment Site.
- Met with VDOT Local Assistance Division to discuss Economic Development Access Program grant for road design project at West Point Airport Industrial Site.
- Met with DHCD to review Industrial Revitalization Fund as potential funding for environmental remediation at West Point Airport Industrial Site, including shoot house demolition.
- Developing potential Industrial Revitalization Fund proposal for auto repair shop re-use at West Point Airport Industrial Site, pending end use agreement signed prior to application deadline in Spring 2025.

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.

- Deputy Director of Daily Operations is on extended emergency leave. Some updates may have been omitted.
- The bid for the demolition and reconstruction of the observation deck at the New Point Comfort Natural Area Preserve in Mathews County was awarded to Docks of the Bay.

- Docks of the Bay has completed the design and obtained all necessary permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers, VMRC, and the local wetlands board.
- Docks of the Bay anticipates starting the project the week of 1/20/25.
- MPPDC staff have coordinated with VDOT regarding the need to stage and store construction equipment on the roadway, which will require a temporary road closure.

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.
- Coordinated with VDH and DEQ on perming of Eco John incinerator for the pool house.

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.

- Funds available – \$46,627.09 (asset #10003)
- Coordinated with King and Queen for using 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 complete by the end of January. Once complete MPPDC staff will work on project closeout.
- Consociate Media posted a [Captain Sinclair Recreational Area case study](#) on the Fight the Flood website as part of the Fight the Flood Visual Storytelling project. This is based on the accrued benefits report that was completed during the Coastal TA FY23 project.
- Drafted the quarterly report for VDEM/FEMA.
- Drafted the quarterly report for DCR.

Project 32180 – FEMA Ware Cove

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.

- Drafted the quarterly report to VDEM/FEMA.
- Consulted with VDEM staff on reimbursement processes.
- Permits for framing have been issued. Contractor is waiting on dry weather to initiate work.

Project 32300 - FEMA VDME 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	Date Adopted & Signed Service Agreement	Planning Team Appointees
Essex County	12/11/24*	None to date.
Gloucester County	Will bring to the Board on 1/21/25	None to date.
King & Queen County		None to date.
King William County		None to date.
Mathews County		None to date.
Middlesex County		None to date.
Town of Tappahannock		None to date.
Town of Urbanna	12/20/24*	None to date.
Town of West Point		None to date.

*Mr. Lawrence still needs to sign and return to locality.

- Reached out to FEMA regarding the inclusion of Tribes within the AHMP. FEMA advised to keep the Tribal information within the plan, but this information does not need to be updated.
- Drafted and submitted the quarterly report to VDEM/FEMA.

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.

- **Uncommitted septic repair funds remaining: \$23,555.18 in loan funds – \$21,641.00 in grant funds.**

- Continue to process loan applications for numerous loan clients. As the weather worsens, more need materializes.

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.

- 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.

- Remaining uncommitted funds: \$2,000,921.03 in loan funds - \$184,408 in principle forgiveness (grant funds)
- Coordinated with VRA and DEQ on incorrectly docketed principal forgiveness by DEQ staff who were proportionally granting principal forgiveness to all clients not low-income clients. DEQ will reassign the principal forgiveness to MPPDC.
- Initiated loan requisition for 5-10 clients who are receiving DCR Flood Fund and DEQ MEB funding which need loan funds to cashflow the cost of the projects.

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.

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
FY 2025 Awarded Total (July – November 2024)			\$705,522 (2 awards)	
FY 2025 Requested Total (July – November 2024)			\$16,889,219 (15 proposals submitted)	
FY 2025 Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total			\$13,490,070 (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
FY 2024 Awarded Total (July 2023 – June 2024)			\$17,927,222 (22 awards)	
FY 2024 Requested Total (July 2023 – June 2024)			\$105,764,809 (70 proposals submitted)	
FY 2024 Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total			\$2,321,085 (6 proposals awaiting award decision)	
FY 2024 & FY 2025 Cumulative Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total			\$15,811,155 (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

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CY 2025 Annual Meeting Schedule

January 22	<i>General Meeting</i> Adoption of Calendar Year Meeting Schedule General Assembly Update
February 26	<i>General Meeting</i> Commissioner Priorities Adoption of CDBG Regional Priorities Appointment of Overall Program Design (OPD) & Budget Committee Appointment of Nominating Committee
March 26	<i>General Meeting</i> Local Budgets Discussion
April 23	<i>General Meeting</i> Draft Overall Program Design and Budget to Committee members May Budget Committee work sessions as needed
May 28	<i>General Meeting</i> Presentation and Adoption of Draft OPD & Budget
June 25	<i>General Meeting</i> Election of MPPDC Officers
July 23	<i>General Meeting</i> Presentation & Adoption of FY25 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan Legislative Program Discussion
August	<i>No meeting</i>
September 24	<i>General Meeting</i> Discussion of Legislative Needs Discussion of PDC Financial Issues
October 22	<i>General Meeting</i>
November 19	<i>General Meeting</i> Presentation of Audited Financial Statements
December	<i>No meeting</i>

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MPPDC Session Report

January 16, 2025

Overview

The General Assembly gaveled into session in unprecedented fashion last week as a winter storm and a Richmond water issue disrupted normal proceedings. The city of Richmond was under a boil water advisory and had lost water pressure due to several mechanical failures at the city's water treatment facility. The General Assembly convened on Wednesday, January 8 and immediately recessed due to the lack of water in the General Assembly Building and the Capitol. Water has been restored, and the Assembly convened on Monday at 9:30 a.m. to hear the Governor's State of the Commonwealth Address and proceeded directly to committee meetings. The Speaker of the House Don Scott has announced the legislators will hold committee meetings on weekends this year to make up the lost days and finish the session on time. The disruption to the session has delayed bill filing and budget amendment deadlines. Bills continue to be updated on the Department of Legislative Services website and we do expect more bills to 'hit' the system throughout the week.

The make-up of the General Assembly will remain the same as it was in 2024 as Democrats won a pair of special elections Tuesday, January 7, in Loudoun County. Delegate Kannan Srivasan (D) won the Senate seat being vacated by Congressman Suhas Subramanyam (D). The Senate will remain 21-19 in control of the Democrats. Republican Luther Cipher won election to SD-10 in the Senate, replacing Congressman John McGuire (R). Democrat JJ Singh won the special election to replace Senator-elect Srivasan in Loudoun County. Democrats will continue to control the House of Delegates, 51-49.

Renewable energy connection and siting are also the subject of numerous legislative proposals. The Virginia Clean Economy Act sets targets for solar and wind energy generation which has created tension between solar developers and localities as well as the electric utilities as to where and how solar facilities are installed. The Commission on Electric Utility Regulation (CEUR) has recommended a bill to require every locality to engage in regional planning through their PDC on renewable energy and adopt a model ordinance for solar development. The draft bill creates a statewide review board to draft the model ordinance, provide a review of the regional energy plans, and to provide guidance to localities on every single project in the Commonwealth. The guidance would be deemed correct upon appeal and the burden of proof would be on the locality during the appeal, a shift in land-use law. There are bills ensuring parking lots, school buildings, and residential homes are able to be interconnected to the grid.

Legislators will also begin to tackle major energy issues including data centers and transmission lines to service them. Tax matters will also be a major item considered this session. Data centers in particular have garnered a large amount of scrutiny in the areas of energy usage, water usage, and costs to ratepayers for interconnection. Legislation spawns from the release of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission report on data centers which was released in December. How costs are allocated to high energy users for development is the subject of numerous bills in the General Assembly as well as at the State Corporation Commission.

The Middle Peninsula is sponsoring bills to accept a sealed plan from a certified engineer as complete for a permit application for a land disturbance in the Resource Protection Area (RPA). We are also in support of a bill to exempt all fishing piers owned by a locality or political subdivision from commercial fees from Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Delegate Hodges is also carrying bills to better utilize the University Research Collaborative for coastal resilience planning and a bill to create a new fund for longer living shoreline projects. Additionally, Delegate Rob Bloxom is carrying a bill to move the Waterway Maintenance Fund from the Virginia Port Authority to VMRC.

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Tracked Bills

Bill	Sponsors	Title	Last Action	Latest Version
HB 1577	Wren M. Williams	Centralized local government reporting system; unfunded mandates on localities.	House, Dec 30, 2024: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 1601	Joshua E. Thomas	Siting of data centers; site assessment; high energy use facility.	House, Jan 3, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 1774	Marty Martinez	Provision of county services within towns.	House, Jan 6, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 1810	Robert S. Bloxom, Jr.	Marine Resources Commission; encroachment on subaqueous beds; permitting requirements.	House, Jan 6, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 1834	Robert S. Bloxom, Jr.	Marine Resources Commission; Virginia Waterway Maintenance Grant Program and Fund. ***Priority***	House, Jan 6, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 1907	Hillary Pugh Kent	Board of Wildlife Resources; creel limits; blue catfish.	House, Jan 6, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 1950	Phil M. Hernandez	Living Shoreline Grant Fund established.	House, Jan 6, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 2024	Holly M. Seibold Marty Martinez Saddam Azlan Salim	Virginia Public Procurement Act; environmental protection and product safety standards.	House, Jan 7, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 2077	Paul E. Krizek	Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund; loan and grant program; eligible recipients; federally recognized tribes and Virginia recognized tribes.	House, Jan 7, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 2126	Richard C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr.	Virginia Energy Facility Review Board established; localities; comprehensive plan and local ordinances related to siting of critical interconnection projects; planning district commissions; regional energy plans; Virginia Clean Energy Technical Assistance Center established.	House, Jan 7, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 2142	Paul V. Milde	Refund by localities of certain land use application fees.	House, Jan 7, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced

HB 2309	M. Keith Hodges	Department of Health; local health districts and local health departments; guidance for septic and well permits.	House, Jan 8, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 2326	M. Keith Hodges	Commercial fishing pier; public fishing pier owned by a political subdivision; exclusion. ***Priority***	House, Jan 8, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 2331	M. Keith Hodges	Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas; acceptance of signed and sealed plan in lieu of local plan review. ***Priority***	House, Jan 8, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 2417	Phillip A. Scott	Procurement; local budget.	House, Jan 8, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 2450	M. Keith Hodges	Research university collaborative; Virginia Institute of Marine Science; reassigning coastal resource management duties.	House, Jan 8, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 2453	M. Keith Hodges	Living Shoreline Grant Fund established.	House, Jan 8, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 2481	Paul E. Krizek	Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.	House, Jan 8, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
HB 2521	Alfonso H. Lopez	Virginia Institute of Marine Science and Marine Resources Commission; oyster stock assessment; report.	House, Jan 8, 2025: Committee Referral Pending	Introduced
SB 136	Christopher T. Head	Local government; prohibition on certain appointments.	Senate, Nov 19, 2024: Left in Local Government	Introduced
SB 788	Christopher T. Head	Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors. On docket • Senate Commerce and Labor Jan 13, 2025 Senate Room A, Room 305, General Assembly Building 15 Minutes After the Senate Adjourns.	Senate, Dec 28, 2024: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	Introduced
SB 851	J.D. "Danny" Diggs	Local ordinances for the use of certain rainwater harvesting systems.	Senate, Jan 3, 2025: Referred to Committee on Local Government	Introduced
SB 930	Richard H. Stuart	Virginia Institute of Marine Science; study of the cumulative impacts of surface water intakes on aquatic	Senate, Jan 6, 2025: Referred to Committee on Rules	Introduced

		fauna and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its major Virginia tributaries; report.		
SB 933	Richard H. Stuart	Fishing with trawl nets and drag nets; shrimp and horseshoe crab; license fee; penalty. On docket • Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Jan 14, 2025 Senate Room A, Room 305, General Assembly Building This meeting will begin 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate.	Senate, Jan 6, 2025: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	Introduced
SB 1112	Angelia Williams Graves	Workers' compensation; injuries caused by repetitive and sustained physical stressors.	Senate, Jan 7, 2025: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	Introduced
SB 1165	Saddam Azlan Salim	Virginia Public Procurement Act; environmental protection and product safety standards.	Senate, Jan 7, 2025: Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology	Introduced
SB 1169	Saddam Azlan Salim	Marine Resources Commission; encroachment on subaqueous beds; permitting requirements.	Senate, Jan 7, 2025: Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	Introduced
SB 1171	Saddam Azlan Salim	Local prohibition or regulation of gas-powered leaf blowers; civil penalty.	Senate, Jan 7, 2025: Referred to Committee on Local Government	Introduced
SB 1218	Richard H. Stuart	Labor and employment; covenants not to compete prohibited; exceptions; civil penalty.	Senate, Jan 8, 2025: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor	Introduced
SB 1234	Lashrecse D. Aird	Water Testing and Treatment Program; Residential Well Water Testing and Treatment Program Fund; certification; permits.	Senate, Jan 8, 2025: Referred to Committee on Education and Health	Introduced



January 16, 2025

Mr. Lewis L. Lawrence, III
Executive Director
Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Post Office Box 286
Saluda, VA 23149

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

I am pleased to inform you that the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission's request to be designated as an Economic Development District (EDD) is approved. The EDD is comprised of the counties of Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Mathews, and Middlesex, and Towns of Tappahannock, Urbanna, and West Point in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

President Biden is committed to ensuring that no community or demographic group is excluded from the opportunity to achieve the American dream. To that end, this U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) designation will serve as a foundation for future economic successes that will benefit both families and businesses in your region. EDA is committed to providing financial assistance to meet the economic development needs of distressed communities throughout the United States. Our mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

I trust that this designation will strengthen the economies of the Middle Peninsula region of Virginia and wish you every success in carrying out your economic development activities. Lauren Stuhldreher, Economic Development Representative for the Commonwealth of Virginia will remain your primary point of contact regarding this designation and may be contacted be contacted at lstuhldreher@eda.gov or by telephone at (215) 764-0427.

Your ongoing efforts to stimulate growth and business expansion through local economic development programs are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cristina Killingsworth
Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce
for Economic Development

Enclosure



**MEMORANDUM OF OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF
AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

In accordance with Section 401 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 3171), I hereby designate the Economic Development District identified below:

Name of EDD: Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission

State: Virginia

Regional Definition: The Counties of Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Mathews, and Middlesex, and Towns of Tappahannock, Urbanna, and West Point of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Cristina Killingsworth
Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce
for Economic Development

1/16/2025

Date