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Mr. Lewis L. Lawrence, III

MEMORANDUM

TO: MPPDC Board of Commissioners
FROM: Lewis Lawrence, Executive Director
DATE: January 18, 2024
RE: January Commission Meeting

The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Regional Board Room at the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission office in Saluda.

Enclosed are the January meeting agenda and supporting materials for your review prior to 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 24th**!

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Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

125 Bowden Street

Saluda VA 23149

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of November Minutes
- III. Approval of Financial Reports for November and December (*FY23 Audit - pending delivery*)
- 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 CY24 MPPDC Meeting Schedule
- XI. MPPDC Vice-Chair Vacancy Discussion/Election
- XII. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan Update – Curt Smith
- XIII. Gloucester County Rt 17 Smart Scale Application Request – Carol Rizzio, Gloucester County Sr. Comprehensive Planner
- XIV. Virginia Port Authority Virginia Waterways Management Fund Proposal – Curt Smith
- XV. General Assembly Update – Robert Crockett/Lewie Lawrence
- XVI. Other Business
- XVII. Adjournment

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MIDDLE PENINSULA PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
November 29, 2023
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 29, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. MPPDC Chairman, Chriscoe welcomed everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present

Essex County: Bud Smith, John Magruder, Sarah Pope

Gloucester County: Ashley Chriscoe

King and Queen County: Vivian Seay

King William County: Ed Moren, Travis Moskalski, Otto Williams, Percy Ashcraft

Mathews County: Harry Meeks, Ramona Wilson

Town of Tappahannock: Kay Carlton

Town of Urbanna: Dr. William Goldsmith

Town of West Point: Jamie Pruett, John Edwards

Commissioners Absent

Essex County: Sarah Pope

Gloucester County: Dr. Willy Reay, Michael Hedrick

King and Queen County: Sherrin Alsop, R.F. Bailey

Mathews County: Melissa Mason, David Jones

Middlesex County: Wayne Jessie, Reggie Williams, Kendall Webre

Also in Attendance

Lewie Lawrence, MPPDC Executive Director

Curt Smith, MPPDC Deputy Director

Heather Modispaw, MPPDC Chief Financial Officer

Taylor Ovide, MPPDC Coastal Resilience Planner

Dawn Mantell, MPPDC Executive Assistant

Guest

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. Mr. O. Williams seconded the motion; motion carried.

III. Approval of Financial Report for October

MPPDC Chief Financial Officer, Heather Modispaw drew the Commission's attention to the Financial Report in their meeting packet and explained the difference between the budget of \$8.8M in the Project Financial Report and the budget of \$7.2M in the Agencywide Financial Report. In the past, these looked more like \$700k or \$800k but each fiscal year the budget has increased. FY21 \$1.9M (58% increase); FY22 \$2.5M (32% increase); FY23 \$4.3M (72% increase); and FY24 \$7.2M (65% increase). Ms. Modispaw also noted she expects to have the draft FY23 Audit available to present at the January Commission meeting. Chairman Chriscoe asked whether there were any

questions regarding the MPPDC financial report for October before being approved subject to audit. There being no questions, Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to approve the financial report for October subject to audit. Mr. Smith moved to approve the financial report for October subject to audit. Mr. O. Williams 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 November. The Executive Director's Report on staff activities is developed at a monthly staff meeting, organized by PDC Service Centers, and the activities are used to report grant funding activities.

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

- Reported King & Queen County has completed the bid process and is negotiating contract terms with the selected contractor for the construction of the new facility where the elevated pilot septic system will be showcased. *Mr. Lawrence stated he hopes the MPPDC office will be in the new building this time next year. Ms. Seay, King & Queen County Administrator, announced the groundbreaking ceremony will take place in mid-December and invited all to attend.*
- VDCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) for one shoreline protection construction project on private property within the Piankatank River watershed. *Mr. Lawrence reported reimbursements have been disbursed and the homeowner is satisfied with the result. This project is now closed.*
- Consulted with Susan Hale, DEQ Chesapeake Bay Grants Administrator, regarding EPA funding for Rappahannock River EPA Most Effective Basin Areas and the ability for the Middle Peninsula Fight the Flood program to deliver funding to property owners for living shorelines in these areas. Continued negotiations with DEQ staff to formalize a contract. *Mr. Lawrence stated more state agencies are realizing the accomplishments of the MPPDC. He reported being contacted by DEQ who needed to expend ~\$1M for installation of living shorelines for property owners living on the Rappahannock River prior to the end of 2024. MPPDC staff have proposed utilizing a streamlined process by offering only three options to property owners: traditional living shorelines and living shorelines involving Flexamat and/or NATRX products. Mr. Lawrence will continue to work with Susan Hale in developing a contract.*
- Consulted with Claire Retter Northbridge Environmental Management Consultants interested in lessons learned while administering Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund and program development. *Mr. Lawrence stated the consultants are trying to lean more towards increasing local change through more efficient administration of the loan funding program.*
- Consulted with Donna Fletch, Virginia Department of Emergency Management for Region 1. Discussed the exclusion of Native American tribes from the Middle Peninsula All Hazard Mitigation Plan as of 2023 update. The Tribes are a

Sovereign Nation within the Middle Peninsula and will not be included with the plan as no formal arrangement between FEMA or VDEM has materialized or negotiated terms for inclusion. MPPDC's responsibility lies with protecting citizens of the Middle Peninsula first and remains ready to assist the Tribes if and when the request materializes. *Mr. Lawrence reported the Tribes were previously covered under the MPPDC's All Hazards Mitigation Plan for two cycles under blanket coverage. The last plan involved a more detailed plan with the Tribes included in the Addendum. The Tribes are aware of the risk and have the option to draft their own plan but have chosen not to. Mr. Lawrence indicated that discussions with VDEM and FEMA will likely continue.*

- *VPA Dredging: Mr. Lawrence directed the Commission's attention to all the discussions Mark Mansfield of Shore Consulting has conducted with companies regarding the dewatering of dredge material. It was noted that the additional research was critical to identifying solutions for the active dredging projects in the region.*
 - Developed and submitted a proposal for DCR Flood Fund Round 4 for design and construction of a dredged material land reclamation and flood protection project at the mouth of the creek.
 - Contacted Andrew Timmis with J.F. Brennan Company, Inc. to discuss technologies for the dewatering of dredge material.
 - Contacted Evan Morgan with Eagle Dynamic Solutions, LLC to discuss technologies for the dewatering of dredge material.
 - Contacted Stephen Simpson with Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc. to discuss technologies for the dewatering of dredge material.
 - Contacted Dan Baker at DEL Tank & Filtration Systems to discuss technologies for the dewatering of dredge material.
 - Discussed the dredging of Wormley Creek, VA with the USACE to discuss hydraulic dredging combined with inline dewatering of dredge material.
 - Contacted Burnham Associates, Inc. to discuss hydraulic dredging and inline dewatering of dredge material.
 - Contacted Conrad Shipyard in Louisiana to discuss dredging inline dredging equipment.
 - Contacted Sterling Shipyard in Texas to discuss dredging inline dewatering equipment.
 - Contacted SOLMAX Geosynthetics to discuss upland disposal alternatives for the placement of dredge material.
- (4) applicant projects have moved to notice to proceed (1) septic and (3) wells. (1) well project is currently open for bids. MPPDC staff continues to move qualified and permitted homeowner's projects into procurement. *Mr. Lawrence reported*

that currently, (4) new wells totaling \$77k have been installed through SWAP. One of the recipients was over 70 years old and had been without water for two years. They called the office and thanked staff for getting them water in time for the holidays.

- The CBPA permit public hearing was held in June & approval by the Gloucester CBPA Board was taken at their July 12th meeting with issuance made contingent on VDH approval of the septic system which has yet to be approved. *Mr. Lawrence reported permits authorizing the installation of septic pipes under the road for veteran's housing have been delayed and are now on the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors December 5th meeting agenda.*

V. MPCBPAA Update

None.

VI. MPA Update

MPA Chairman, Ashley Chriscoe reported the MPA continues to wait to hear from the IRS regarding the ~\$8k in late fees associated with the Principal Officer's oversight to submit tax returns to the IRS on behalf of the MPA. Once this is resolved by the MPA's legal representative, Sands Anderson, Mr. Chriscoe will once again poll the MPA board for an agreeable date to reconvene.

VII. MPPDC Public Relations/Communications Update

None.

VIII. Public Comment

None.

IX. Update on DCR Flood Fund Project Submissions

MPPDC Deputy Director, Curt Smith reported (6) proposals requesting nearly \$8M were submitted to DCR in November. These included a proposal for to design and construct what will be Phase 1 of a living shoreline at the Middlesex Bushy Park property (\$1M); Mathews Haven Beach Breakwaters Construction (\$1,134,897) gap funding to assist with the construction of all four breakwaters permitted for Haven Beach; Aberdeen Creek Dredge Material Spit Reconstruction (\$1,742,637) to rebuild a spit at the mouth of the creek utilizing dredge material, geotubes, shoreline protection structures and plants; Gloucester Point Beach Living Shoreline Construction (\$2,622,466) to construct a series of breakwaters, expand the beach and elevate the dune system; Fight the Flood Parametric and Flood Insurance (\$1M) proposal to launch and provide parametric insurance in the Mobjack Bay vicinity and to support new flood insurance policy review services for Fight the Flood participants; and Fight the Flood Marketing and Staffing Capacity (\$362,566) to be used to hire additional MPPDC staff to meet the staffing capacity needs for the Fight the Flood program and to begin marketing .

It was separately noted that the MPPDC was awarded \$750,000 from the DCR VA Land Conservation Fund for Middlesex County to purchase Bushy Park Farm for public access.

X. Report of 2023 Election Recap

MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence drew the Commission's attention to the 2023 Virginia Elections Recap provided by Advantus Strategies and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Magruder stressed the value of having an advocate at the General Assembly and thanked Advantus Strategies for their continued invaluable contribution to the Middle Peninsula localities.

XI. Video Presentation on Shoreline Status

MPPDC Deputy Director, Curt Smith shared a video produced by Consociate Media as the first attempt to educate and promote understanding of the shoreline mitigation challenges in Rural Coastal Virginia. The video was funded through a grant by the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program and will be made available on the Fight the Flood website. The Commission thanked Consociate Media for a job well done.

XII. Waterways Maintenance Fund – (Discussion and possible selection of next regional project priorities)

MPPDC Deputy Director, Curt Smith provided a summary of applications submitted to the program in previous rounds. One of the two proposals submitted during 2023 was a proposal to develop a dredged material disposal/reuse master plan which involved finalizing disposal solutions and purchase of land. This proposal was rejected as VPA staff indicated that purchase of land for disposal was not permissible under the program. MPPDC staff are currently working to change the language in the enabling legislation for the grant program to provide needed clarity that the purchase of land is permissible under the program. It was proposed that the same proposal be submitted during the 2024 round even though the Commission had considered prioritizing requesting funding for additional dredging project(s). It was further suggested by MPPDC staff to seek partnership from the Eastern Shore on a multiregional effort as they are facing the same challenges. The Commission agreed to proceed with this direction with the expectation of taking action on the final proposal/resolution in January.

XIII. Other Business:

Fleet Purchase: MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence reported one-time infrastructure funding of \$250k will be used to purchase up to a dozen engineered septic systems for low-income homeowners in King William and King & Queen Counties with failing septic systems.

Dominion Energy Data Centers: Mr. Magruder asked if there was any new information regarding Dominion Energy's Data Centers. This led to a discussion with Ms. Seay, King & Queen County Administrator/Attorney sharing information regarding the process and value of their engagement with Timmons to produce a study of King

and Queen County's assets and identify potential development sites. MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence reported he has requested an estimate from Timmons to conduct a regional study.

Commission Appointments: This being the last meeting of the year, Chairman Chriscoe recognized the Commissioners whose terms have ended and those who will no longer serve their jurisdiction. Their service on the Commission was invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Chairman Chriscoe announced the Commissioners with terms expiring on December 31, 2023 and reminded them to make sure their Board of Supervisors addresses these vacancies before the next meeting in January.

Adjournment

Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Moskalski so moved; Mr. O. Williams seconded; 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
30013	Housing Loan Admin - EE&CBG I	500.00	301.55	301.55	198.45	60.31%	664.99	363.44
30124	FY24 PDC Staff Support for Adm	15,000.00	6,176.88	6,176.88	8,823.12	41.18%	0.00	(6,176.88)
30170	Sm Bus Loan Admin - MPBDP St	1,025.00	425.73	425.73	599.27	41.53%	5,307.24	4,881.51
30184	Tappahannock Comp Plan	25,279.00	(384.70)	25,279.00	0.00	100.00%	25,279.00	0.00
30186	DHCD Elevated Septic Pilot (\$10	120,000.00	2,463.08	9,250.93	110,749.07	7.71%	120,000.00	110,749.07
30187	VHDA Housing Development	1,000,000.00	12,623.29	189,765.23	810,234.77	18.98%	179,606.51	(10,158.72)
30190	DCR/Tapp CFPF Hoskins Crk (Ta	83,030.00	1,654.52	5,418.63	77,611.37	6.53%	3,764.11	(1,654.52)
30191	DCR/Msex CFPF MillCreek (Mse	58,851.00	(972.97)	23,784.41	35,066.59	40.41%	12,774.21	(11,010.20)
30192	DCR/FEMA FTF GIS Tool	147,000.00	4,031.13	112,131.19	34,868.81	76.28%	89,866.25	(22,264.94)
30195	CFPF Piankatank	53,637.50	0.00	53,637.50	0.00	100.00%	53,637.50	0.00
30196	CFPF York	49,955.00	0.00	0.00	49,955.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
30197	CFPF Mobjack	53,201.00	0.00	0.00	53,201.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
30198	Gwynns Island Onsite Septic Re	10,000.00	534.21	534.21	9,465.79	5.34%	10,000.00	9,465.79
30201	MPPDC VA Water Trails Website	3,000.00	579.76	579.76	2,420.24	19.33%	0.00	(579.76)
30220	DRPT CAP Operating FY24	91,474.00	19,709.02	31,021.88	60,452.12	33.91%	16,172.56	(14,849.32)
30321	VDOT RTP FY24	72,500.00	13,514.50	13,514.50	58,985.50	18.64%	2,200.33	(11,314.17)
30420	Onsite Loan Management	5,675.00	2,615.49	3,113.49	2,561.51	54.86%	31,308.57	28,195.08
31002	GA Lobby	71,253.00	3,750.00	18,750.00	52,503.00	26.31%	61,074.00	42,324.00
31500	Living Shoreline Incentive Progr	9,635.00	1,931.16	2,090.00	7,545.00	21.69%	18,896.19	16,806.19
32021	PAA GOVA Sea Grant Resilience	132,163.50	5,298.50	93,712.00	38,451.50	70.91%	88,413.50	(5,298.50)
32022	PDC Staff Support for Admin of	4,200.00	1,989.74	1,989.74	2,210.26	47.37%	4,200.00	2,210.26
32024	PAA VOF Get Outdoors-Trailblaz	5,000.00	1,021.77	1,021.77	3,978.23	20.44%	0.00	(1,021.77)
32157	NFWF Mathews-(VIMS In-Kind \$	289,409.80	(786.61)	289,559.80	(150.00)	100.05%	267,468.86	(22,090.94)
32163	DEQ 319(h) BMP Res Septic \$57	137,560.47	7,788.38	107,513.70	30,046.77	78.16%	104,681.77	(2,831.93)
32166	DCR FTF Homeowner Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	9,195.00	9,195.00
32167	DEQ Flo Disaster (\$30k Homeow	120,000.00	11,533.40	120,021.95	(21.95)	100.02%	120,000.00	(21.95)
32169	US DOT RAISE	2,018,476.00	(76,081.27)	53,809.71	1,964,666.29	2.67%	28,044.98	(25,764.73)
32170	DEQ CZM CoastalTA FY22(Consc	129,700.00	36,892.53	129,700.00	0.00	100.00%	129,350.00	(350.00)
32171	DEQ CZM Next Gen PLANS - Yr2	50,000.00	10,387.44	50,000.00	0.00	100.00%	26,172.47	(23,827.53)
32172	DEQ CZM ANPDC Eco 6 FY23	26,000.00	5,937.76	26,000.00	0.00	100.00%	26,110.29	110.29
32173	VDH Local SWAP	299,980.00	68,112.83	93,846.74	206,133.26	31.28%	21,525.41	(72,321.33)
32174	NFWF & DEQ CZM Hog Island Re	947,200.15	36,749.92	821,096.17	126,103.98	86.69%	653,910.56	(167,185.61)
32175	DEQ WIP TA 2023	72,500.00	45,034.32	57,725.00	14,775.00	79.62%	16,208.27	(41,516.73)
32176	NFWF Veterans Partnership	75,000.84	18,361.56	43,166.13	31,834.71	57.55%	24,804.57	(18,361.56)
32177	EDA TA (\$70k-VPA/MPA/VASG/	192,800.00	64,003.71	70,000.00	122,800.00	36.31%	5,996.29	(64,003.71)
32178	(BIG) VDH - SWAP	280,413.00	27,503.73	30,140.18	250,272.82	10.75%	0.00	(30,140.18)
32179	DEQ ARPA SLPP Septic Repair	730,196.00	31,572.94	36,445.95	693,750.05	4.99%	4,716.01	(31,729.94)
32180	FEMA Ware Cove (H.Owner Mai	215,355.00	3,334.92	16,544.92	198,810.08	7.68%	1,660.00	(14,884.92)
32181	DEQ CZM Coastal TA FY23	129,000.00	13,641.81	13,641.81	115,358.19	10.58%	0.00	(13,641.81)
32182	DEQ CZM Working Waterfront /	54,505.00	3,645.09	3,645.09	50,859.91	6.69%	0.00	(3,645.09)
32183	SCRC LDD Capacity Building	24,000.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
33001	Loan Fund C-515771 Septic and	13,517.00	6,218.91	6,370.91	7,146.09	47.13%	8,870.01	2,499.10
38023	FY23 Local Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
38024	FY24 Local Projects	207,196.00	14,613.88	71,563.86	135,632.14	34.54%	260,969.36	189,405.50
38809	Mathews HITW Dredging (VDOT	155,364.00	7,555.31	134,594.04	20,769.96	86.63%	134,683.85	89.81
38810	VPA Aberdeen Dredging	156,364.00	24,628.23	69,350.70	87,013.30	44.35%	54,728.44	(14,622.26)
38811	DCR CFPF Broad Creek Dredging	612,319.00	278.29	278.29	612,040.71	0.05%	0.00	(278.29)
38812	DCR CFPF Whiting Crk Dredging	138,622.00	556.57	556.57	138,065.43	0.40%	0.00	(556.57)

Project Financial Report

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		Budget	Curr Month	Project Total	Un/Over	% Budget	
Totals:		9,087,857.26		2,838,069.92		31.23%	(215,808.82)
			438,746.31		6,249,787.34		2,622,261.10

Balance Sheet by Category

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Assets:

Cash in Bank	489,434.37
Cash in Bank, Restricted	440,602.11
Receivables	732,877.56
Property & Equipment	7,530.14
Prepaid Pension (Deferred Outflows)	48,680.91

Assets:	\$1,719,125.09
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Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	168,312.44
VRA Loan Payables	755,684.25
Payroll Withholdings	1,112.87
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	75,649.59

Liabilities:	\$1,249,935.04
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Equity:

Local Initiatives/Information Resources	326,008.92
Economic Development	(1,295.37)
Transportation Programs	(41,551.58)
Onsite Repair & Pumpout	6,208.11
Housing	363.44
Coastal Community & Environmental	(481,828.16)
Public Access Auth Programs	(905.64)
Temporarily Restricted	177,307.09
General Fund Balance	484,883.24

Equity:	\$469,190.05
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Total Liabilities and Equity	\$1,719,125.09
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Balance:	\$0.00
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Agencywide R&E by Category

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With Indirect Cost Detail

Code & Description	Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Over	% Bud
Revenues					
Local Match	153,796.00	0.00	56,138.12	97,657.88	36.50%
Local Annual Dues	247,113.00	0.00	247,113.00	0.00	100.00%
Local Other Revenues	253,212.00	7,660.52	82,940.49	170,271.51	32.76%
Local Other Organizations	120,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	110,000.00	8.33%
State Revenues	2,188,403.00	85,596.07	85,596.07	2,102,806.93	3.91%
Federal Revenues	4,161,744.00	69,415.16	230,418.17	3,931,325.83	5.54%
Miscellaneous Income	70,005.00	3,501.37	25,726.70	44,278.30	36.75%
RevolvingLoan Program Income	23,500.00	1,391.15	202,648.16	(179,148.16)	862.33%
Revenues	7,217,773.00	167,564.27	940,580.71	6,277,192.29	13.03 %
Expenses					
Personnel	724,004.00	385,267.04	385,267.04	338,736.96	53.21%
Facilities	34,393.00	2,698.70	14,008.41	20,384.59	40.73%
Communications	9,955.00	1,015.63	4,840.95	5,114.05	48.63%
Equipment & Supplies	10,000.00	810.22	3,316.61	6,683.39	33.17%
Travel	12,534.00	1,674.12	4,277.20	8,256.80	34.12%
Professional Development	12,773.00	350.00	6,538.00	6,235.00	51.19%
Contractual	5,624,724.00	4,315.20	618,365.43	5,006,358.57	10.99%
Miscellaneous	14,868.00	2,544.62	8,257.47	6,610.53	55.54%
Regional Share	153,796.00	0.00	56,138.12	97,657.88	36.50%
Expenses	6,597,047.00	398,675.53	1,101,009.23	5,496,037.77	16.69 %
Agency Balance	620,726.00	(231,111.26)	(160,428.52)		

Project Financial Report

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Expenditures

Code	Description	Budget	Curr Month	Project Total	Un/Over	% Budget	Revenues	Balance
30013	Housing Loan Admin - EE&CBG I	500.00	301.55	301.55	198.45	60.31%	710.93	409.38
30124	FY24 PDC Staff Support for Adm	15,000.00	6,176.88	6,176.88	8,823.12	41.18%	2,422.31	(3,754.57)
30170	Sm Bus Loan Admin - MPBDP St	1,025.00	425.73	425.73	599.27	41.53%	5,454.35	5,028.62
30184	Tappahannock Comp Plan	25,279.00	(384.70)	25,279.00	0.00	100.00%	25,279.00	0.00
30186	DHCD Elevated Septic Pilot (\$10	120,000.00	2,463.08	9,250.93	110,749.07	7.71%	120,000.00	110,749.07
30187	VHDA Housing Development	1,000,000.00	12,788.29	189,930.23	810,069.77	18.99%	179,606.51	(10,323.72)
30190	DCR/Tapp CFPF Hoskins Crk (Ta	83,030.00	1,654.52	5,418.63	77,611.37	6.53%	3,764.11	(1,654.52)
30191	DCR/Msex CFPF MillCreek (Mse	58,851.00	(799.83)	23,957.55	34,893.45	40.71%	12,774.21	(11,183.34)
30192	DCR/FEMA FTF GIS Tool	147,000.00	8,960.13	117,060.19	29,939.81	79.63%	93,332.65	(23,727.54)
30195	CFPF Piankatank	53,637.50	0.00	53,637.50	0.00	100.00%	53,637.50	0.00
30196	CFPF York	49,955.00	0.00	0.00	49,955.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
30197	CFPF Mobjack	53,201.00	0.00	0.00	53,201.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
30198	Gwynns Island Onsite Septic Re	10,000.00	534.21	534.21	9,465.79	5.34%	10,000.00	9,465.79
30201	MPPDC VA Water Trails Website	3,000.00	79.76	579.76	2,420.24	19.33%	0.00	(579.76)
30220	DRPT CAP Operating FY24	91,474.00	25,384.02	36,696.88	54,777.12	40.12%	20,631.77	(16,065.11)
30321	VDOT RTP FY24	72,500.00	13,514.50	13,514.50	58,985.50	18.64%	11,467.22	(2,047.28)
30420	Onsite Loan Management	5,675.00	2,595.49	3,198.49	2,476.51	56.36%	32,024.32	28,825.83
31002	GA Lobby	71,253.00	3,750.00	22,500.00	48,753.00	31.58%	71,253.00	48,753.00
31500	Living Shoreline Incentive Progr	9,635.00	1,931.28	2,091.80	7,543.20	21.71%	19,212.09	17,120.29
32021	PAA GOVA Sea Grant Resilience	132,163.50	5,298.50	93,712.00	38,451.50	70.91%	88,413.50	(5,298.50)
32022	PDC Staff Support for Admin of	4,200.00	1,989.74	1,989.74	2,210.26	47.37%	4,200.00	2,210.26
32024	PAA VOF Get Outdoors-Trailblaz	5,000.00	1,021.77	1,021.77	3,978.23	20.44%	0.00	(1,021.77)
32157	NFWF Mathews-(VIMS In-Kind \$	289,409.80	(786.61)	289,559.80	(150.00)	100.05%	289,409.80	(150.00)
32163	DEQ 319(h) BMP Res Septic \$57	137,560.47	19,938.38	119,663.70	17,896.77	86.99%	104,681.77	(14,981.93)
32166	DCR FTF Homeowner Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	9,195.00	9,195.00
32167	DEQ Flo Disaster (\$30k Homeow	120,000.00	11,533.40	120,021.95	(21.95)	100.02%	120,000.00	(21.95)
32169	US DOT RAISE	2,018,476.00	223,918.73	253,809.71	1,764,666.29	12.57%	28,044.98	(225,764.73)
32170	DEQ CZM CoastalTA FY22(Consc	129,700.00	36,892.53	129,700.00	0.00	100.00%	129,350.00	(350.00)
32171	DEQ CZM Next Gen PLANS - Yr2	50,000.00	10,387.44	50,000.00	0.00	100.00%	50,000.00	0.00
32172	DEQ CZM ANPDC Eco 6 FY23	26,000.00	5,937.76	26,000.00	0.00	100.00%	26,000.00	0.00
32173	VDH Local SWAP	299,980.00	31,956.33	115,760.24	184,219.76	38.59%	21,525.41	(94,234.83)
32174	NFWF & DEQ CZM Hog Island Re	947,200.15	36,749.92	821,096.17	126,103.98	86.69%	817,467.18	(3,628.99)
32175	DEQ WIP TA 2023	72,500.00	59,809.32	72,500.00	0.00	100.00%	24,852.46	(47,647.54)
32176	NFWF Veterans Partnership	75,000.84	18,361.56	43,166.13	31,834.71	57.55%	30,315.04	(12,851.09)
32177	EDA TA (\$70k-VPA/MPA/VASG/	192,800.00	64,003.71	70,000.00	122,800.00	36.31%	5,996.29	(64,003.71)
32178	(BIG) VDH - SWAP	280,413.00	9,493.73	31,940.18	248,472.82	11.39%	0.00	(31,940.18)
32179	DEQ ARPA SLPP Septic Repair	730,196.00	31,572.94	36,445.95	693,750.05	4.99%	4,716.01	(31,729.94)
32180	FEMA Ware Cove (H.Owner Mai	215,355.00	3,334.92	16,544.92	198,810.08	7.68%	1,660.00	(14,884.92)
32181	DEQ CZM Coastal TA FY23	129,000.00	23,491.81	23,491.81	105,508.19	18.21%	11,728.92	(11,762.89)
32182	DEQ CZM Working Waterfront /	54,505.00	3,645.09	3,645.09	50,859.91	6.69%	0.00	(3,645.09)
32183	SCRC LDD Capacity Building	24,000.00	0.00	0.00	24,000.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
33001	Loan Fund C-515771 Septic and	13,517.00	6,218.91	6,370.91	7,146.09	47.13%	9,036.19	2,665.28
38023	FY23 Local Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
38024	FY24 Local Projects	207,196.00	42,913.69	100,311.15	106,884.85	48.41%	309,681.43	209,370.28
38809	Mathews HITW Dredging (VDOT	155,364.00	7,555.31	134,594.04	20,769.96	86.63%	134,683.85	89.81
38810	VPA Aberdeen Dredging	156,364.00	3,388.23	69,350.70	87,013.30	44.35%	54,728.44	(14,622.26)
38811	DCR CFPF Broad Creek Dredging	612,319.00	38.29	278.29	612,040.71	0.05%	0.00	(278.29)
38812	DCR CFPF Whiting Crk Dredging	138,622.00	76.57	556.57	138,065.43	0.40%	0.00	(556.57)

Project Financial Report

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
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Code	Description	Expenditures				Revenues	Balance
		Budget	Curr Month	Project Total	Un/Over	% Budget	
Totals:		<u>9,087,857.26</u>		<u>3,142,084.65</u>		<u>34.57%</u>	<u>(204,828.41)</u>
			<u>738,116.88</u>		<u>5,945,772.61</u>		<u>2,937,256.24</u>

Balance Sheet by Category

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Assets:

Cash in Bank	489,434.37
Cash in Bank, Restricted	440,602.11
Receivables	732,877.56
Property & Equipment	7,530.14
Prepaid Pension (Deferred Outflows)	48,680.91

Assets:	\$1,719,125.09
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Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	168,312.44
VRA Loan Payables	755,684.25
Payroll Withholdings	1,112.87
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	75,649.59

Liabilities:	\$1,249,935.04
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Equity:

Local Initiatives/Information Resources	326,008.92
Economic Development	(1,295.37)
Transportation Programs	(41,551.58)
Onsite Repair & Pumpout	6,208.11
Housing	363.44
Coastal Community & Environmental	(481,828.16)
Public Access Auth Programs	(905.64)
Temporarily Restricted	177,307.09
General Fund Balance	484,883.24

Equity:	\$469,190.05
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Total Liabilities and Equity	\$1,719,125.09
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Balance:	\$0.00
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Agencywide R&E by Category

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
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With Indirect Cost Detail

Code & Description	Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Over	% Bud
Revenues					
Local Match	153,796.00	28,687.10	84,825.22	68,970.78	55.15%
Local Annual Dues	247,113.00	0.00	247,113.00	0.00	100.00%
Local Other Revenues	253,212.00	10,179.00	93,119.49	160,092.51	36.78%
Local Other Organizations	120,000.00	2,422.31	12,422.31	107,577.69	10.35%
State Revenues	2,188,403.00	44,985.00	130,581.07	2,057,821.93	5.97%
Federal Revenues	4,161,744.00	223,603.78	454,021.95	3,707,722.05	10.91%
Miscellaneous Income	70,005.00	3,920.12	29,646.82	40,358.18	42.35%
RevolvingLoan Program Income	23,500.00	1,197.83	203,845.99	(180,345.99)	867.43%
Revenues	7,217,773.00	314,995.14	1,255,575.85	5,962,197.15	17.40 %
Expenses					
Personnel	724,004.00	385,267.04	385,267.04	338,736.96	53.21%
Facilities	34,393.00	2,888.80	16,897.21	17,495.79	49.13%
Communications	9,955.00	501.09	5,342.04	4,612.96	53.66%
Equipment & Supplies	10,000.00	388.45	3,705.06	6,294.94	37.05%
Travel	12,534.00	269.98	4,547.18	7,986.82	36.28%
Professional Development	12,773.00	1,243.00	7,781.00	4,992.00	60.92%
Contractual	5,624,724.00	275,748.58	894,114.01	4,730,609.99	15.90%
Miscellaneous	14,868.00	2,058.07	10,315.54	4,552.46	69.38%
Regional Share	153,796.00	28,687.10	84,825.22	68,970.78	55.15%
Expenses	6,597,047.00	697,052.11	1,412,794.30	5,184,252.70	21.42 %
Agency Balance	620,726.00	(382,056.97)	(157,218.45)		

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Executive Director's Report of Regional Progress
January 15, 2024

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

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

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INFORMATION RESOURCES/ASSISTANCE

- Updated www.mppdc.com website – meeting notices, reports, news releases, GO Va meetings, and MPA notices, etc.

COASTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ ENVIRONMENTAL

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

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.

- Developed and submitted annual progress report.
- Continued to coordinate with Triangle Environmental regarding designs and structural modifications for elevated septic systems for commercial application at the King and Queen facility.
- King & Queen County has commenced construction of the new facility where the elevated pilot septic system will be showcased. Advised Lance Gregory, Director Division of Onsite Water and Wastewater Service Virginia Department of Health on the status of the commercial installation.

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.

- Continued to prepare to apply for the shoreline permit and continue working towards construction.
- Drafted quarterly report to 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.

- Coordinated with Middlesex County to present the draft report on Mill Creek Boat ramp and multiple solutions to address shoaling at the public boat ramp.
- Drafted quarterly report to DCR.

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.

- The Regional Living Shoreline Incentive Funding Program survey and the Regional On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Funding Program survey remain under review by staff. Once approved both surveys will be live on the Fight the Flood website and linked to other various resources including the MPPDC website.
- Consociate Media continued to develop website materials featuring FTF business living shoreline products to enhance the educational and interactive experience of the website.
- Coordinated website consistency corrections with Timmons and Consociate to have all solutions visible appropriately, both on the GIS side and Solutions side of FTF.

- Added 3 additional layers to FTF GIS.
- Added FEMA Community Disaster Resilience Zones to screen for FEMA BRIC Grant.
- Added Disadvantaged Communities within Most Effective Basins Layer for screening for DEQ shoreline Grant.
- Added VDEM 911 Layer to be able to identify number of residences that would be assisted by different grant proposal scenarios.
- Added translation software to Fight the Flood website.
- Drafted quarterly report to DCR.
- Drafted and submitted quarterly report to FEMA.

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.

- The Moore Creek shoreline project construction is complete and the final report has been submitted to DCR. The project is closed out.

Project 30196 – Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) – Round 3 Supplemental (York)

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

- Administrative: Drafted quarterly report to DCR.
- Sarah’s Creek Shoreline Project: Final permit submitted to DCR with project construction initiation pending for the project located on Sarah’s Creek.
- York River Shoreline Project: The property owner of the project on the York River is continuing to deliberate whether to sign the requisite DCR maintenance forms and proceed with the project. MPPDC staff continue to coordinate with this property owner.

Project 30197 – Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) – Round 3 Supplemental (Mobjack)

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.

- Administrative: Drafted quarterly report to DCR.
- Ware River Phase III Project: The owner and MPPDC staff continue to seek funding as the owner has indicated that they are not currently able to accept the grant award funding without additional financial assistance which can be used to support the required matching funds. The MPPDC application for US EPA/VA DEQ funding submitted during the during is awaiting notice and if selected for award, the project will advance. MPPDC staff will continue to coordinate with the property owner, but the project will remain on hold until additional funding is secured.
- Wilsons Creek Project: Construction was initiated and is roughly half complete with completion anticipated during Summer 2024.
- Antioch Rosenwald School Project: The Rosenwald School owner has decided to proceed with the grant and initiate the project. A service agreement is being drafted and once completed will be sent to DCR staff for approval to ensure that DCR is clear on the scope of work and budget. Once DCR has provided approval and confirmation, then the project will commence.

Project 32015 – 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.

- Forwarded November and December Dominion Power bills for the Captain Sinclair Pool House to Daniel Hogge of Gloucester Rowing Association (GRA) for reimbursement. Received payment for July, August, and September bills.
- Received a text from Dan Knott of Hold-Fast that he will be making January's rental payments for both the Lyell and Corduroy properties the week of January 15.
- Reached out to Tyler Technologies to request a meeting about the MPCBPAA reservation website and potential improvements.
- Setup a GoDaddy Payee Account to facilitate the sale of CoastalWilds.com domain.
- Prepared financial reports for presentation at PAA meeting.
- Finalized grant award plans from Virginia Tourism Corporation for latest round of funding to promote the fishing pier grand opening at Captain Sinclairs. Efforts will kick off in February.
- Convened the January meeting of the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority. Agenda items included an updated on Captain Sinclair redevelopment, Tidal wetland plant and grass harvesting policy to help encourage new eco- businesses to expand into the tidal plant harvesting market. Advised on the addition of a 100 acre Green Way Farm donation in Gloucester.
- Continued to negotiate a commercial lease with Meridian Health for Veteran services at Captain Sinclair's.

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.

- Issued notice to proceed to Miller Septic to commence construction on the elevated septic system at the brick rancher.
- Provided updates to Lance Gregory, Director Director Division of Onsite Water and Wastewater Service Virginia Department of Health on the installation of the elevated septic system at Captain Sinclair's.
- Continued coordination with communications and public relations team with Virginia Sea Grant and RISE.

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.

- Drafted and submitted semi-annual progress report to VOF.
- Continued discussion with Dan Knott, Principle with Knott Alone Hold Fast for trail planning. Provided draft maps and discussed various routes for the trails, including approach for trails. Set meeting date for next trail planning meeting.

Project 32166 – Fight the Flood Participant Grant Application Development

MPPDC staff work regularly to develop and oversee grant applications for property owners who have submitted flooding-related needs and projects to the Fight the Flood program.

- Continued to monitor grant funding prospects for citizens who have paid MPPDC staff for the development of grant applications.

Project 32174 – NFWF & VCZMP Hog Island Restoration

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

- Continued to coordinate with the contractor regarding schedule for remainder of project utilizing NFWF funding.
- Additional 26 units were installed during January.
- Drafted and submitted the interim programmatic report to NFWF.

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.

- Received permit for construction of a living shoreline to protect eroding tidal marsh at the MPCBPAA Captain Sinclairs Recreational Area. The project is being donated and being done in partnership with FTF business, Native Shorelines with construction slated in the coming months.
- NOAA Climate Resilience Challenge letter of intent submitted in partnership with VIMS was approved with NOAA requesting full proposal by January. Continued to coordinate with VIMS staff regarding proposal requests for over \$15M for construction of living shoreline BMPs at Gloucester Point Beach Park and 11 MP-PAA owned sites.
- Coordinated and hosted the MPPDC Local Government Planners meeting on November 29. Relevant November meeting topics included:
 - DEQ Stormwater requirements for property easements
 - DEQ Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Meetings
 - Local Climate Action Plan development opportunity with George Mason University
- Continued to coordinate with DEQ staff regarding additional funding for the MPPDC Section 319(h) Septic System Repair and Replacement program.
- Received 319(h) Mod 2 additional funding contract from DEQ. Signed and returned to DEQ for final execution.
- Continued to coordinate with Susan Hale, Chesapeake Bay Grants Administrator, DEQ to finalize ~\$1.8M EPA funding for Rappahannock River EPA Impacted Basin Areas and other areas around the region. Developed draft scope of work and legal approach to expedite the expenditure of funds.
- Coordinated with VA Marine Resources Commission and VA Coastal Zone Management Program staff regarding a grant application for NOAA federal infrastructure bill funding titled “Coastal Harmony” which, if funded, would result in the construction of approximately 12 shoreline protection and habitat restoration projects around the coastal zone. The proposal included request for \$4.3 M for the following projects in the Middle Peninsula: Hog Island, New Point Comfort Natural Area Preserve, Captain Sinclairs Recreational Area West, Haven Beach, and Gloucester Point Beach.
- Met with Accomack-Northampton PDC staff regarding a joint proposal to the VA Port Authority Waterway Maintenance Fund for 2024. The proposal would be for the development and initial implementation of dredged material disposal/reuse master plans for the Middle Peninsula and Eastern Shore.

- Submitted application for \$500,000 in VDCR Resilient VA Revolving Funding for the capitalization and launch of MPPDC Resilience Loan Funding Program which, if funded, would provide financing options for all flood mitigation activities eligible under the VA Community Flood Preparedness Fund, which would include living shorelines and stormwater BMPs.
- Drafted and submitted the final WIP report to DEQ.
- DCR Flood Fund Applications:
 - MPPDC Staffing and FTF promotion – Proposal for \$362,556 was conditionally approved by the Review Team. If funded, the project will result in new FTF administrative staff hires and funding to promote and solicit additional participation in the FTF program.
 - Gloucester Aberdeen Creek Dredged Material Land Reclamation and Flood Protection Design and Construction – Proposal for ~\$1.7M was conditionally approved by the Review Team. If funded, the project will result in the restoration of land near the mouth of the creek which has eroded away using dredged material in geotubes and other fill, shoreline protection structures, and plants.
 - Gloucester Point Beach Park Living Shoreline Construction – Proposal for ~\$2.5M was flagged as needing further discussion before decision is made by the Review Team. If funded, the project will provide gap funding for the beach renourishment and dune elevation, breakwater system construction and dune grass planting at the site.
 - Mathews Haven Beach Breakwaters Construction – Proposal for ~\$1.1M was flagged as needing further discussion before a decision is made by the Review Team. If funded, the project will provide gap funding needed to complete the breakwater system, planting of dune grasses, and dune fencing at Haven Beach.
 - Middlesex Bushy Park Farm Living Shoreline Design and Phase 1 Construction – Proposal for \$1M was flagged as needing further discussion before decision is made by the Review Team. If funded, the project will design a multi-phase living shoreline with construction of what will become Phase 1 along the highest erosion shoreline areas.
- Fight the Flood Program Management:
 - Overall management of the Fight the Flood program this period included 23 administrative tasks, 11 phone calls, and 11 correspondences.
 - Coordinated website consistency corrections with Timmons and Consociate to have all solutions visible appropriately, both on the GIS side and Solutions side of FTF.
 - Added two surveys for PAA Structures with flood risk to FTF.
 - Spoke with a low-income Essex County resident that is low income qualified for a new septic system but a septic can't be designed with the existing erosion occurring to the adjacent shoreline. Coordinated adding a survey for a SWAP D2PI project that needs a living shoreline installed to facilitate a replacement septic for a qualified low income qualified Essex County resident.
 - Added 3 additional layers to FTF GIS.
 - Added FEMA Community Disaster Resilience Zones to screen for FEMA BRIC Grant.
 - Added Disadvantaged Communities within Most Effective Basins Layer for screening for DEQ shoreline Grant.
 - Added VDEM 911 Layer to be able to identify number of residences that would be assisted by different grant proposal scenarios.
 - Updated tally of investments made through the FTF from program inception in 2020 through December 2023. The total now stands at over \$31 M in investments via grants and loans for flood mitigation and coastal resilience activities within the region.

- Attended a virtual DCR Dam Grant Training. One older FTF survey is for a private dam. No new grant opportunities were identified at the training.
- Corresponded with two businesses that have applied to FTF in the past and have not been added. The companies are not yet established, and ready to be forward facing to consumers.
- Living Shoreline Assistance:
 - Assisted a commercial campground owner in Middlesex County that completed a FTF survey by contacting them to speak at length about their specific issues.
 - Drafted a new survey on survey123 for an anticipated grant to screen for Disadvantaged Communities within Most Effective Basins criteria.
 - Consulted with four new citizens that completed a survey on FTF, 1 Mathews, 1 Essex, 1 Gloucester, and 1 Middlesex. Two were referred to our Loan Program needing immediate living shoreline assistance.
- Septic Repair/Replacement Assistance:
 - Received phone calls from 19 Middle Peninsula homeowners seeking septic repair/replacement assistance.
 - Screened 12 Middle Peninsula homeowners for septic assistance.

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.

- Draft MOU is scheduled for review and acceptance of the MOU at the next scheduled meeting of the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority.

Project 32181 – Virginia Coastal TA 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.

- Participated in the VA Coastal Partners Workshop during November in Richmond. Presented on the MPPDC Fight the Flood program.
- Completed the VA Coastal Resilience Master Plan end-user survey and agreed to meet with DCR staff during January for further discussions.
- Coordinated with VA Marine Resources Commission and VA Coastal Zone Management Program staff regarding a grant application for NOAA federal infrastructure bill funding titled “Coastal Harmony” which, if funded, would result in the construction of approximately 12 shoreline protection and habitat restoration projects around the coastal zone. The proposal included request for \$4.3 M for the following projects in the Middle Peninsula: Hog Island, New Point Comfort Natural Area Preserve, Captain Sinclairs Recreational Area West, Haven Beach, and Gloucester Point Beach.
- Developed and submitted a preapplication for FEMA BRIC funding requesting \$100,000 to advance a study of Coleman Island Road in Essex County, which is a flood-prone roadway in need of an engineered solution.
- Developed and submitted public comments to DEQ regarding the inclusion of the development and expansion of concrete manufacturing using dredged materials among the state’s various climate pollution reduction strategies.
- Sent a list of deliverables, budget, and timeline for this project to Consociate Media to develop a subcontract.

- VA Water Trails Website Maintenance and Management:
 - Met with VCZMP staff to discuss possible funding for improvements to the website and longer-term ownership and management of the site.
 - Coordinated with the Northern Neck PDC, Accomack-Northampton PDC, and PlanRVA regarding the recently executed MOU.
- Submitted application for \$500,000 in VDCR Resilient VA Revolving Funding for the capitalization and launch of MPPDC Resilience Loan Funding Program which, if funded, would provide financing options for all flood mitigation activities eligible under the VA Community Flood Preparedness Fund, which would include living shorelines and stormwater BMPs.
- DCR Flood Fund Round 4 Applications:
 - Parametric and Flood Insurance: Proposal in partnership with VIMS for \$1M was declined by the Review Team. Discussion has ensued with DCR staff regarding the future direction of the proposal which was to purchase and launch a new network of tide gauges around Mobjack Bay to pilot what will be the first area in the state to have access to parametric insurance policies. Proposal also will develop educational materials for parametric and flood insurance, provide free flood insurance consultation services for three years for Fight the Flood participants as well as purchase and provide one free year of parametric insurance premiums for low-income citizens within the Mobjack Bay service area.
 - MPPDC Staffing and FTF promotion – Proposal for \$362,556 was conditionally approved by the Review Team. If funded, the project will result in new FTF administrative staff hires and funding to promote and solicit additional participation in the FTF program.
 - Gloucester Aberdeen Creek Dredged Material Land Reclamation and Flood Protection Design and Construction – Proposal for ~\$1.7M was conditionally approved by the Review Team. If funded, the project will result in the restoration of land near the mouth of the creek which has eroded away using dredged material in geotubes and other fill, shoreline protection structures, and plants.
 - Gloucester Point Beach Park Living Shoreline Construction – Proposal for ~\$2.5M was flagged as needing further discussion before decision is made by the Review Team. If funded, the project will provide gap funding for the beach renourishment and dune elevation, breakwater system construction and dune grass planting at the site.
 - Mathews Haven Beach Breakwaters Construction – Proposal for ~\$1.1M was flagged as needing further discussion before a decision is made by the Review Team. If funded, the project will provide gap funding needed to complete the breakwater system, planting of dune grasses, and dune fencing at Haven Beach.
 - Middlesex Bushy Park Farm Living Shoreline Design and Phase 1 Construction – Proposal for \$1M was flagged as needing further discussion before decision is made by the Review Team. If funded, the project will design a multi-phase living shoreline with construction of what will become Phase 1 along the highest erosion shoreline areas.
 - VDOT Rt. 17 at Mount Landing Creek crossing study and improvements design - Staff partnered with VDOT regarding development of a proposal for DCR Flood Fund funding for pre-scoping, alternatives analysis, and design of improvements at Route 17 crossing of Mount Landing Creek in Essex County. Proposal was not submitted due to additional internal VDOT approvals being needed for VDOT to commit matching funds as part of the proposal. MPPDC staff will initiate the VDOT match approval process and hopefully submit the application during the next DCR Flood Fund round or for another grant program when an opportunity arises.
 - West Point Flood Solution Strategy Development - Staff partnered with VDOT regarding development of a proposal for DCR Flood Fund funding for development of flood protection strategies for the Town of West Point including strategies for road flooding and inundation.

Proposal was not submitted due to additional internal VDOT approvals being needed for VDOT to commit matching funds as part of the proposal. MPPDC staff will initiate the VDOT match approval process and hopefully submit the application during the next DCR Flood Fund round or for another grant program when an opportunity arises.

- Fight the Flood Program Management:
 - Overall management of the Fight the Flood program this period included 23 administrative tasks, 11 phone calls, and 11 correspondences.
 - Added two surveys for PAA Structures with flood risk to FTF.
 - Added a survey for a SWAP D2PI project that needs a living shoreline installed to facilitate a replacement septic for a qualified low-income qualified Essex County resident.
 - Added 3 additional layers to FTF GIS to assist with screening surveys for upcoming grant opportunities.
 - Added FEMA Community Disaster Resilience Zones for screening FEMA BRIC Grant to identify public infrastructure surveys in the eligible area.
 - Added Disadvantaged Communities within Most Effective Basins Layer for screening for a DEQ shoreline Grant.
 - Added VDEM 911 Layer to be able to identify number of residences that would be assisted by different grant proposal scenarios.
 - Added translation software to Fight the Flood website.
 - Added new participating Fight the Flood business, Danos, to the business database and the website.
 - Updated tally of investments made through the FTF from program inception in 2020 through December 2023. The total now stands at over \$31 M in investments via grants and loans for flood mitigation and coastal resilience activities within the region.
 - Attended a virtual DCR Dam Grant Training. One older FTF survey is for a private dam. No new grant opportunities were identified at the training. Corresponded with the individual that completed the dam survey.
 - Corresponded with two businesses that have applied to FTF in the past and have not been added. The companies are not yet established, and ready to be forward facing to consumers.
 - Living Shoreline Assistance:
 - Assisted a commercial campground owner in Middlesex County that completed a FTF survey by contacting them to speak at length about their specific issues.
 - Drafted a new survey on survey123 for an anticipated grant to screen for Disadvantaged Communities within Most Effective Basins.
 - Consulted with four new citizens that completed a survey on FTF, 1 Mathews, 1 Essex, 1 Gloucester, and 1 Middlesex. Two were referred to our Loan Program needing immediate living shoreline assistance.
- Developed draft subcontract with Consociate Media for FY23 services.
- Continued to meet with Placer.ai company regarding potential purchase of data analytical tools to support MPPDC/MP-PAA economic development, transportation and community development programs.
- Executed service agreement for emergency and targeted dredging of Broad Creek to address public safety shoaling hazards that have occurred in the creek and will kick project off in the near future.
- Coordinated with CBNERR to promote flood resiliency community workshop in February 2024.

- Agreed to participate in Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) rural economic development taskforce meeting to identify key rural areas for economic development opportunity which VEDP may have an interest in supporting. Advocated for water management jobs.
- Advised Derek Aday, Dean and Director VIMS that DCR requested more information related to CFPF grant applications submitted and would representatives from Parametric Insurance industry to better understand what Parametric Insurance is and why tide gauges are needed.
- Participated in several interviews by university researchers interested in knowing more about how MPPDC administers its living shoreline revolving loan program and how Fight the Flood program is structured.
- Attended a Wetland Watch speaking engagement. Spoke on the utility of Fight the Flood and public access donations related to recurrent flooding and consumer preference to not live in a higher hazard area.
- Participated in an interview with Katherine Hafner, of National Public Radio who is doing a story on water management and efforts within the Middle Peninsula to create new innovative economic development approaches and solutions. Toured Catpaw Sinclair's to discuss elevated septic and shoreline solutions.
- Convened the monthly meeting of the Middle Peninsula Local Government Administrators. Agenda Items discussed included:

Local Issues Submitted for Discussion

- VDH-ODW site regarding the Lead Service Line Inventory: West Point
- HB 636- *Siting of energy facilities; approval by the State Corporation Commission:* King and Queen
- EDA's- Regional Catfish Initiative: Middlesex
- Regional Grant Positions Discussion- Open Discussion Participation and Billing
- Local budgets/COLA
- Other Issues

Regional Issues to Discuss

- General Assembly Session: Open Discussion
 - Dredging Update
 - Other Regional Issues
- Provided assistance to numerous hunters across the Middle Peninsula interested in reserving land managed by the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority for public hunting.
 - Met with Delegate Mark Sickles to discuss dredging needs across the Middle Peninsula. Meeting resulted in a budget amendment to increase funding for dredging to \$8 million.
 - Consulted with Middlesex County Economic Development Director, Trent Funkhouser, regarding blue catfish, processing and feasibility study for Flash Freeze.
 - Attended Wetland Plant Production and Coastal Resilience Workshop held at ODU. Spoke on the work of the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority and native plant harvesting and the MPPDC Fight the Flood program.
 - Consulted with a representative from Boat U.S. regarding insurance claim for a vessel which has damaged Perrin Wharf. The vessel which caused the damage had insurance by Boat U.S. The Company is attempting to find the policyholder.

- Convened the January meeting of the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority. Agenda items included an update on Captain Sinclair redevelopment, tidal wetland plant and grass harvesting policy to help encourage new eco-businesses to expand into the tidal plant harvesting market. Advised on the addition of a 100-acre Green Way Farm donation in Gloucester.
- Consulted with retired Delegate Harvey Morgan regarding working waterfront infrastructure preservation within Mathews County. Provided copies of legislation for working waterfront preservation, which authorizes the use of an overlay zoning district to provide regulatory relief.
- Coordinated with DEQ staff on a possible \$1.6 million grant for the Rappahannock River EPA Impacted Basin. Developed draft scope of work and legal approach to expedite the expenditure of funds.
- Attended the Gloucester General District Court as a witness for a VMRC cased to remove a sunk vessel from Perrin Wharf. The owner removed the vessel before the court date, subsequently the case was dismissed.
- Consulted with NOAA staff regarding oyster restoration projects within the Mobjack and interest by NOAA to partner with the Middle peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority.
- Updated the new town manager in Urbanna, Ted Costin on initiatives underway by the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission as well as the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority.
- Consulted with Ingrid Bauer, Senior Associate Engineer for Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. regarding PAA BMP warehouse designation for Natrx, Flexamat and traditional living shoreline.
- Consultant with Delegate, Keith Hodges and MPPDC lobbyist, Robert Crockett regarding draft legislation related to the Middle Peninsula legislative needs.
- Consulted with Meridian Health representatives on a draft lease agreement for Veteran services at the Captain Sinclair complex.

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.

- Finalized and executed MOUs with each partner PDC for identifying 5 +/- working waterfronts in each PDC suffering from flooding. The MOU defines project needs, deliverables, administration, and reimbursement terms and conditions. All 3 partner PDCs opted in and executed the MOU.
- A kickoff meeting poll is out and awaiting responses for a good date to schedule a kickoff meeting.

Project 38809 – VPA Hole-in-the-Wall Dredging 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 and place the dredged sand at the county-owned Haven Beach property. MPPDC is administering the grant on behalf of the County with procurement and permitting assistance and project oversight.

- Mathews County is considering action authorizing the County Administrator for executing contracts for the project during its January meeting. Once executed, a notice of intent to award will be published for the Phase 1 (dredging), Phase 2 (breakwaters) and Haven Beach monitoring procurement and the County will finalize contracts accordingly.
- MPPDC staff developed and submitted two applications (DCR Flood Fund Round 4 proposal and separate NOAA application) for gap funding to assist with construction of all four breakwaters and installation of dune grasses and fencing permitted for Haven Beach.

TRANSPORTATION

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

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.

- Participated in monthly conference call with Kathy Molin of DRPT.
- Set up WebGrant access which is the online system DRPT is now using in lieu of Olga.
- Sent Stephanie Heinatz of Consociate Media DRPT email regarding upcoming campaigns and the ConnectingVA logo change to update the MidPenRideshare website.
- Attended Commuter Assistance Program Grant Workshop on December 12 in preparation for grant application due February 1.
- Attended Ride Home Rewards Training with Bailey Steele of AgileMile. Bailey provided a training on how to book a ride for our MidPenRideshare Ride Home Rewards Program.
- Set up Uber and Lyft accounts for our MidPenRideshare Ride Home Rewards Program.
- Reached out to Stephanie Heinatz of Consociate Media to discuss the FY25 Commuter Assistance Program Grant and what we might do this coming year to grow our rideshare numbers. Meeting date is tentative to discuss with greater detail.
- Met with Maddison Lowe of Commute with Enterprise to discuss ramping up vanpools for our MidPenRideshare program. Before Covid we had several vanpools, but now there are none. Will be working with Maddison to grow vanpools after identifying which employers most of our region's out commuters work for. Enterprise can then reach out to those employers.
- Published blog post on Commuting for the Holidays.
- Published blog post on Carpooling Resolutions for 2024
- Delivered November 2023 email newsletter.
- Completed November and December 2023 website maintenance activities.
- Ongoing social media communications.
- Published blog post on How to Ask Your Boss About Creating a Carpooling Incentive at Work
- Published blog post on Exploring the Cost Savings of Carpooling vs Solo Commuting
- Published a blog post on Ridesharing Etiquette.
- Published a blog post on Rideshare Safety Tips
- Outreach to business in Gloucester to co-brand coffee sleeves to promote rideshare program.
- ***Current commuter database in November - 456, December - 459***
- ***Number of Commuters with logged alt mode trips in November - 87, December - 87***
- ***Number of logged alt trips in November - 509, December - 417***
- ***Reduced miles (VMT) in November – 18,473, December – 13,879***
- ***Commuter Savings in November - \$11,546, December – \$8,825***

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.

- Coordinated and hosted the MPPDC Local Government Planners meeting on November 29. November meeting topics included:
 - VA Multi-use Trail Plan Development Presentation and Discussion
 - Road Entrance and Site Plan Requirements Discussion
 - Proposed Rt. 3 Designation as Corridor of Statewide Significance
 - DEQ Stormwater requirements for property easements
 - VMRC Abandoned & Derelict Vessel Removal grant
 - Boundary Line adjustments and Ches Bay requirements related to “existing lots of record”
 - DEQ Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Meetings
 - Local Climate Action Plan development opportunity with George Mason University
 - Continued Smart Scale Round 6 coordination and strategic planning
- Continued to meet with Placer.ai company regarding potential purchase of data analytical tools to support MPPDC/MP-PAA economic development, transportation and community development programs.
- Participated in the VDOT/OIPI Quarterly MPO/PDC Coordination meeting on December 12. Topics included on the agenda included VTrans Update, SMART SCALE Update, Performance Management Update, FHWA Grants Updates, TMPD Updates, and DRPT Update.
- Coordinated with Gloucester County staff regarding request from County for MPPDC to submit Smart Scale application for Round 6 on behalf of the County. County staff are scheduled to present the request to the MPPDC during its January meeting for consideration.
- Coordinated with VDOT and MPPDC localities regarding a proposed request by the Fredericksburg MPO to have the Route 3 corridor designated as a Highway of Statewide Significance. Meetings are anticipated during the coming weeks to educate localities and have further discussions as localities consider whether to support the request or not.
- Participated in the USDOT webinar on December 19 for FY24 RAISE grant program overview.
- Executed service agreement for emergency and targeted dredging of Broad Creek to address public safety shoaling hazards that have occurred in the creek and will kick project off in the near future.
- VA Water Trails Website Maintenance and Management:
 - Met with VCZMP staff to discuss possible funding for improvements to the website and longer-term ownership and management of the site.
 - Coordinated with the Northern Neck PDC, Accomack-Northampton PDC, and PlanRVA regarding the recently executed MOU.
- Developed and submitted a preapplication for FEMA BRIC funding requesting \$100,000 to advance a study of Coleman Island Road in Essex County, which is a flood-prone roadway in need of an engineered solution.
- Met with Accomack-Northampton PDC staff regarding a joint proposal to the VA Port Authority Waterway Maintenance Fund for 2024. The proposal would be for the development and initial implementation of dredged material disposal/reuse master plans for the Middle Peninsula and Eastern Shore.

- Coordinated with Gloucester County staff regarding a request to enter 18 flood prone roads identified by their Floodplain Management Committee to aid in identifying future funding opportunities for planning grants. Staff completed a survey for all 18 locations in Fight the Flood.
- Contacted an Essex County resident that was referred from VDOT in reference to concerns with Fort Lowry Rd and spoke with the resident at length. The resident later completed a survey in FTF to identify specific issues. The roadway has remained flooded with water completely across it for 6 Months apart from 2-3 days, where it only partially covered the road. This a complex problem with multiple underlying causes and issues affecting the roadway and community.
- Added layer files from VDEM to MPPDC GIS to assist with development of Grant Applications. This additional GIS layer allows MPPDC Staff to accurately determine the number of residences that will be assisted by bringing solutions to roadways that are flooding.

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.

- Administrative Activities:
 - Accessed the C&F \$100k line of credit to pay VHB invoice and then submitted proof of payment with SF-270 reimbursement request to MARAD on January 12th. When reimbursement is received, will repay the \$100k line of credit. The same process will be repeated to pay the next VHB invoice.
 - Readied SF-425 quarterly financial report to be submitted with Deputy Director's progress report later in January.
- Equity Analysis and Inclusion Planning:
 - Continued Data Collection
 - Continued developing the Equity Analysis Framework
 - Started development of MPPDC Maritime Communities and Industries Explorer
- State of Good Repair Condition Assessments:
 - Begin collecting desktop data on the sites.
 - Developed MPPDC Data & Site Evaluation Field Application using ArcGIS Survey 123
 - Coordinated comments from MPPDC on the field application.
 - Attended project kick-off meeting with the various localities / stakeholders – 12/8/2023
 - Conducted a trial site assessment visit to test Survey 123 Application – 12/8/2023
 - Coordinated site assessment route planning and scheduling.
 - Conducted site assessment of (11) sites in Gloucester County – 12/21/2023
- Multimodal Working Waterfront Needs Assessment and Improvement Strategies:
 - Developed script for interview questions to be asked of local seafood and maritime industry representatives.
 - Met with VA Marine Resources Commission staff regarding marine commerce and specific seafood landings within the region. - 12/13/23
- Multimodal Working Waterfront Implementation Plan
 - To be completed at the end of project.

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.

- Contacted Burnham Associates, Inc. to continue discussions regarding hydraulic dredging and inline dewatering of dredge material.
- Contacted DEL Tank & Filtration Systems to continue discussions regarding technologies for the dewatering of dredge material.
- Contacted SOLMAX Geosynthetics to continue discussions regarding upland disposal alternatives for the placement of dredge material.
- Contacted Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc. to continue discussions regarding technologies for the dewatering of dredge material.
- Contacted the Dare County, NC Grants & Waterways Administration to discuss technologies for the inline dewatering of dredge material.
- Discussed an option with Docks of the Bay, Inc. that would consist of thin layering combined with the use of geotubes for the placement of dredge material.
- Discussed the use of polymers and treatability reports with VIMS Shoreline Advisory Services, Groh Land Air Water, SOLMAX Geosynthetics, and SNF Holding Company.
- Obtained planning level/budgetary cost estimates from several local land clearing and landscaping companies.
- Obtained planning level/budgetary cost estimates from several industry companies regarding the costs of polymers.
- Developed a draft cost spreadsheet for Options under consideration.

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.

- Middlesex County approved additional funding on November 8th for spot dredging at the entrance to Broad Creek.
- Drafted a quarterly report to DCR.

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 and flood/shoaling protection structures at Whiting Creek in Middlesex County.

- Communicated with VIMS and the Middle Peninsula PDC regarding the need for sufficient sediment sampling locations (sampling density) to support dredging of shallower areas upstream of the landward terminus of the federal channel in terms of the use of polymers as a dewatering tool.
- Drafted a quarterly report to DCR.

Project 30101 – 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.

- Continued to finalize service agreement for Mathews County.

- Initiated discussions with geotextile dewatering companies regarding dewatering of dredged material for Davis Creek.
- Drafted a quarterly report to DCR.

ONSITE REPAIR & PUMPOUT

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

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.

- As of January 12, MPPDC staff has income-qualified 1 of 8 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.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on land survey requested by their AOSE, Larry Madison. Left voicemail.
- Received email from Mathews County homeowner providing update on their septic replacement project. Homeowner expects their permit application will be submitted to VDH mid-December.
- Received phone call from Allen Farmer with survey results and asked if any portion of a necessary well abandonment could be covered by grant funding. Explained homeowner is already receiving the maximum amount of assistance the program can provide.
- Received permitting update from Mathews County homeowner via email. Permit application has been submitted to the local health department for approval.

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 12, MPPDC staff has received phone calls from 178 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. **(62)** 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 **(86)** homeowners’ septic system isn’t located in the program’s target area. To-date, **(7)** Alternative Septic Systems in Mathews County have been installed; **(1)** Conventional Septic System in Gloucester County has been repaired; **(2)** Septic Systems in Middlesex County, **(2)** in Gloucester County, and **(3)** in Mathews County have been pumped out. All 15 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.
(4) Homeowners remain on the Septic Pumpout list. (3 Mathews, 1 Middlesex)
(6) Homeowners remain on the Septic Repair/Replacement list. (5 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.

- Received final executed DEQ NPS BMP Cost-Share Contract Parts I, II, and III, Completion Statements, and paid Invoice from 2 Mathews County homeowners for installation of an alternative septic system.
- Received final executed DEQ NPS BMP Cost-Share Contracts Part I, II, and III, completed voucher and paid invoice from Mathews County homeowner for septic pumpout.
- Convened Committee to review 2 Mathews County homeowner's 319(h) application for reimbursement for the installation of an alternative septic system and 1 Mathews County homeowner's septic pumpout. Committee approved the 50% cost-share reimbursements totaling \$24,150.00. Approved requests for reimbursement was forwarded to MPPDC CFO for payment processing.
- Mathews County homeowner's approved 319(h) application was forwarded to MPPDC CFO for 50% cost-share reimbursement processing.
- Attempted to upload information related to the installation of 2 Mathews County homeowner's alternative septic system and 1 Mathews County homeowner's septic pumpout into the DEQ BMP Warehouse as part of reporting requirements. Upload tab was unavailable.
- Emailed William Keeling, DEQ NPS Modeling Specialist to report the inability to upload completed BMPs to the BMP Warehouse.
- Received email from William Keeling, DEQ NPS Modeling Specialist stating the DEQ BMP Warehouse is unavailable beginning November 1 of each year to allow for a static set of data to be processed for reporting to EPA CBP and is expected to last until early February.
- DEQ 319(h) contract, under Residential Septic BMP Installation and Tracking, requires MPPDC to download a BMP Grants Template (Excel spreadsheet) from the BMP Warehouse, complete the required information regarding the completed BMP and then upload the spreadsheet into the BMP Warehouse by the 15th of the month following the end of a calendar quarter. A tracking ID# is then assigned by the warehouse for each of the reported completed BMPs and is required to be documented on each of the homeowner's DEQ NPS BMP Cost-Share Contract. A PDF printout of the submittal is included in the quarterly report as documentation of data submission. The next quarterly report is due January 12th which is before the warehouse is expected to be back online.
- Emailed Madison Whitehurst, TMDL NPS Data Coordinator and 319(h) Project Manager requesting guidance regarding the inability to upload and report completed BMPs until February.
- Received email response from Madison Whitehurst, TMDL NPS Data Coordinator and 319(h) Project Manager directing MPPDC staff to submit a copy of the BMP Grants Template (Excel spreadsheet) containing the required information for each of the 3 completed septic projects in Mathews County with the Quarterly Report before January 12th and DEQ staff will fill in the missing information normally provided by the BMP Warehouse.
- Continued to coordinate with DEQ staff regarding additional funding for the MPPDC Section 319(h) Septic System Repair and Replacement program.
- Received 319(h) Mod 2 additional funding contract from DEQ for final execution.
- Drafted Quarterly Report following Madison Whitehurst's directive for the completed BMPs for the quarter.

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.

- As of January 12, MPPDC staff have received inquiries from (66) Middle Peninsula homeowners in need of well and/or septic repair/replacement assistance. Homeowners begin the intake/application process for SWAP assistance at the MPPDC. Staff have received (22) complete applications. Staff have collected and submitted (20) homeowners' income documents for verification by Local Health Department Staff to verify the applicant's income is at or below 200% FPG. To date (20) applicants have been low income verified, (1) applicant has not submitted adequate income documentation, and (1) applicant has been found to be over income and not eligible for SWAP funds and was referred to other resources.
- (4) projects are complete with the contractor having been paid, (1 septic Mathews), and (3 wells Essex) encumbering approximately \$79,000. (1 Gloucester well and 1 King William well) have received bids and will be given a Notice to Proceed soon. The lack of a Notice to Proceed (NTP) is due to a weather delay, completion dates in the NTP are binding, and contractors don't want to commit until they have a better idea of when they will be able to do the installation work. If the two additional wells come in as bid approximately \$113,000 is encumbered. MPPDC staff continues to move qualified and permitted homeowner's projects into procurement and are approaching 61% of funds encumbered.
- Management of SWAP LP included performing (23) administrative tasks, (26) phone calls, and (30) correspondences.
- A meeting with VDH staff and the project manager occurred on November 20th to ensure that the program continues to run smoothly. Discussions primarily focused on the transition of funds from septic towards wells to accommodate running in order of applications received.
- To-date, 22 applications have been received from (4) Gloucester, (5) Essex, (4) King William, (3) Mathews, (4) King and Queen, (2) Middlesex County households. Applications have closed and a waiting list is being maintained for all new inquiries.

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.

- As of January 12, (1 well Essex) has been completed; (1 well King William and 1 well King and Queen) have received bids and will move to Notice to Proceed soon; (1 septic Gloucester) project has received multiple bids and will move to Notice to Proceed soon; and (1) project needs a solution for shoreline erosion. The lack of a Notice to Proceed (NTP) is due to a weather delay, completion dates in the NTP are binding, and contractors don't want to commit until they have a better idea of when they will be able to do the installation work. A survey has been performed, the shoreline solution is complex and appropriate funding sources are being researched as D2PI can't pay for the shoreline.
- MPPDC staff worked with VDH to facilitate a modification to add 3 D2PI projects all located in Mathews, all at the same property, 1 septic design, 1 septic install, and 1 well abandonment. The modification has been executed.
- Management of SWAP D2PI included performing (32) administrative tasks, (20) phone calls, and (28) correspondences.

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.

- Continued to consult with DEQ staff, Lauren Linville and Lars Bolton concerning the recently awarded, DEQ Septic Local Partners Program and the draft of the MPPDC Program Design. Awaiting DEQ review and approval of submitted re-draft document.
- Submitted a compliance with procurement certification letter, a memo detailing MPPDC's process for soliciting, reviewing, and confirming permits are received prior to issuing cost-share assistance to participants, a risk assessment, MPPDC's UEI number, an updated grant budget, and a draft project schedule to DEQ staff, Lauren Linville.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

- Prepared vouchers, processed A/P, processed deposits (if any), and reconciled bank statements. Prepared monthly financial statements.

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.

- **Funds available – \$147,419**

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.

- Setup ASAP access to be able to draw down funds.
- Submitted final report and initiated project closeout.
- Coordinated with VA Marine Resources Commission and VA Coastal Zone Management Program staff regarding a grant application for NOAA federal infrastructure bill funding titled "Coastal Harmony" which, if funded, would result in the construction of approximately 12 shoreline protection and habitat restoration projects around the coastal zone. The proposal included request for \$4.3 M for the following projects in the Middle Peninsula: Hog Island, New Point Comfort Natural Area Preserve, Captain Sinclairs Recreational Area West, Haven Beach, and Gloucester Point Beach.
- Hosted the November GO Virginia Region 6 meeting at the MPPDC office in Saluda.
- CEDS Update
 - Completed an update of the CEDS plan including expansion of the plan's economic resilience section.
 - Scheduled presentation of the draft CEDS plan update for the January 2024 MPPDC Board meeting.

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.

- Town of West Point continues to receive various draft reports from the on-call engineer related to the project. Project is advancing.

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.

- Town of West Point continues to receive various draft reports from the on-call engineer related to the project. Project is advancing.
- Drafted a quarterly report to DCR.

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 30184 – Tappahannock Comprehensive Plan & GIS Mapping

Technical assistance for reviewing and updating data in the Town Plan and digitizing with GIS and printing the Town Zoning and Land Use maps.

- Project is closed.

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.

- Awaiting first MPA meeting to initiate hiring of trainer for business development course.
- Submitted quarterly progress report.

Project 38024 – FY24 Local & Regional Technical Assistance

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

- Executed service agreement for emergency and targeted dredging of Broad Creek to address public safety shoaling hazards that have occurred in the creek and will kick project off in the near future.

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.

- Gloucester County/Three Rivers Health District has issued the permit for septic installation for the Pool House. This brings to closure the below bullets and allows the project to move to bidding for construction for pool house and big house. Additional work is needed on the Tinny house septic permits.
 - The CBPA permit public hearing was held in June & approval by the Gloucester CBPA Board was taken at their July 12th meeting with issuance made contingent on VDH approval of the septic system which has yet to be approved.

- The new septic system required for the Tiny Homes & Pool House was designed & permit application submitted to VDH. VDH rejected the septic tank permits several times & Balzer has revised & resubmitted the permit applications. The last remaining issue for approval by VDH is County approval for the force main to cross the internal road system which is pending County Attorney opinion. Once the opinion is received the County will give permission for the crossings & then VDH can issue permits.
- The construction plans & bid documents of the tiny homes & Pool House addition are complete & remain under County review. The bid documents for the Main House renovation are complete & ready for bid once the CBPA approval & VDH permits are finalized.
- Given the considerable delays in the permitting by the County and VDH the project has been stalled. The overall scope of the project has not changed. Permit applications and supporting materials have had to be modified and resubmitted numerous times. The result is that the project has been stalled pending regulatory approvals by the County and VDH.
- It is anticipated that the project is projected to be completed in mid-2024. The extension of the grant will be required to complete all of the grant activities.

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 – \$46,040**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Funding – VDEM/FEMA/Homeland Security

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.

- Finalized work on third party housing construction estimate provided by CCS.
- Received final bid packet for the construction of this project from MPPDC legal.
- Drafted and submitted the quarterly report for 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.

- Continued to work with various clients interested in loan financing for septic repair.

- Continued to work with clients who have closed on their loans but are waiting for their project to be complete.
- Processed monthly ACH draw for client loan repayments.
- **Remaining uncommitted septic repair funds: \$23,555 in loan funds – \$21,641 in grant funds.**

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.

- Processed monthly ACH draw for client loan repayments.
- **Remaining uncommitted living shoreline funds: \$0**

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.

- Continued to work with various clients interested in loan financing for septic and living shoreline.
- Preparing to close Middlesex County citizen's living shoreline loan on Tuesday, January 16.
- Submitted reimbursement requests to Virginia Resources Authority.
- Processed monthly ACH draw for client loan repayments.
- Submitted quarterly Loan Aging Report to Virginia Resources Authority.
- **Remaining uncommitted funds: \$2,048,118 in loan funds - \$270,338 in grant funds.**

AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

Funding - Indirect cost reimbursements from all PDC projects

MPPDC Administration

Administrative services provided to MPPDC programs. Planned FY23 Indirect Cost rate = 25.25%.

- Prepared vouchers, processed A/P, processed deposits, and reconciled bank statements. Prepared monthly payroll run. Prepared monthly financial statements.
- Completed and submitted all financial reports and/or reimbursement requests for all projects requiring them.
- Contacted all MP localities in December and reminded them to add MPPDC, PAA, and MPA appointments to their January meeting agenda.
- Began close out of projects ending December 31, 2023.
- Waiting on FY23 final audit to be returned from auditor so that FY24 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan approved by Commission in July can be submitted to our Cognizant Agent for review and approval.
- Reviewed internal budgets created by staff, made recommendations and corrections as necessary.
- Executive Director received results of 2023 VAPDC Salary Survey.
- Placed order with Dell for planned replacement of computer hardware for staff as well as a new router.
- Completed ACA reconciliation and certification in Cardinal.

- Initiated ACH limit increases with Bobbie Washington of C&F Bank.
- Updated quarterly staff allocations.
- Distributed 2024 Pay and Holiday Calendar to staff.
- Reminded staff to complete timesheets and update award/grant Master File.
- Replenished office and kitchen supplies.
- Contacted all MP localities and requested contact information for all newly elected officials.
- Contacted all MP localities and requested appointments to the MPPDC, PAA, and MPA.

Closed Projects

Project 30123 – Staff Support to Middle Peninsula Alliance (MPA) FY23

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

Project 30194 – RAFT Dupont LMI Pumps

This project will provide grant funding to ~55 LMI Middle Peninsula homeowners to assist them in complying with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act requirement to have their septic tanks pumped out or inspected every 5 years.

Project 30219 – Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) Operating FY23

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 30320 – Rural Transportation Planning FY23

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 30428 – 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.

Project 31212 – Middle Peninsula All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update Yr2

MPPDC staff will work with participating localities to update the 2016 All-Hazards Mitigation Plan (AHMP). The plan will address mitigation of several natural hazards impacting the region.

Project 32019 – Sinclair’s Public Fishing Pier

The MPCBPAA has contracted the MPPDC to administer a grant from the VA Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund to rehabilitate the public fishing pier at the Captain Sinclair’s Recreational Area, which had fallen into a state of disrepair. The project will consist of procuring a qualified contractor to rebuild a traditional wooden framed open pile 400-foot long public use fishing pier that will provide year-round opportunities for saltwater fishing and recreational viewing.

Project 32157 – NFWF Mathews – East River Yr2

This project will design, permit, construct and monitor living shorelines in targeted shorelines on the East River.

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 32167 – DEQ Florence Disaster Living Shoreline Micro-grants

This project will offer grant funds as micro-grants to property owners in the Piankatank River, Gwynn’s Island, Milford Haven Implementation Plan area to install living shorelines and other eligible BMPs to improve water quality and coastal resilience. It is estimated that four micro-grants of \$20,000 each will be accomplished under this project.

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 38023 – FY23 Local & Regional Technical Assistance

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

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)

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 2 years)

Opportunities Identified to Implement Commission Priorities

Proposals Status for Grant Applications Submitted

FY2024

Service Center	Project Title and Description	Date Applied	Funding Requested	Status
Environmental	FEMA BRIC Preapplication – Essex Coleman Island Rd. Flooding Study	Jan. 2024	\$100,000	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ – IJJA Shoreline BMP Construction	Dec. 2023	\$1,800,170	Awarded
Environmental	DCR Resilient VA Revolving Fund - MPPDC Resilience Loan Funding Program launch	Dec. 2023	\$500,000	Submitted
Environmental	FEMA BRIC Preapplication - VA low water state project scoping	Nov. 2023	\$150,000	Submitted
Environmental	NOAA Transformational Hab. Rest. & Coastal Resilience FTF Capacity Building	Nov. 2023	\$2,097,581	Submitted
Environmental	DCR CFPF Middlesex Bushy Park Shoreline Design & Phase 1 Construction	Nov. 2023	\$1,000,000	Submitted
Environmental	DCR CFPF Mathews Haven Beach Breakwaters Construction	Nov. 2023	\$1,134,897	Submitted
Environmental	DCR CFPF Aberdeen Creek Dredge Material Spit Reconstruction	Nov. 2023	\$1,742,637	Submitted
Environmental	DCR CFPF Gloucester Point Beach Living Shoreline Construction	Nov. 2023	\$2,622,466	Submitted
Environmental	DCR CFPF Fight the Flood Parametric and Flood Insurance	Nov. 2023	\$1,000,000	Submitted
Environmental	DCR CFPF Fight the Flood Marketing and Staffing Capacity	Nov. 2023	\$362,566	Submitted
Econ. Develop.	US EDA Technical Assistance 2024	Nov. 2023	\$70,000	Submitted
Commun. Dev.	DHCD Industrial Revitalization Fund – Captain Sinclairs Building Improvements (resubmittal)	Oct. 2023	\$999,178	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ 319(h) Septic Repair – Mod 2	Oct. 2023	\$95,340	Awarded
Environmental	DEQ 319(h) Septic Repair – Mod 3	Oct. 2023	\$36,902	Awarded
MPCBPAA	FEMA Public Asst. Sinclairs Pool House Elevation preapplication	Oct. 2023	\$164,580	Submitted
MPCBPAA	Captain Sinclairs ADA Accessibility Plan (Second Submittal)	Oct. 2023	\$54,650	Submitted
MPCBPAA	VA Water Trails Experiential Upgrades for Website (Second Submittal)	Oct. 2023	\$52,415	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Elrod Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$225,225	Not Awarded
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Abassi Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$115,830	Not Awarded
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Buckhalter Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$351,063	Not Awarded
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Hostenske Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$193,050	Not Awarded
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Breeden Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$107,250	Not Awarded
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Grubbs Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$150,000	Not Awarded
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Robens Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$390,383	Not Awarded
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Harvey Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$116,654	Not Awarded
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Parker Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$81,023	Not Awarded
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Hodges Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$134,356	Not Awarded
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Case Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$175,318	Not Awarded
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – New Point Comfort Natural Area Preserve Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$637,000	Not Awarded
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Cpt Sinclair Recr. Area West Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$880,000	Not Awarded
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Hogg Island Phase 3 Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$330,000	Not Awarded
MPCBPAA	VTC Marketing Leveraging – Pier Pressure Campaign	Sep. 2023	\$17,450	Awarded
Commun. Dev.	DHCD Regional Coop. Act Technical Assistance FY24	Sep. 2023	\$85,971	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP Technical Assistance 2024	Sep. 2023	\$72,500	Submitted
Econ. Develop.	Southeast Crescent Regional Commission Technical Assistance 2024	Sep. 2023	\$24,000	Awarded
Environmental	NOAA Climate Resilience Challenge – VA Tech Rural Resilience Letter of Intent	Aug. 2023	\$1,802,000	Submitted
Environmental	NOAA Climate Resilience Challenge Letter of Intent – VA Sea Grant Resilience Industry Development	Aug. 2023	\$25,000,000	Not Awarded
Environmental	NOAA Climate Resilience Challenge Letter of Intent – VIMS Resilience Projects (including Gloucester Point Beach, PAA Sites)	Aug. 2023	\$15,881,200	Submitted
Commun. Dev.	DCR VLCF Middlesex Bushy Park Farm Acquisition	Aug. 2023	\$2,448,255	Awarded
Environmental	NOAA BIL Hab. Restor. Planning: VMRC Extreme Creek Makeover LOI	Jul. 2023	\$650,000	Not Awarded
Environmental	NOAA BIL Habitat Restoration: New Point Comfort NAP Shoreline, Hog Island Shoreline, Haven Beach Shoreline & Captain Sinclairs Shoreline	Jul. 2023	\$4,300,000	Submitted
MPCBPAA	NERRS BIL West Point Airport Property Acquisition LOI	Jul. 2023	\$787,000	Not Awarded

MPCBPAA	NOAA BIL West Point Airport Property Acquisition LOI	Jul. 2023	\$787,000	Not Awarded
Commun. Dev.	NERRS BIL Middlesex Co. Bushy Park Farm Acquisition LOI	Jul. 2023	\$5,971,248	Not Awarded
Commun. Dev.	NOAA BIL Middlesex Co. Bushy Park Farm Acquisition LOI	Jul. 2023	\$5,971,248	Not Awarded
Commun. Dev.	Boating Infrastructure Grant – Urbanna Marina Floating Docks	Jul. 2023	\$159,550	Not Awarded
MPCBPAA	Captain Sinclairs Stormwater BMPs	Jul. 2023	\$10,000	Not Awarded
FY 2024 Awarded Total (July 2023 – January 2024)			\$4,422,117	(6 awards)
FY 2024 Requested Total (July 2023 – January 2024)			\$81,837,956	(48 proposals submitted)
FY 2024 Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total			\$34,192,641	(20 proposals awaiting award decision)
<i>Status of Pending Applications Submitted during FY2023</i>				
Service Center	Project Title and Description	Date Applied	Funding Requested	Status
Haz. Mitigation	FEMA HMGP – All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update	Jun. 2023	\$148,143	Submitted
Commun. Dev.	VCZMP New Point Comfort NAP Boardwalk Replacement	Jun. 2023	\$183,952	Awarded
Environmental	NFWF Ware River Shoreline Construction (Phase 2)	Apr. 2023	\$349,835	Submitted
FY 2023 Awarded Total (July 2022 – June 2023)			\$6,517,152	(24 awards)
FY 2023 Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total			\$497,978	(2 proposals awaiting award decision)
FY 2023 & FY 2024 Cumulative Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total			\$34,690,619	(22 proposals awaiting award decision)

ACRONYMS

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

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Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission

Priority Areas of work

FY 2024

(shift annually based on funding received)

Environmental Programs: \$3,150,039

- Flooding
- Water Management/Economic Dev
- Shoreline Planning

Transportation: \$2,138,433

- Dredging
- VDOT Planning
- Ride Share

Local & Regional Planning Projects \$1,289,087

- Housing
- Business Innovation
- Problem Solving
- Mandates

Emergency Management Programs \$288,073

- FEMA

Loan Programs (administration) \$24,800

- Septic
- Living Shorelines
- Energy Efficiency
- Small Business

Staff Support to External Entities \$19,674

- **PAA**
- **MPA**

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CY 2024 Annual Meeting Schedule

January 24	<i>General Meeting</i> Adoption of Calendar Year Meeting Schedule General Assembly Update
February 28	<i>General Meeting</i> Commissioner Priorities Adoption of CDBG Regional Priorities Appointment of Overall Program Design (OPD) & Budget Committee Appointment of Nominating Committee
March 27	<i>General Meeting</i> Local Budgets Discussion
April 24	<i>General Meeting</i> Draft Overall Program Design and Budget to Committee members <i>May Budget Committee work sessions as needed</i>
May 22	<i>General Meeting</i> Presentation and Adoption of Draft OPD & Budget
June 26	<i>General Meeting</i> Election of MPPDC Officers
July 24	<i>General Meeting</i> Presentation & Adoption of FY24 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan Legislative Program Discussion
August	<i>No meeting</i>
September 25	<i>General Meeting</i> Discussion of Legislative Needs Discussion of PDC Financial Issues
October 23	<i>General Meeting</i>
November 20	<i>General Meeting</i> Presentation of Audited Financial Statements
December	<i>No meeting</i>

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MIDDLE PENINSULA COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS) UPDATE

January 2024

Full Document Available for Review via the following link:

[MPPDC CEDS update - Dec 2023.pdf](#)

*All edits and updates are indicated by red highlighted text

CEDS BACKGROUND & BENEFITS

- CEDS first developed in 2013 and updated at least annually since (most recently during July 2022)
- Analysis of relevant data to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) to the regional economy
- Provides road map for addressing SWOT analysis outcomes and includes metric-based strategies developed with input from the public and local industry stakeholders
- Benefits -
 - Funding eligibility and competitiveness:
 - CEDS required for eligibility under many US EDA funding programs
 - Inclusion of projects in CEDS further strengthens applications for other federal and state funding programs.

UPDATED SECTIONS

Section	Updated???	Description of Updates
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	YES	Updated data, conclusions, and expanded description of resiliency section
INTRODUCTION	NO	
CEDS STRATEGY COMMITTEE	NO	
PART I – ECONOMIC FABRIC OF THE MIDDLE PENINSULA OF VA	YES	Updated data and new relevant data added
PART II – REGIONAL OVERVIEW	YES	Updated data
PART III – THE CEDS STRATEGY AND PROCESS	YES	Updated project status; Updated Performance Metrics
PART IV–COASTAL ECONOMIC RESILIENCY	YES	Expanded section
CONCLUSIONS	YES	Expanded findings based on updated data
APPENDICES	YES	Appendix F – new regional profile and data; Appendix G – new NOAA Maritime Jobs snapshots

2023 UPDATE: TOP FINDINGS AND TAKEAWAYS

1. The structure of the MPPDC economy has remained constant/static for over 10 years
 - Examples:
 - a. Employment has remained constant at roughly 23,000.
 - b. Wages are tied for 4th lowest of any region in the state – 60% of VA at \$891
 - c. Unemployment rate historically below State and US currently .2% below VA and 1% below the US
 - d. Incomes lag VA – household income, 88% and personal per capita, 82%
2. The region's employment is concentrated in four industrial sectors, 1) “Blue/Green” - natural resource-based industries – 10.5%, 2) Retail Trade – 16.4%, 3) Health Care and Social Services – 13.3% and 4) Government 22.2%.
 - a. Governmental and non-profit employers remain among the largest and highest paying in the region.
 - 22% of regional employment in government – largest industry sector.
 - 17 of the top 25 regional employers are government or non-profit organizations.
 - Federal government is the second highest paying sector in the regional economy.
 - b. The private sector economy is dominated by “Blue – Green” businesses that depend on natural resources. Examples; Alliance Group Rock Tenn, O'Malley Lumber, Ball Lumber, Tidewater Lumber, York River Oyster Co., Crop Production Services, Gennett Mineral, Premier Horticulture, Leslie Riggsby Lumber, Nestle Purina Petcare, Sea Farms, Zimmerman Marine, Carlton Edwards Lumber

2023 UPDATE: TOP FINDINGS AND TAKEAWAYS (CONTINUED)

3. Out-commuting remains slightly less than three fourths of all workers - 74.1%.
4. Total employment in the region has remained constant at slightly less than 23,000 employees.
5. The region's population growth lagged Virginia between 2010 and 2022 – 2.8% vs. 8.7%. King William and Gloucester Counties were the only localities to experience growth with King William out pacing Virginia - 13.6% to 8.7%.
6. The region must rely on immigration of families to sustain a stable economy.
 - a. 22.9% of the region's population is aged 65 years or above
 - b. Birth/death rate of 2.1 required for natural increase in population.
 - i. MPPDC, -4.6%
 - ii. VA, +1.6%
 - iii. Mathews and Middlesex, -10%
 - c. The region did see an influx of 2,434 individuals between 2020 and 2021. Approximately, 6% of the population moves out of the region and 7% moves in annually. This results in a net of 1,143 individuals moving into the region between 2020 and 2021
7. All growth in the region is projected for King William and Gloucester counties.
 - 2022 to 2055 growth – King William, 40%, Gloucester, 14%, MPPDC, 11.6%, VA, 26.4%

2023 UPDATE: TOP FINDINGS AND TAKEAWAYS (CONTINUED)

8. The average weekly wage paid by employers in the region, \$891, is only 60% of Virginia. The Middle Peninsula is tied with the Northern Neck for the 4th lowest average weekly wage of any Virginia region.
9. The largest threat to the regional economy is climate change and sea-level rise. With this threat comes opportunity for economic development and associated activity.

Overview of Middle Peninsula PDC Legislative Objectives

The General Assembly convened on Wednesday, January 10. The Democrats control both chambers – the Virginia Senate and the Virginia House of Delegates.

Del. Don Scott (D-Portsmouth) is the new Speaker of the House. Sen. Scott Surovell (D-Prince William) is majority leader and Sen. Louise Lucas (D-Portsmouth) is President pro tempore.

The leadership of interest on committees of greatest interest to PDC legislation are as follows:

Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources: Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-Alexandria) Chair (Makeup=12D/10R). Del. Rob Bloxom (R-Accomack) and Del. Hillary Pugh Kent (R-Lancaster) are sitting on committee.

Counties, Cities, and Towns. Del. Candi Mundon King (D-Prince William) Chair. (Makeup=12D/10R). Del. Keith Hodges (R-Middlesex) sitting on committee.

Appropriations. Del. Luke Torian (D-Prince William) Chair. Del. Mark Sickles (D-Arlington) Vice Chair. (Makeup: 12D/10R). Del. Keith Hodges (R-Middlesex), Del. Rob Bloxom sitting on committee.

PDC Legislation Introduced:

HB1196: Virginia Port Authority, VA Waterway Maintenance Grant Program: Provides technical clarification for funding, including the lease, purchase, or development of upland containment areas where dredged material can be selectively excavated and used beneficially for environmental restoration or for mitigation of coastal erosion. The bill also contains an enactment clause revising existing guidelines with coordination from the rural coastal PDC representatives.

HB1135: VDACS, establishes Blue Catfish Work Group to review past and ongoing efforts to promote the creation of a market for blue catfish, identify and explore potential sectors for the blue catfish market, and identify any actions that the Commonwealth can take to promote and expand the market for blue catfish.

HB1058: DWR, duck blind licenses. Creates singular license for waterfowl blinds in Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authorities.

HB1056: Coastal Resiliency Policy and Research. The Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources (the Secretary) and all relevant agencies, when setting coastal resilience policies, *issuing permits, and evaluating grant proposals, shall* seek input and consultation from the Commonwealth's research university collaborative, including the Virginia Sea Grant, Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience, *or any other institution in the Commonwealth conducting coastal resilience research.* The Secretary and all relevant agencies *shall* utilize such research university collaborative's expertise, research, and

data analysis for the implementation of water management techniques and coastal resilience strategies.

Budget Amendments:

Blue Catfish Fund: Increases the amount of funds to \$500,000 each year of the biennium.

Coastal Resilient Business Center: Money provided from Economic Development Services GF for \$250,000 each year of the biennium to support preliminary engineering and design for center located in King & Queen County. Center intended to *foster innovative and collaborative research, development, and commercialization efforts to address existing and future coastal resiliency challenges in Virginia, creating workforce opportunities and increased economic opportunities in rural coastal Virginia.*

Waterway Maintenance Fund: Increases amount of funding in Governor's Budget to \$8 million each year of the biennium while making technical language changes to original budget language.

Other Legislation:

- HB1001, (Tran) Collective Bargaining for public employees.
- HB1053, (Knight) Amending abandoned watercraft Allows localities and state agencies to apply, under certain conditions, to the Department of Wildlife Resources for an authorization to destroy and dispose of an abandoned watercraft.
- HB636, (Sullivan) Enables approval by the State Corporation Commission for siting of energy facilities, establishing a procedure under which an electric utility or independent power provider (applicant) can obtain approval for a certificate from the SCC rather than from the governing body of a locality.
- SB267, (DeSteph) Changes the standard for approval of a wetlands permit application from three members of a five-member wetlands board or four members of a seven-member wetlands board to a simple majority of those board members present and voting. It also changes standard for approval of coastal sand dune permit application.
- SB269, (DeSteph) Directs VMRC to not issue or renew any private leases for general oyster-planting grounds in the Commonwealth on or after July 1, 2024.

There are several land use bills, energy bills, and local government initiatives that we will be tracking. We will be providing our initial legislative report once all legislation is posted.