



*Lewis Lawrence
Managing Director*

*Hon. Ashley C. Chriscoe
Chairman*

MEMORANDUM

TO: MPPDC Board of Commissioners
FROM: MPPDC
DATE: May 22, 2026
RE: May Commission Meeting

The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the HUB33 Mattaponi Conference Room at the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission office located at 4521 Lewis B. Puller Memorial Highway in Mattaponi, VA 23110.

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

I look forward to seeing you on **May 27, 2026**.

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

4521 Lewis B. Puller Memorial Highway

Mattaponi, VA 23110

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of April Minutes
- III. Financial Report Discussion
 - a. FY 25 Audit Update
 - b. FY 26 Financials
 - c. FY 27 Budget Update
 - i. Schedule Budget Committee Meeting
- IV. Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for May
- V. MPCBPAA Update
- VI. MPA Update
- VII. MPPDC Public Relations/Communications Update
- VIII. Public Comment

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- IX. Drought Ordinance Presentation/Discussion: Andrew Noyes, DEQ Water Supply Planner
- X. Working Waterfronts Presentation: Ricky Wiatt, VHB
- XI. General Assembly Update: Delegate Keith Hodges
- XII. Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matters per 2.2-3711(A)(1) if required
- XIII. Other Business
- XIV. Adjournment

MIDDLE PENINSULA PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

April 22, 2026

Mattaponi, Virginia

I. Welcome and Introductions

The monthly meeting of the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission was held in the Mattaponi Board Room at the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission office in Mattaponi, Virginia on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. MPPDC Chairman, Ashley Chriscoe welcomed everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present

Essex County: J. Calvin Haile, John Magruder, Bud Smith

Gloucester County: Tony Nicosia, Ashley Chriscoe, Chris Renew, George Bains

King and Queen County: Mark Berry, Vivian Seay

Mathews County: Patrick Beattie, David Walsh, Tim Hill

Middlesex County: Wayne Jessie, Reggie Williams, Kevin Gentry

Town of Tappahannock: Steve Wright

Commissioners Absent

Essex County: April Rounds

King William County: Justin Catlett, Benjamin Edwards, Sam Drewry

King and Queen County: Marie Norman

Middlesex County: Kendall Webre

Town of Tappahannock: Kay Carlton

Town of Urbanna: Dr. William Goldsmith

Town of West Point: James Pruett

Others in Attendance

Jennifer Farmer, MPPDC Director of Operations

John Edwards, MPPDC Interim Executive Director

Guests

II. Approval of March Minutes

Chairman Chriscoe asked whether there were any corrections or changes to the March minutes. Hearing none, he requested a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Hill moved to approve the March minutes. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

III. Financial Report Discussion

Candace Harris, CFO, presented an overview of the financial position, including a receivables snapshot. The presentation included a breakdown of submitted reimbursement requests awaiting payment, outstanding receivables, and an FY26 accounts receivable snapshot. After a lengthy discussion and the statement of concerns

by several Commissioners regarding the status of the Commission's finances and the lack of information provided to them during the current fiscal year, Chairman Chriscoe directed the Ms. Harris to provide the Commission with a completed FY 25 Audit and an up to date set of financials for FY 26 for review at the May 2026 Commission meeting.

IV. Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for the April

Interim Executive Director John Edwards provided an overview of several projects included in the meeting packet. Updates were provided on the Middle Peninsula Regional Flood Resiliency Master Plan under Project 30005. Separately, MPPDC was awarded \$450,000 through the Federal Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program to support preliminary engineering and design, environmental reviews, and related activities for the Town of Urbanna marina bridge project. Additionally, Denise Nelson is assisting with septic system-related work in the absence of the Coastal Resilience Planner.

V. MPCBPAA Update

Interim Executive Director John Edwards provided an update that the PAA was awarded \$500,000 from the for DMMA inventory work.

VI. MPA Update

Chairman Chriscoe reported that he continues to work with Del. Keith Hodges and that the group will reconvene following the conclusion of the General Assembly session.

VII. MPPDC Public Relations/Communications Update

None.

VIII. Public Comment

None.

IX. Brief Update: Regulatory delays of dredging projects up and down the bay

Interim Executive Director John Edwards discussed correspondence included in the packet from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) regarding regulatory delays affecting dredging projects. Chairman Chriscoe stated that additional discussions have occurred regarding the potential use of emergency declarations by local governments to address dredging needs.

X. CEDS Update

Interim Executive Director John Edwards requested action to include sewer infrastructure projects in Mathews County and Gloucester County in the Comprehensive Economic

Development Strategy (CEDs) update. Chairman Chriscoe called for a motion to add the Mathews County and Gloucester County sewer infrastructure projects to the CEDs update. Mr. Wright made the motion, and Mr. Hill seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matter per 2.2-3711(A)(1) if required

Chairman Chriscoe stated that a closed session was not necessary but provided an update regarding the ongoing search for an Executive Director.

XII. Other Business

Vivian Seay provided an update that King and Queen County will host an economic development event at HUB33 on June 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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(Secretary)

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Executive Director's Report of Regional Progress
May 18, 2026

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

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

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Director of Operations: VACANT

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Programs: *Municipal Dredge Authority and Public Access Authority Secretary*

INFORMATION RESOURCES/ASSISTANCE

- No public requests.

COASTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ ENVIRONMENTAL

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

Project 30004 – VCZMP Coastal Technical Assistance FY25

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.

- Drafted and submitted the semi-annual report and financial report to Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.
- Attended the VDEM (FY24- FY25) BRIC information session on April 29th that reviewed the NOFO for funding.
- Consulted with staff from VCZMP regarding a possible land donation in Mathews County for recreational use. Followed up with the landowner. Provided information related to the Public Access Authority.

Project 30002 – DEQ Chesapeake Bay WIP Technical Assistance 2025

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

- Attended the VDEM (FY24- FY25) BRIC information session on April 29th that reviewed the NOFO for funding.
- Met with George Washing Regional Commission, Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission, and Friends of Rappahannock to discuss the upcoming funding opportunities through NFWF that will be available to both PDCs and River Roundtables this year for water quality.

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.

- Participated in onboarding and familiarization activities related to regional planning programs, grant administration procedures, and ongoing project coordination.
- Initiated development of program guidelines for septic pump-out grant funding and drafted public notification materials regarding the award.
- Assisted residents with new applications and inquiries related to septic system and shoreline improvement grant/loan programs
- Updated the regional business directory by adding seven new businesses and reviewing existing listings for accuracy and current operating status.

- Drafted and submitted the quarterly report to DCR’s CFPF Program.

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.

- No Activity to report due to staff vacancy.

Project 30008 – VPA MP-ES Dredge Material Planning

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

- Coordinated with UVA Weldon Center for Public Service on a draft white paper that outlines the legal and regulatory framework for the placement of dredged material including in-water disposal, upland placement, and associated impacts, and identifies feasible reuse pathways informed by stakeholder input and comparative research. Engaged with stakeholders such as USACE Norfolk District, DEQ, and various localities to better understand federal interest and funding, upland placement regulatory framework, and local zoning requirements potentially impacting material management strategies.
- Continued conducting a preliminary site assessment and mapping exercise for in-water and upland placement strategies and locations through Proof Projects. Incorporated publicly available GIS layers to support placement site identification and assist with regional dredged material management strategies.
- Maintained alignment of DMMI initiative with Coastal Zone Management grant #NA25NOSX419C0064 for *Advancing BUDM in Coastal Virginia: Implementation Strategies and Policy Development (CZM BUDM v2)* which will support material management strategies for the municipal dredging program.
- Maintained alignment of DMMI initiative with Coastal Zone Management grant #NA25NOSX419C0064 *Exploring SAV Mitigation Strategies in the Middle Peninsula* to support BUDM for the municipal dredging program.
- Continued work on a material management plans for Aberdeen Creek, Whiting Creek, Davis Creek, and Winter Harbor with consideration to future upland placement opportunities.

Project 30012 – DEQ Chesapeake Bay WIP Technical Assistance 2026

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.

- Registered for DCR’s Flood Resilience Advisory Committee scheduled for May 20th.

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

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

- Drafted and submitted the semi-annual report and financial report to DCR’s CFPF Program.
- Antioch School reached out to MPPDC staff to discuss the status of the 10% design for their property. MPPDC staff reached out to Soil, Inc for an update and there has not been progress. This information was shared with Antioch. If a project design is not received by the end of May, MPPDC staff may need to close this project without completion of the Antioch School project.

Project 30301 – Guinea Marsh Restoration

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

- Conducted various community outreach activities including development of steering committee meetings and management of program, finalized list of advisory committee members to support the public outreach and commenced invitations to participate, and drafted core communications for project for public outreach to include website messaging, social media channels, press outreach and printed materials.
- Tribal outreach and engagement began to determine which tribes may want to contribute to resilience concept development. Conducted initial briefings with Rappahannock and Mattaponi per their request for engagement.
- Conducted a driving tour of the DWR portion of the project site, where accessible, to familiarize the social media and outreach reach teams with the project footprint and field conditions.
- Negotiated cost with top selected A/E firm based on competitive procurement responses and began drafting a contract for execution.
- Continued program and grant management coordination with DWR. Submitted package for first reimbursement request.

Project 32026 – Staff Support to Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority (MPCBPAA)

This program is for PDC staff to provide financial and accounting services.

- Continued financial oversight and coordination for PAA-related activity, including review of reimbursement/payment coding questions and coordination of transaction support where PDC and PAA activity intersect.
- Supported proper classification of PAA-related vendor and reimbursement activity by reviewing transaction purpose and fiscal year treatment before final coding decisions were made.

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.

- NFWF has requested data.

Project 32186 – VCZMP SAV Mitigation

This project is for the development of a planning document to support the establishment of a Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) mitigation program for the Middle Peninsula. The project is funded with federal funding from NOAA via the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

- Anchor QEA submitted the final of the first deliverable, draft of the second deliverable, and outline of the third deliverable to evaluate mitigation approaches associated with impacting SAV to support dredging and restoration projects within the current regulatory framework and mitigation pathways.
- Aligned with the DMMI initiative to support SAV mitigation strategies in support of the municipal dredging program.

- Coordinated internally to discuss the status of this project, budget and tasks.
- Drafted and submitted the semi-annual report and financial report to Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program along with the first project reimbursement to be submitted to the CZM program.

Project 32187 – VCZMP Advancing BUDM in Coastal Virginia: Implementation Strategies & Policy Development

This project will advance technical implementation of BUDM by conducting a comprehensive literature review and refining sediment testing protocols and developing a planning and implementation document to standardize regulatory approvals and streamline project execution for municipal dredging programs. Additionally, the project will update the inventory of sites needing material, conduct targeted research, and engage stakeholders to address regulatory and economic challenges. The project is funded with federal funding from NOAA via the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

- Carlexson Consulting provided grant oversight and coordination in addition to report development for sediment science to inform beneficial use of dredged material and an update to the BUDM Version 1 report. Dr. Lee Daniels continues to provide technical support for sediment testing protocols based on his research and experience with Weanack Land at Shirley Plantation.
- Conducted progress meetings with DWR and CZM for stakeholder engagement outlining the potential need for a DEQ BUDM guidance document for upland placement strategies. Strategized for Deliverable 2 of this grant to potentially be realigned to support this guidance document as a technical information to support DEQ with policy revisions supporting upland uses of BUDM.
- Connected with regional stakeholders such as VIMS CBNERR, USACE, TNC, and various state agencies to determine recommendations for advancement of BUDM as a resource for municipal dredging.
- Aligned with the DMMI initiative to support BUDM implementation strategies in support of the municipal dredging program.
- Coordinated internally to discuss the status of this project, budget and tasks.
- Drafted and submitted the semi-annual report and financial report to Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program along with the first project reimbursement request.

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.

- Drafted and submitted the semi-annual report and financial report to Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

TRANSPORTATION

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

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

This program assists local commuters and employers with transportation issues. The main emphasis is on lowering the number of single occupancy vehicle commutes within and from the Middle Peninsula region through marketing and promotion of the program through local media and provision of ride-matching services to commuters.

- No activity to report due to staff vacancy.

Project 31007 – VDOT Rural Transportation Planning FY26

This program provides rural transportation planning services through the Rural Transportation Planning Work Program which outlines specific tasks and goals to guide the rural planning of transportation services.

- Consulted with VDOT regarding property ownership questions for Burkes Mill Pond dam in Gloucester County. Received acknowledgement that VDOT has a fee simple right of way over the dam, but no maintenance responsibility. The dam is allegedly facing repairs of \$30,000,000 or more with ownership questions and liability concerns being expressed. The VDOT road supports 1,400 ADT.
- No activity to report due to staff vacancy.

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.

- Consultant will be present at the May Commission meeting to provide final presentation..VHB presented to the Local Government Administrators May meeting.

Project 301012 – DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF)/VMRC Waterway Maintenance Fund (WMF) Davis Creek (Mathews) Dredging.

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

- Participated in a USACE project delivery team meeting held on April 29 which included discussions of rights-of-entry for the conduct of field investigations, topographic surveys, placement alternatives, and a USACE draft of a Project Management Plan (PMP).
- Conducted In-Progress-Review (IPR) Meeting # 5 with the USACE, Mathews County, and the MPPDC on May 13. Items discussed within the framework of the draft PMP included an updated task duration schedule (TDS) for Upland Placement (UP), a TDS for Marsh Elevation Enhancement (MEE), navigation servitude, USACE policy regarding acquisition of real estate interests, and emergency dredging declarations.
- Continued work with the USACE, Mathews County and the MPPDC in defining the appropriate federal standard for dredge material.

- Continued coordination with the USACE, Mathews County, and the MPPDC regarding a potential hybrid project which would “hold” MEE and UP dredge material in separate placement sites.
- Continued coordination efforts with the USACE regarding Section 408 and channel setback requirements.
- Drafted and submitted the quarterly report to DCR’s CFPF Program.

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

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

- Confirmed the potential volume of material to be dredged, which has increased to approximately 70,000 cubic yards if dredged to the full template. Assessed various phasing strategies and dredging phases to manage volume of material to be dredged within budget and within potential placement strategies.
- Conducted scoping meetings with VIMS and VHB to support design and reviewed preliminary draft proposals. Assessed schedule and coordinate with VIMS and VHB to determine if VIMS can support work within schedule. Coordinated with Gloucester County PM to assess viability of utilizing and existing county contract to more cost effectively manage the technical support for the dredging permits and placement concepts.

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

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

- Conducted In-Progress-Review (IPR) Meeting # 7 with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Middlesex County, and the MPPDC on April 13. Items discussed included the Design Report and Draft Joint Permit Application.
- Continued coordination efforts with the USACE regarding Section 408 and channel setback requirements.
- Drafted and submitted the quarterly report to DCR’s CFPF Program.

Project 38818 – DCR CFPF Aberdeen Spit Restoration

MPPDC was awarded a Coastal Flood Preparedness Fund grant for the design and construction of a living shoreline at the mouth of Aberdeen Creek in Gloucester County. t

- Placement strategy currently managed concurrently with 38810 Aberdeen Dredging. Conceptualized placement strategies for in-water, conducted site visit to consider viability of working waterfront as a potential transfer or dewatering area, and met with local community members to discuss their related dredging needs.
- Drafted and submitted the quarterly report to DCR’s CFPF Program.

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.

- No additional well funding is available. Septic projects continue forward as the SWAP investment begin to end.

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.

- Updated the grant agreement form to be signed by the applicant and MPPDC
- Updated our internal application checklist to streamline / clarify necessary steps
- Finalized and executed the agreement for a new well and old well abandonment at Mrs. Berkeley's house (King William County)
- Prepared and posted the RFP for work at Mrs. Berkeley's house

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.

- Updated 50/50 and FP grant agreement forms to be signed by the applicant and MPPDC
- Updated our internal 50/50 and FP application checklists to streamline / clarify necessary steps
- Created SOP for moving projects through the program
- Checked in with Soils Inc (on call contractor for FP) on the status of 5 projects
- Met with DEQ on status of contract and remaining funding. Confirmed the funding split between FP (10-20 projects) and 50/50
- Finalized and executed 50/50 agreements for work at Mr. Lopes (Mathews), Mr. Revere (Middlesex), and Mrs. Ramsey's (Mathews) properties
- Followed up on the status and files for work at four more locations (Rainbow Acres, Ms. Bass, Mr. Livingston, and Ms. Taylor's)
- Shared program information and requirements with other potential applicants (Ms. Lane)

Project 301250 – Staff Support to Middle Peninsula Alliance (MPA) FY26

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

- Continued fiscal oversight of MPA support activity by monitoring financial records, reviewing activity for proper classification, and maintaining readiness to provide clerical or fiscal assistance as needed.
- No significant new program activity was identified during this reporting period; staff support remained focused on general financial review, oversight, and ensuring records remain available for year-end reporting and audit purposes.

Project 38816 – DEQ IJA 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.

- Staff continue process IJIA applications for assistance and assist with funding current projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

Project 301702 – Small Business Revolving Loan Fund

MPPDC agreed to service Middle Peninsula Business Development Partnership's (MPBDP) Small Business Loan Portfolio after MPBDP's dissolution November 30, 2011. MPPDC established a revolving loan fund and staff initiate ACH loan payments from clients' bank accounts and 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.

- No funding for staff to work on this effort.

Project 35004– EDA Partnership Planning Program

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

- The preparation of an undated CEDS has been initiated with a review of the current CEDS document based on US Economic Development Administration's (EDA) most recent guidelines and timetable. As a result a modified table of contents and structure for the development of this year's CEDS was submitted and approved by EDA. Updated data tables of demographic, economic and housing information has been compiled with revised summaries of conditions and trends. Work is progressing on the revision of the SWOT analysis and regional industry clusters. While staffing challenges have impacted the progress of the CEDS, it is still the plan to complete the final CEDS document by the end of the calendar year.

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

- No activity to report due to staff vacancy.

Project 38026 – FY26 Local & Regional Technical Assistance

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

- Received notice from VDEM informing MPPDC staff that project titled, " Gloucester County - Elevating Ware River Home" has been awarded by FEMA and VDEM. This mitigation project will elevate a home and MPPDC staff will work to implement a program that Norfolk has put into place where the homeowner selects the contractor and works directly with the contractor.

Project 30003–DEQ Water Supply Plan Update

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

- Met with WSSI to discuss project updates on April 21st. First the timeline has been updated for the final water supply plan. The draft completion date is now July 2026 and then MPPDC staff will take the plan to public comment. Second, WSSI provided MPPDC staff with an Request for Information (RFI) #3 to send to localities that will help localities comply with Section [9VAC25-780-50.B.4](#) of the Local and Regional Water Supply Planning regulation, which states that “*reasonable effort*” must be made to consult with all Community Water Systems and Self-Supplied Users.
- Scheduled a meeting with King & Queen County and WSSI to review water delivery for “*Alexandria Service Area*”.
- Received an agreement modification from Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for the Water Supply Planning Grant agreement. This modification was needed due to the WSSI timeline change and the timeline of the grant. The modification allocates funds to WSSI for their additional work on the Northern Coastal Plain 2 Water Supply Plan.

Project 38101 – 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.

- Contract executed for \$5.5 million DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) grant to Town of Tappahannock to design & install living shoreline at Rappahannock River Park and complete designs for future elevation of park’s access road:
 - Attending meeting with Tappahannock & MPPDC to transfer project to MPPDC for project management.
- Awaiting award package for DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) grant award of \$253,643 to Gloucester County to develop Gloucester Point Beach Resilience Master Plan.
- Awaiting award packages for 2 VDEM Emergency Shelter Upgrade Assistance Grant awards:
 - \$223,466 for generator upgrades required to relocate Mathews County’s emergency shelter to Thomas Hunter Middle School.
 - \$78,361 for new pump station generator and extension of existing generator service area for emergency shelter at Gloucester High School.
- Awarded \$22,668 SCRC Local Development District (LDD) Capacity Building Program grant to MPPDC to upgrade Captain Sinclair's Garden House facility to support eco-business development.
- Developing USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) for Gloucester County to develop feasibility study & conceptual design for new community center & sports complex.
- Coordinating with VIMS to submit non-competitive application required to release \$802,000 FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending (earmark) award to MPPDC to purchase, deploy, and operate for one-year water-level monitoring stations across the Middle Peninsula, focused on Mobjack Bay.
- Coordinating with Gloucester, Middlesex & Essex counties to establish contract structure for \$506,000 FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending (earmark) award to MPPDC to install generators to provide back-up power at Essex County's administration building, Middlesex County's Cooks Corner Office Complex, and Gloucester County's Building 1 (IT & registrar).
- Received award letter from HUD for FY26 Community Project Funding (earmark) award for \$810,000 to MPCBPAA to acquire upland dredged material storage sites to support municipal dredging program.
- Coordinating with U.S. Representative Wittman’s office and U.S Army Corps of Engineers to advance FY26 Community Project Funding (earmark) award for \$2 million in pass-through funding to USACE for maintenance dredging of Winter Harbor in Mathews County.
- U.S. Representative Wittman selected 3 Community Project Funding (earmark) requests to support for inclusion in the FY27 federal budget:
 - \$1,718,182 to Essex County to construct new Joint Maintenance Facility & access road to support

County emergency services, public schools, and other vehicles in Essex County's fleet.

- o \$2 million to MPCBPAA to acquire uplands sites for storage of dredged materials to support regional dredging program.
- o \$4 million in pass-through funding to USACE to develop a dredge material management plan & conduct site maintenance required to support full dredging of Winter Harbor channel in Mathews County.
- o House Subcommittees will determine final funding awards during fall 2026 federal budget process.
- Assisted Gloucester County in submitting NEPA review for pending DCR Land & Water Conservation Fund grant award for \$714,788 to upgrade and elevate restrooms, pavilion, and access ramps in Gloucester Point Beach Park.
 - o Project slated to begin September 30, 2026.
- Continuing to coordinate with DOW, NPS, and DCR to execute contract for \$350,000 Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program grant award to MPCBPAA to acquire 513 acres near Middle Peninsula Regional Airport for conservation and public recreation:
 - o \$276,000 NPS Readiness and Recreation Initiative matching fund award secured, pending environmental review.
 - o \$255,000 in DCR Virginia Land Conservation Fund matching funds already secured.
- Assisted localities in grant research requests including:
 - o VMRC Virginia Waterway Maintenance Fund & DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund information to support dredging upper Mill Creek in Mathews County.
 - o DHCD Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF) information to support rehabilitation of commercial buildings in Town of Tappahannock.
 - o DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund information to support upgrades to dam on Burkes Mill Pond Road in Gloucester County.
 - o Funding to support extension of sewer lines to campgrounds in Gloucester County.

Project 38819 – EECBG Middlesex Energy Audits

Middlesex County was awarded Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding from the Virginia Department of Energy to conduct residential & business energy audits, public education events, and marketing/outreach activities. MPPDC is administering the grant on behalf of the County and providing legal support for procurement and contracting.

- Middlesex County reached out to MPPDC staff inquiring if a new project manager has been assigned to this project. No activity to report due to staff vacancy at the moment.

HOUSING

Funding – Housing Loan Program Income

Project 30187 – VHDA Affordable Workforce Housing Development

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

- The construction contract for the renovation of the Main House and addition to the Pool House was executed in October of 2024 with Fresh Start Renovations. Permitting delays extended the start of the renovation on the Main House. Issues related to the issuance of the building permit for Pool House and projected cost

overruns at the Main House and Pool House resulted in abandonment of the addition to the Pool House. Modification of the grant agreement with VHDA was approved to reduce further the rental unit production number to four units, extend the grant to December 31, 2025, and reallocate costs from the Pool House to the Main House. A contract addendum was issued with Fresh Start Renovations to complete the renovation of the Main House by the grant deadline. The VHDA financial resources have all been expended and final reimbursement was received. The Main House renovations are now complete with final testing and inspections from Gloucester County the only remaining items prior to issuance of Certificate of Occupancy (CO). A Memorandum of Understanding between MPPDC, Fresh Start and MBH-RE was executed on March 13th governing any remaining work that may be needed and final payment to Fresh Start.

- In March of 2025 the septic system serving the Main House and Pool House failed. Grant assistance from DEQ was received to replace the existing failed system with a new engineered system large enough to serve both the Main House and Pool House. The construction contract for the engineered system was awarded to Soils Inc. The construction of the septic system is now complete with connection to the Main House. The well, septic system, and plumbing system have all been tested and working properly. The Health Department has issued the Operational Permit. Fresh Start has called for the final inspection from the County and issuance of CO.

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.

- Funding was transferred from EECBG to MPPDC for financial support for energy efficiency upgrades at Capt Sinclair's. Around \$2,000 remains in the fund

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.

- MPPDC staff worked to close out this project. For the closeout process, MPPDC staff will need to submit another Request for Reimbursement (RFR) submitted as 100% local to balance out one of the RFRs that was submitted as 100% federal. MPPDC staff will work to submit the necessary information.

Project 32180 – FEMA Ware Cove LLC

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

- Still awaiting feedback from legal counsel about information gathered from the Virginia Department of Taxation that clarifies the use of the MPPDC sales and use tax exemption on private property.

- Submitted a new reimbursement.
- Drafted and submitted the quarterly report to the VDEM grant portal.

Project 32300 - FEMA VDEM AHMP

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

- MPPDC staff hosted Local Planning Team meetings and below is the meeting attendance.

Locality	Meeting Attendance					
	LPT Meeting 1 (4/23/25)	LPT Meeting 2 (5/5/25)	LPT Meeting 3 (5/19/25)	LPT Meeting 4 (6/9/25)	LPT Meeting 5 (6/23/25)	LPT Meeting 6 (12/8/25)
Essex	✓	✓	--	✓	✓	--
Gloucester	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
King William	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	--
King & Queen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mathews County	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Middlesex County	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Town of Urbanna	✓	✓	--	✓	✓	✓
Tappahannock	✓	--	--	--	--	✓
West Point	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	--

- Received an update from Denise Nelson Advising on the AHMP Chapter 4 update. MPPDC staff reviewed the provided draft and offered feedback.
- Drafted and submitted the quarterly report to the VDEM grant portal.

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.

- Advanced loan program administration by coordinating documentation and closing details for two homeowner assistance files, including borrower/property information, loan amounts, project purpose, and confirmation of whether grant funding is expected to offset loan costs.
- Responded to homeowner loan servicing requests by preparing and providing loan activity documentation, payoff information, FY25 tax reporting support, and current statement information to maintain accurate borrower communication and program records.

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.

- Coordinated with VRA to update billing contact information following staff transition, ensuring future loan fund billing and related correspondence are routed directly to Finance for timely tracking, payment coordination, and reconciliation.
- Supported active loan fund administration by coordinating legal and program documentation for two loan files moving toward closing and reviewing borrower/project information needed to support loan document preparation.

Project 31500 – Living Shoreline Loan Program

- Supported living shoreline loan servicing by responding to borrower requests for current loan information, including preparation of statement and payoff documentation for an existing living shoreline loan.
- Coordinated internal follow-up on a new shoreline/reef-related constituent inquiry for a property on Gwynn's Island, helping connect the request to the appropriate grant or technical assistance pathway.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

Funding - Indirect cost reimbursements from all PDC projects

MPPDC Administration

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

Finance & Administration

- Advanced FY25 audit readiness by coordinating follow-up with auditors and internal staff, including compiling requested financial reports, reviewing grant activity, supporting documentation uploads, and preparing for auditor fieldwork and review.
- Continued financial cleanup and reconciliation efforts by reviewing bank reconciliation activity, identifying unmatched deposits, and applying outstanding receipts to the appropriate project activity, including confirmation and coding of the \$84,242.25 NFWF payment received on April 1, 2026, for Project #321741 Hog Island Restoration.
- Strengthened accounts payable and vendor tracking by following up on processed invoices, check status, and payment documentation, including inquiries related to TE Integrity, and other vendor payment items requiring confirmation.
- Coordinated updates to external billing and payment contacts, including requesting that VRA replace the former staff contact with the CFO for future billing correspondence to improve direct tracking and payment coordination.
- Supported payroll and internal control oversight by addressing payroll tax setup changes, documenting concerns, and escalating the matter through appropriate supervisory channels for review.
- Processed and confirmed pending transfer activity, including follow-up on Fresh Start Escrow transfer specifications and confirmation that outstanding transfers would be processed.
- Updated coding on general journal entries and related financial transactions to support more accurate project and account reporting.

Grants & Program Support

- Supported active loan closing work by coordinating with Sands Anderson and program staff on borrower/property details, loan amounts, loan purpose, and grant/loan funding structures for two loan files moving toward closing.
- Continued support for septic and living shoreline loan administration by responding to borrower requests, including preparation of FY25 loan activity detail, 1098 information, payoff information, and current loan statement documentation.
- Assisted with grant and reimbursement reporting by reviewing and distributing Revenue & Expenditure reports for DCR FTF and EDA Partnership activities.
- Supported reimbursement accuracy by revising Schedule 1 for the SLPP indirect cost reimbursement calculation so that the expenditure column reflected the approved indirect rate adjustment and final reimbursement amount of \$8,858.09.
- Completed follow-up on indirect cost setup by turning off indirect charges for two projects, Project #30008 and Project #30222, after staff identified projects approaching or exceeding budgeted indirect levels.
- Responded to grant and constituent assistance inquiries, including forwarding a shoreline/reef-related grant assistance inquiry for a property on Gwynn's Island and coordinating next steps internally.

Reporting & Strategic Planning

- Prepared multiple professional communications to internal staff, external agencies, lenders, attorneys, and program partners to support audit readiness, reimbursement processing, loan administration, vendor coordination, and financial reporting.
- Continued refining reimbursement and grant tracking processes by identifying the need for improved visibility into what has been submitted, what remains outstanding, who owes funds, and the status of pending reimbursement requests.
- Supported management decision-making by preparing clear written updates and responses related to audit timing, reimbursement corrections, payment status, loan processing, and project-level financial activity.
- Reinforced finance workflow improvements by coordinating directly with staff on coding, documentation standards, payment tracking, and project reporting to reduce delays and improve accountability during a high-volume reporting period.

Closed Projects

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

Project 32182 – VCZMP Working Waterfront Resilience Assessments

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

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

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

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

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

Project 30198 – Gwynn’s Island Septic

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

Project 30220 – Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) Operating FY24

This program assists local commuters and employers with transportation issues. The main emphasis is on lowering the number of single occupancy vehicle commutes within and from the Middle Peninsula region through marketing and promotion of the program through local media and provision of ride-matching services to commuters.

Project 30321 – Rural Transportation Planning FY24

This program provides rural transportation planning services through the Rural Transportation Planning Work Program which outlines specific tasks and goals to guide the rural planning of transportation services.

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

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

Project 32170 – Virginia Coastal TA FY22

This project provides ongoing support to member localities of the Planning District Commission and other stakeholders committed to improving community development and coastal management within the coastal zone.

Project 32171 – CZM 306 Next Generation Shoreline Plan Yr2

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

One design of a next generation shoreline for a publicly owned property in a moderate energy wave environment publicly owned site will be completed.

Project 32172 – DEQ CZM ANPDC Ecotourism VI FY23

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

Project 32175 – DEQ Chesapeake Bay WIP Technical Assistance 2023

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

Project 32176 – NFWF Veterans Partnership

MPPDC will develop and formalize an operating agreement between the MP-PAA and Knott Alone-Hold Fast, Inc,

a nonprofit organization providing counseling and coastal eco and restoration workforce development services focusing on leveraging Chesapeake Bay coastal environs for veterans. The project will build capacity to address a known gap in local workforce for resilience and restoration activities.

Project 32021 – PAA GO VA Sea Grant Resilience Economy

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

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

This program assists local commuters and employers with transportation issues. The main emphasis is on lowering the number of single occupancy vehicle commutes within and from the Middle Peninsula region through marketing and promotion of the program through local media and provision of ride-matching services to commuters.

Project 31005 – VDOT Rural Transportation Planning FY25

This program provides rural transportation planning services through the Rural Transportation Planning Work Program which outlines specific tasks and goals to guide the rural planning of transportation services.

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

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

Project 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.

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.

Project 35002 – VHDA CIG Housing Planning FY24

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

Project 32177 – EDA Technical Assistance Program 2023

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

Project 32181 – VCZMP Coastal Technical Assistance FY23

This project provides ongoing support to member localities of the Planning District Commission and other stakeholders committed to improving community development and coastal management within the coastal zone.

Project 32183 – FY2023 SCRC Local Development District Capacity Building

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

Project 38024 – FY24 Local & Regional Technical Assistance

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

Project 38815 – Middlesex County Comp Plan Audit – Feb 2024

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

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

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

Project 321772 – DCR Flood Fund - West Point Bridge Study

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

ACRONYMS

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



Middle Peninsula Drought Presentation

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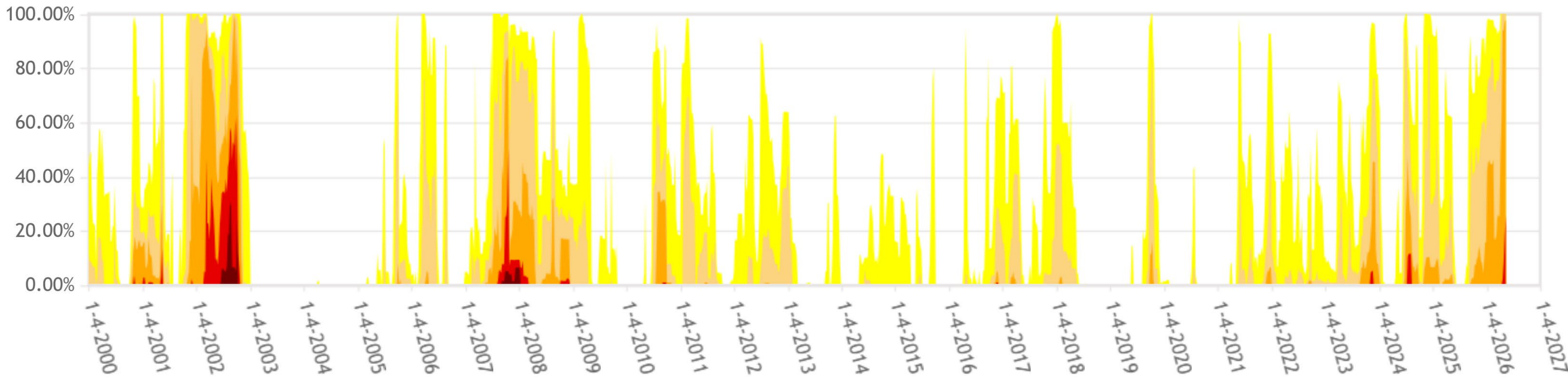
Types of Drought

- Meteorological Drought - rainfall has fallen short of climatic norms
- Agricultural Drought – soil moisture is inadequate for crops
- Hydrologic Drought – below normal stream flow or reservoir levels
- Water Supply Drought – demand exceeds supply



Past VA Droughts

Virginia Percent Area in U.S. Drought Monitor Categories



From the U.S. Drought Monitor website, <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DmData/TimeSeries.aspx>, 5-20-2026



VA Drought Assessment and Response Plan

Background

- Created in response to 2002 Drought of Record
- Broad stakeholder input
- Establishes:
 - Commonwealth Drought Coordinator (**CDC**)
 - Drought Monitoring Task Force (**DMTF**)
 - Drought regions, designation stages, criteria, and water conservation actions
- In use since 2003

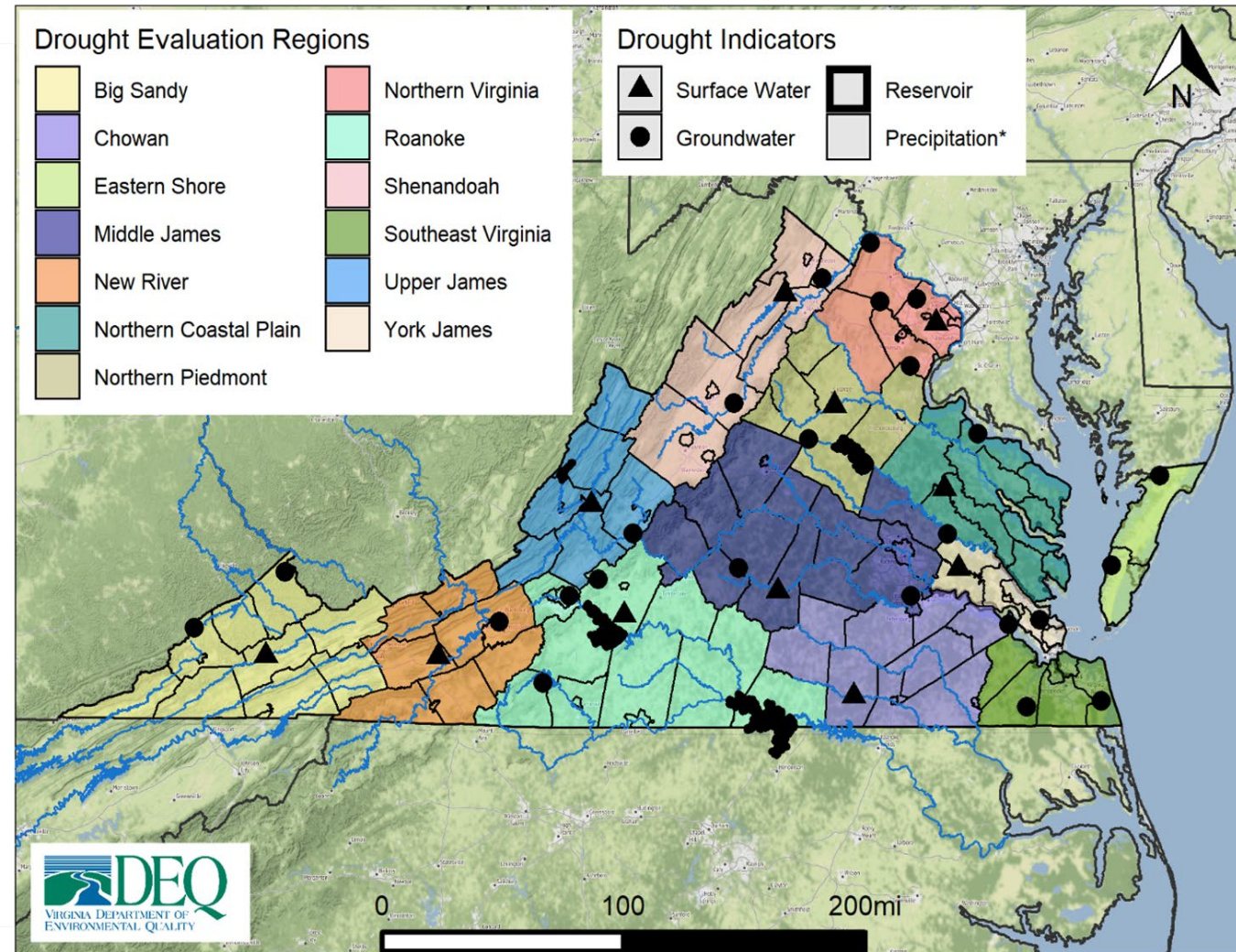
CDC and DMTF

- CDC is selected by each administration
- DMTF:
 - DEQ Chairs
 - DWR, VDH, DOF, VDACS and VDEM
 - NWS, USGS, USACE, NOAA – NIDIS, MARFC
- DMTF considers all data, and is responsible for making *recommendations* for drought advisories to the administration
- DMTF meets as conditions require

Drought Stages and Regions

Stages

- Watch – Conditions are right for drought
 - GOAL: prepare public for potential drought conditions & necessary response
- Warning - Significant drought is imminent
 - Voluntary water conservation measures
 - GOAL: reduce water use by 5 – 10%
- Emergency - Significant drought event is occurring
 - Mandatory water conservation measures
 - GOAL: reduce water use by 10 – 15%



Drought Indicator Criteria

Groundwater and Surface Water Indicators

Drought State	Threshold
Normal	> 25th percentile
Watch	Between 10th and 25th percentile
Warning	Between 5th and 10th percentile
Emergency	< 5th percentile

Reservoir Storage

Drought State	Threshold
Normal	> 120 days
Watch	Between 90 and 120 days
Warning	Between 60 and 90 days
Emergency	< 60 days

Precipitation

Months Analyzed	Percentile Thresholds			
	Normal	Watch	Warning	Emergency
Oct - Dec	>75.0	<75.0	<65.0	<55.0
Oct - Jan	>80.0	<80.0	<70.0	<60.0
Oct - Feb	>80.0	<80.0	<70.0	<60.0
Oct - Mar	>80.0	<80.0	<70.0	<60.0
Oct - Apr	>81.5	<81.5	<71.5	<61.5
Oct - May	>82.5	<82.5	<72.5	<62.5
Oct - Jun	>83.5	<83.5	<73.5	<63.5
Oct - Jul	>85.0	<85.0	<75.0	<65.0
Oct - Aug	>85.0	<85.0	<75.0	<65.0
Oct - Sep*	>85.0	<85.0	<75.0	<65.0

* Values are carried into October if a deficit exists at the beginning of the water year.

Water Sources in 2011 WSP

- All 48 CWS supplied by groundwater
 - Primarily withdrawal from the Potomac Aquifer
 - VDH permitted capacity of 2.74 MGD
- 34 Large Self-Supplied Users
 - Mostly supplied by groundwater
 - Withdrawal 20.25 MGD

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN
for the
Middle Peninsula of Virginia

Including the Counties of:
Essex, King and Queen, King William, Mathews, and Middlesex
and the Towns of:
Tappahannock, Urbanna, and West Point

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Drought Planning in 2011 WSP

- Towns' CWS served by deep wells; drought triggers based on pumping rates and duration
- The Counties' water sources are more diverse
 - Shallow private wells most susceptible to drought
 - Large SSUs utilizing surface waters also susceptible to drought
- “Counties should participate in a region-wide monitoring program operated by a centralized body”
 - Goal to alert all water users of conditions

Drought Planning in 2011 WSP

- 2011 Plan contains thorough Drought Response and Contingency Plan
- Utilizes a Regional Drought Monitoring Committee (RDMC)
 - Functions like regional DMTF
 - Representative designated from each local jurisdiction

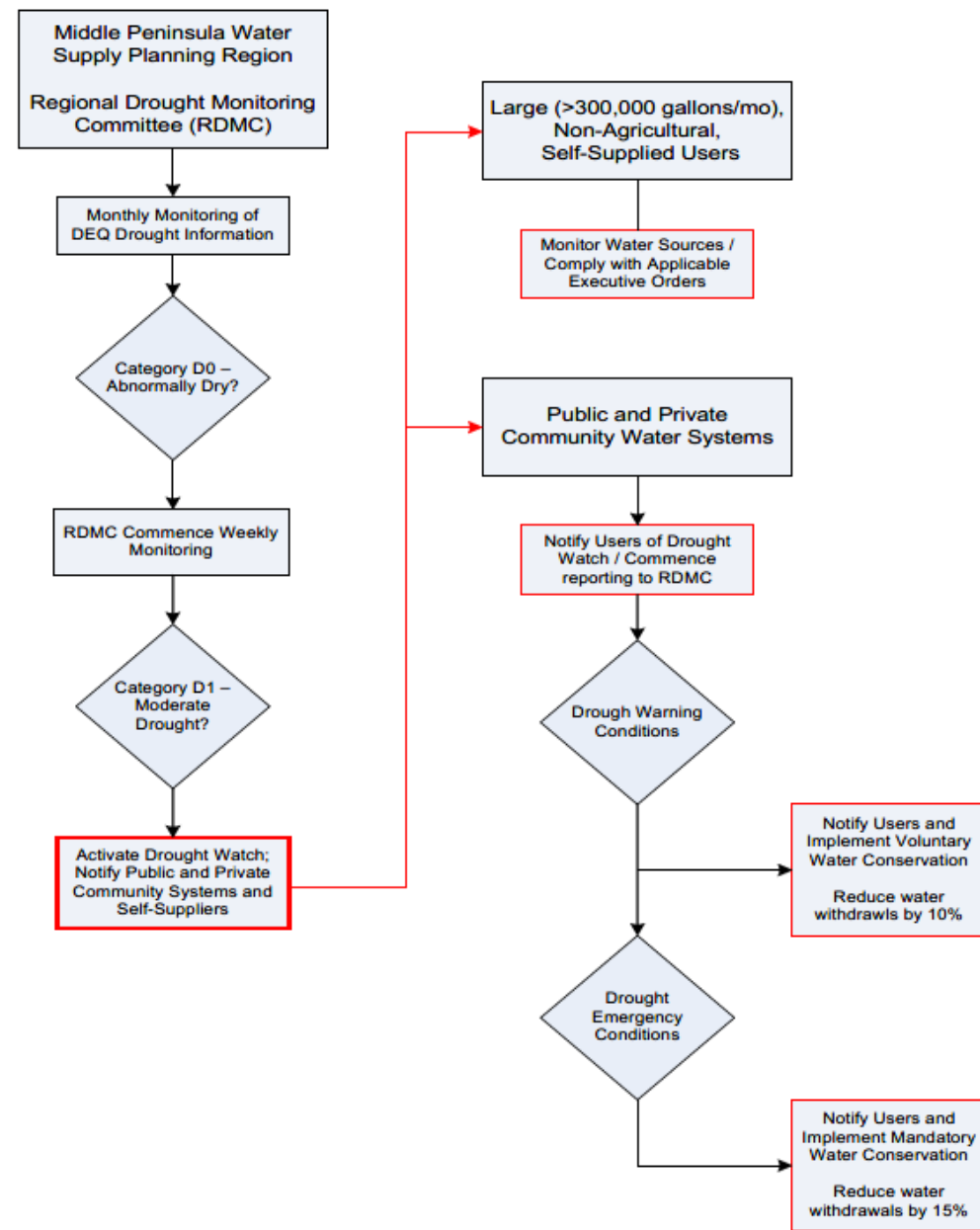


Figure 10-1: Schematic Representation of Drought Monitoring and Response Procedures (regional and local applications)

Current Ordinances

Essex, King & Queen, King William, Middlesex, Mathews

- All counties in the region have drought ordinances in place
- Counties work in cooperation w/ MPPDC Water Supply Planning Region to monitor the U.S. Drought Monitor
- Condition 1 – Watch / Warning (D1 and D2)
 - County Administrator may call for voluntary water conservations
- Condition 2 – Emergency
 - County Administrator with approval of the Board of Supervisors authorized to declare water emergencies
 - County Administrator authorized to implement listed restrictions
- Condition 3 – Furthered Emergency
 - Water rationing authorities
- Condition 4 – Crucially Limited Supplies
 - Restrict water use for only purposes absolutely essential to life, health and safety

Virginia Drought Update

Created by:
Virginia Drought Monitoring Task Force (DMTF)

For more information, visit
www.deq.virginia.gov/water/water-quantity/drought

For the assessment period ending
May 18, 2026

Main Takeaway

Drought conditions persist throughout the Commonwealth. The period of October 2025 – April 2026 is the second driest on record. Declining streamflow and groundwater levels show evidence of severe hydrologic drought. Most reservoirs remain full, but declines at Smith Mountain Lake have triggered conservation protocols. Much drier than normal soils, and lack of precipitation present agricultural producers with challenges such as reduced crop yield.

This Week's Summary

Precipitation totals were generally near 0.75-inches (near normal) across the Commonwealth. Extreme drought (D3) conditions expanded through a portion of south-western portions of the State.

Next Week's Outlook

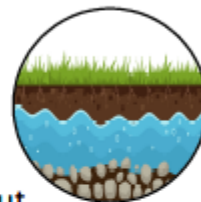
Warmer than normal temperatures and dry conditions expected early in the week. Cooler temperatures and rain forecasted for later in the week, with near normal precipitation totals of 0.5 – 1 inch forecasted for much of the Commonwealth, and higher totals up to 1.4 inches around Roanoke.



Recent 30-day precipitation totals were approximately 50% of normal statewide, with most of the Commonwealth receiving between 1 – 2-inches of rain. Most of the State measured between a six-to-10-inch precipitation deficit since October 1, 2025, with the greatest deficits in central and south-central areas of the State.

[U.S. Drought Monitor \(USDM\)](#)

Groundwater levels in the Commonwealth generally experienced moderate decline. Well levels remain much below normal throughout northern areas, along the Blue Ridge Mountains, and around Roanoke.



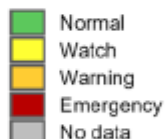
The Smith Mountain Lake reservoir indicator was in warning status. All other major water supply reservoir indicators were in normal status.

Streamflow levels declined, with much below normal levels observed throughout the State.

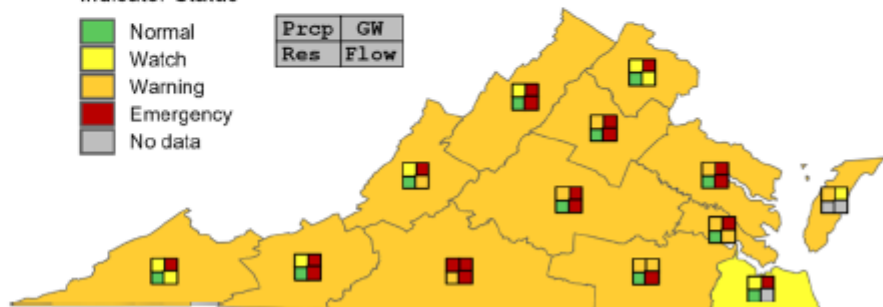


DMTF Drought Region Status

Indicator Status



Prop	GW
Res	Flow



Precipitation from 2026-05-17

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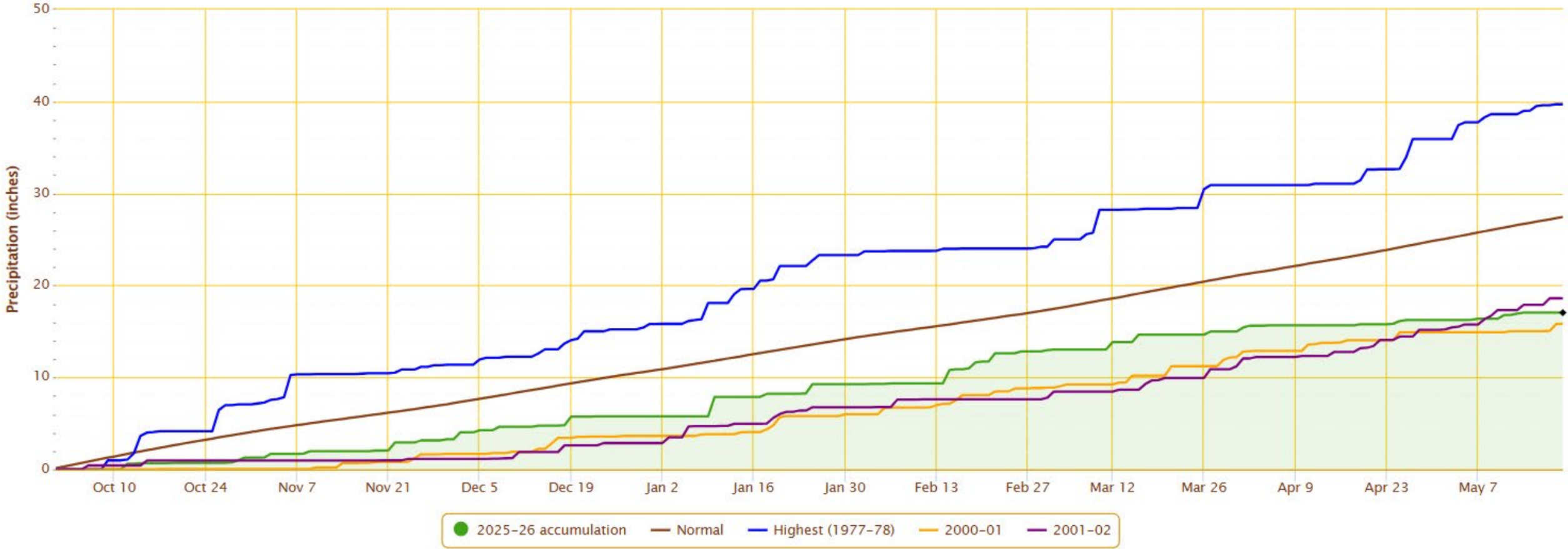
Statewide Coverage by Category (USDM)

Category	Current Coverage	Change Since Last Week
DO: Abnormally Dry	0.00%	0.00%
D1: Moderate Drought	2.61%	0.00%
D2: Severe Drought	71.49%	-8.33%
D3: Extreme Drought	25.90%	+8.33%
D4: Exceptional Drought	0.00%	0.00%

Precipitation

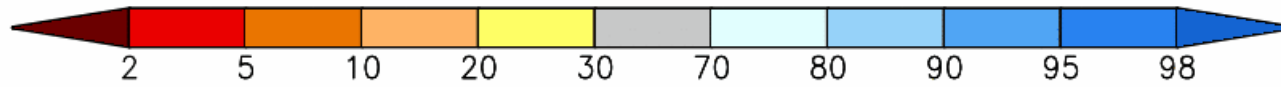
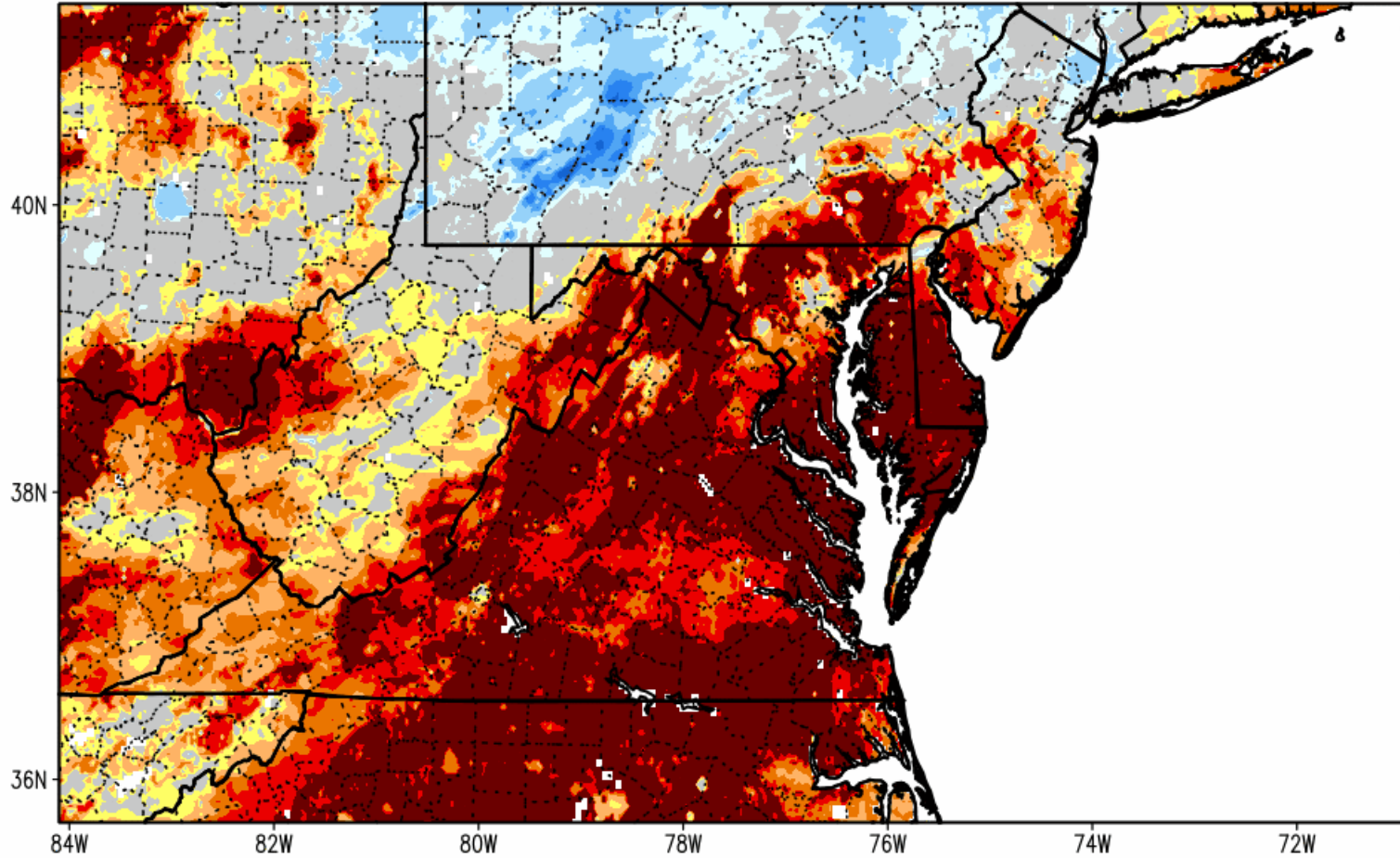
Accumulated Precipitation – WEST POINT 2 NW, VA

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SPoRT-LIS 0-100 cm Soil Moisture percentile valid 01 May 2026

Soil Moisture



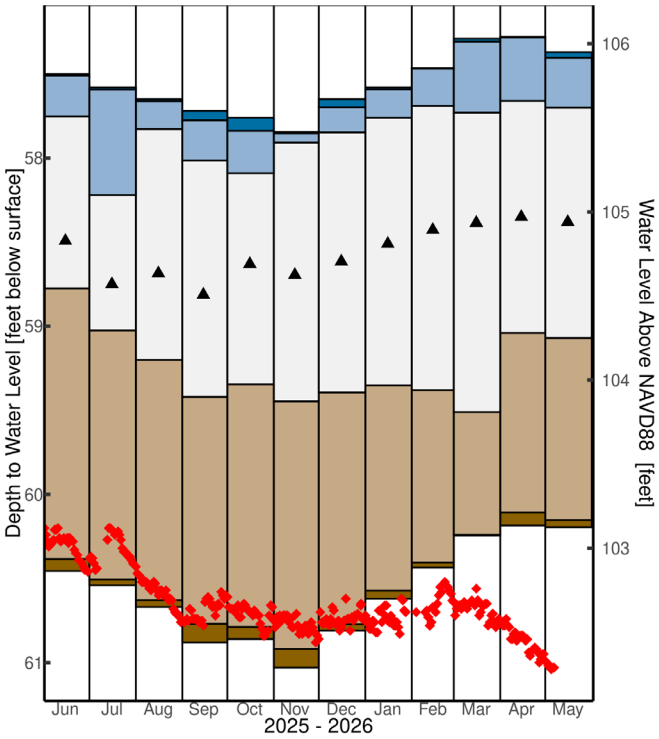
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Groundwater Conditions

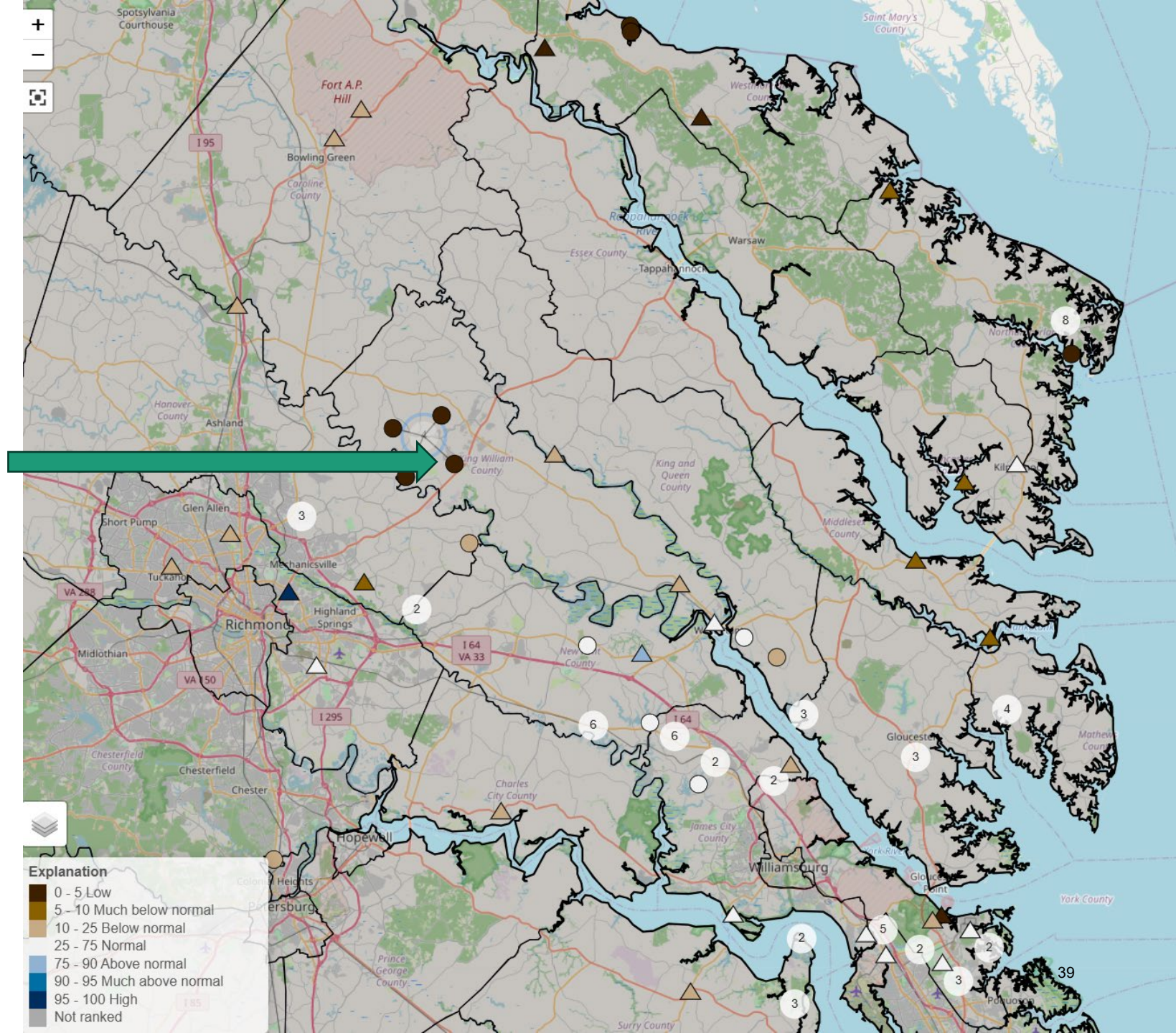
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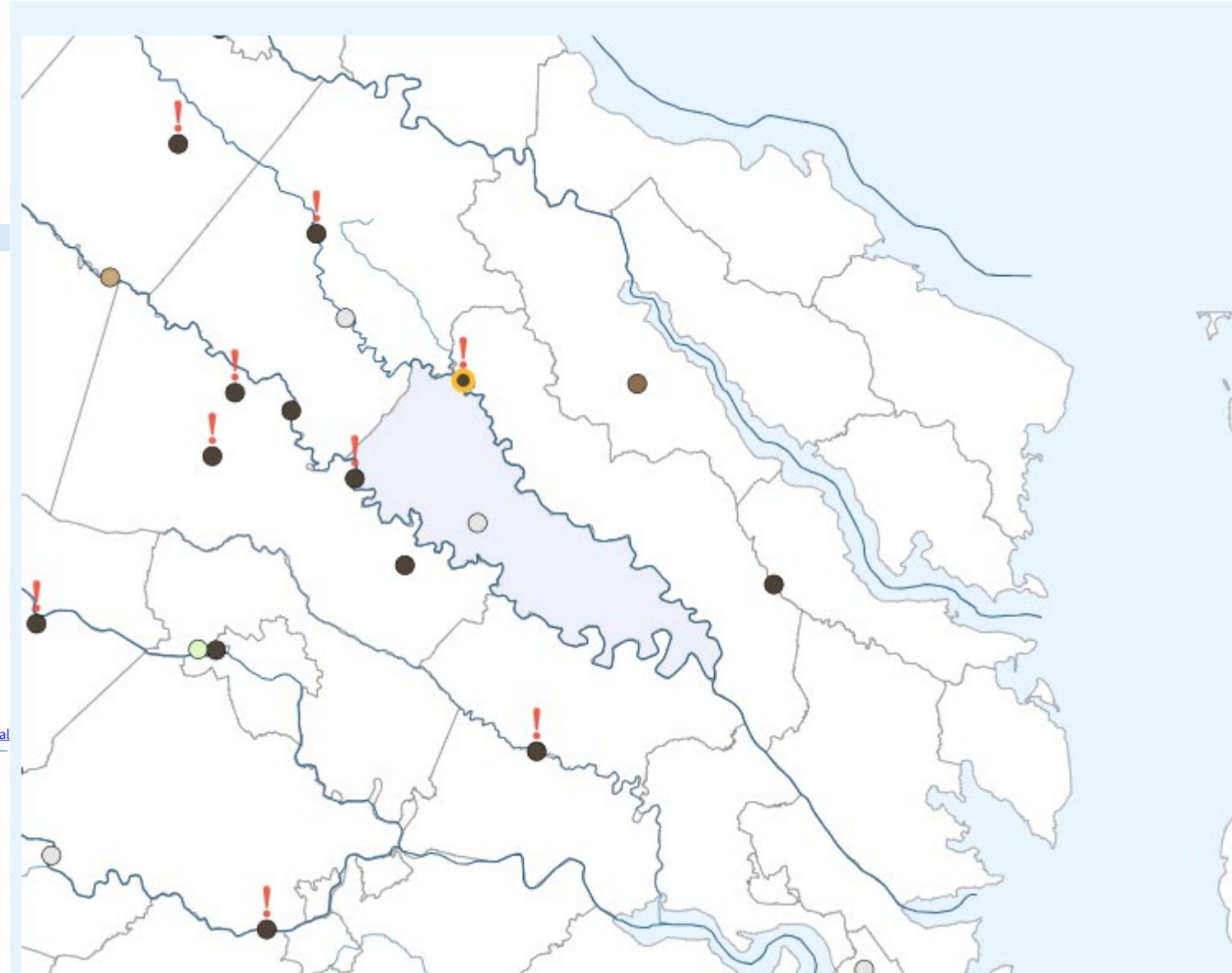
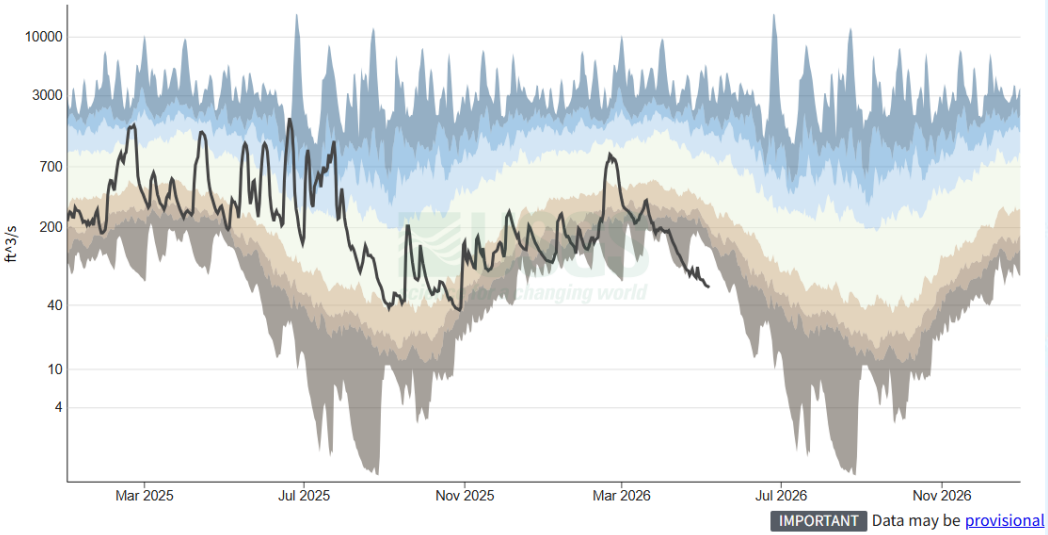
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Surface Water Conditions

Mattaponi River Near Beulahville, VA - USGS-01674500

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026
Discharge, cubic feet per second



Other Resources

- [DEQ Drought Webpage](#)
- [NIDIS Drought.gov VA State Webpage](#)
- [USGS Groundwater Levels and Trends](#)
- [NASA SPoRT Viewer for soil moisture](#)
- [Southern Regional Climate Center Integrated Water Portal](#)
- [University of California MERCED Climate Toolbox](#)