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Mr. Lewis L. Lawrence, III

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: MPPDC Board of Commissioners**  
**FROM: Lewis Lawrence, Executive Director**  
**DATE: November 20, 2023**  
**RE: November Commission Meeting**

The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Regional Board Room at the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission office in Saluda.

Enclosed are the November 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](mailto:LLawrence@mppdc.com)

I look forward to seeing you on **November 29<sup>th</sup>**!

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

**7:00 P.M.**

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

**125 Bowden Street**

**Saluda VA 23149**

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of October Minutes
- III. Approval of Financial Report for October and FY23 Audit (*pending delivery*)
- IV. Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for the month of November
- V. MPCBPAA Update
- VI. MPA Update
- VII. MPPDC Public Relations/Communications Update
- VIII. Public Comment

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- IX. Update on DCR Flood Fund Project Submissions
- X. Report of 2023 Election Recap
- XI. Video Presentation on Shoreline Status
- XII. Waterways Maintenance Fund – (*Discussion and possible selection of next regional project priorities*)
- XIII. Other Business
- XIV. Adjournment

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**MIDDLE PENINSULA PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**October 25, 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, October 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. MPPDC Chairman, Chriscoe welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Commissioners Present**

Essex County: John Magruder, Sarah Pope  
Gloucester County: Ashley Chriscoe, Dr. Willy Reay, Michael Hedrick  
King and Queen County: Vivian Seay  
King William County: Otto Williams  
Mathews County: David Jones, Harry Meeks, Ramona Wilson  
Middlesex County: Wayne Jessie  
Town of Urbanna: Dr. William Goldsmith  
Town of West Point: Jamie Pruett, John Edwards

**Commissioners Absent**

Essex County: Bud Smith  
King and Queen County: Sherrin Alsop, R.F. Bailey  
Mathews County: Melissa Mason  
Middlesex County: Reggie Williams, Kendall Webre  
Town of Tappahannock: Kay Carlton

**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  
Guests

**II. Approval of September Minutes**

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

**III. Approval of Financial Report for September**

MPPDC Chief Financial Officer, Heather Modispaw presented the Financial Report for September and reported project closeout has concluded and she expects to have the draft FY23 Audit available to present at the November Commission meeting. MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence also noted the current budget exceeds \$7M with additional funding expected. Chairman Chriscoe asked whether there were any questions regarding the MPPDC financial report for September 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. Jessie moved to approve

the financial report for September subject to audit. Mr. O. Williams seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

MPPDC Chairman Chriscoe requested MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence review the Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for October. 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:

- Continue to provide assistance to companies such as NATRX when permitting agencies inadvertently and overtly utilize reports provided by science advisors to VMRC that do not contain science or data. *Mr. Lawrence stated the following is an example of the harm that can occur when VIMS gets involved in a project without scientific data. MPPDC partnered with VIMS on a project to protect marshes in Guinea and the DWR new wildlife management area. Mr. Lawrence participated in a boat tour with Scott Hardaway, VIMS after Tropical Storm Ophelia came through where photographs were taken for the purpose of reporting for federal grant funding and no scientific measurements were involved. NATRX structures had been installed in that area approximately 30 days prior to the storm and they were interested to know how the structures held up. Some of the structures had settled slightly but the majority of the structures appeared to be in the same position as installed and the question was raised as to what may have caused the settling. After the site visit, it was brought to Mr. Lawrence's attention by the CEO of Bay Design that, without scientific data, VIMS released what was being described as a monitoring report to VMRC targeting NATRX products and as result VMRC was considering withdrawing a JPA permit that Bay Design had received involving NATRX structures on the Rappahannock River. After conversations with VMRC, a retraction was issued which has been included in the meeting packet. Despite the retraction, the major concern remains that agencies such as the Army Corps of Engineers and NOAA also received the report, and it is these same agencies that review and make determinations on multi-million-dollar grant proposals.*
- Business frustration with the permitting process is growing. Planning for a mini-permit workshop/summit among the breadth of regulatory players (public health, DEQ, DCR, VMR, County, Army Corps, maybe VIMS) is being planned. *Mr. Lawrence reported that as new solutions to long-standing water management challenges continue to evolve, so do unforeseen permitting challenges. This has resulted in businesses managing areas they may be unfamiliar with. Mr. Lawrence gave the example of septic companies now installing elevated septic systems while maintaining compliance with building codes when they have always installed them underground and were exempt from floodplain management ordinances.*
- Submitted 14 projects focused on the implementation of Best Management

Practices to DEQ to be considered for Infrastructure, Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding to Virginia.

- Submitted a NOAA Climate Resilience Challenge letter of intent in partnership with VIMS. Proposal includes over \$15M in funding requests for construction of living shoreline BMPs at Gloucester Point and many MP-PAA owned sites.
- Submitted NOAA Climate Resilience Challenge letter of intent requesting \$25M in partnership with VA Sea Grant to assist with further development and expansion of the Water Management and Coastal Resilience Industry within the Middle Peninsula. *Mr. Lawrence noted this substantial amount of funding could have been negatively affected by the misinformation contained in the monitoring report distributed by VMRC.*
- Hosted VDCR Director for tour of Middle Peninsula waterfront and coastal resilience project sites on September 20. *Mr. Lawrence reported taking Matt Wells, Director, Department of Conservation and Recreation on a 5-hour tour of the Mobjack and York River to learn about the challenges, such as flooding, coastal communities are confronted with.*
- Consulted with Gloria Henderson, Chief Executive Officer for New Paradigm underwriter insurance company offering parametric insurance regarding tide gauge data requirements. Set a meeting for New Paradigm staff to discuss technical requirements with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science for a possible grant submission under the DCR Flood Fund to provide parametric insurance across the Mobjack Bay area and tributaries. *Mr. Lawrence stated the cost of installing/replacing a septic system is ~\$60k, making it the second largest investment for homeowners. Parametric insurance addresses gaps in the current natural disaster insurance market by providing policyholders customized payment structures based on certain parameters of the event such as measured windspeeds or the storm track of a hurricane. New Paradigm and VIMS staff will meet to discuss technical requirements for a possible grant submission for DCR funding to purchase and install tide gauges across the Mobjack Bay area and tributaries. If successful, this will be the first of its kind in Virginia. Mr. Lawrence thanked VIMS staff Dr. Willy Reay and Cirse Gonzalez for their assistance with the DCR grant application.*
- 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 this grant on behalf of the County with procurement and permitting assistance and project oversight. Mr. Lawrence reported the project is contingent upon VDOT funding and the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of project bidding has now closed. Mathews County Administrator, Ramona Wilson, approached the County Board of Supervisors to authorize her to enter into an MOU with VDOT and once that is completed, the county can contract with the lowest bidder.*

- Conference call held with Middlesex County, the MPPDC, the Norfolk District USACE and the USCG officials regarding shoaling issues.
- MPPDC notified the Norfolk District USACE of the desire of Middlesex County to have the USACE initiate discussions with the USCG regarding realignment of ATONs. USCG will not move ATONs but posted a shoaling notice on the Waterway Guide.
- As of September 30, MPPDC staff has received phone calls from 161 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. **(58)** homeowners had miscellaneous requests, declined moving forward, requested ineligible practices such as voluntary upgrades and reimbursement for work completed prior to program launch; **(6)** Mathews County homeowners placed their project on hold; and **(75)** homeowners' septic system isn't located in the program's target area. To-date, **(5)** 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 **(2)** in Mathews County have been pumped out. All 12 homeowners were approved and reimbursed 50% of the average practice cost set DEQ. Funding is currently encumbered for the installation of **(3)** Alternative Septic Systems and **(1)** Septic Pumpout in Mathews County.  
**(4)** Homeowners remain on the Septic Pumpout list. (3 Mathews, 1 Middlesex)  
**(7)** Homeowners remain on the Septic Repair/Replacement list. (6 Mathews, 1 Middlesex)
- As of October 13, MPPDC staff have received inquiries from **(51)** 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 **(18)** complete applications. Staff have collected and submitted **(17)** homeowners' income documents for verification by Local Health Department Staff to verify the applicant's income is at or below 200% FPG. To date **(15)** applicants have been low income verified, **(1)** applicant has not submitted adequate income documentation, **(1)** applicant is awaiting income verification by the LHD, and **(1)** applicant has been found to be over income and not eligible for SWAP funds and was referred to other resources. MPPDC Staff has worked with LHD staff generating permits for **(13)** applicants projects: **(1)** applicant's project was denied LHD permits and will need private design; **(2)** applicants have been submitted to the LHD for permits; **(1)** project isn't eligible for the program; **(1)** hasn't progressed to permitting; **(1)** applicant's project has moved to notice to proceed; **(3)** are pending review of bids for notice to proceed; and **(2)** are currently open for bids. MPPDC staff continues to move qualified and permitted homeowner's projects into procurement. *Mr. Lawrence referenced the growing number of Middle Peninsula homeowners in need of well and septic repair/replacement.*



- FY 2024 Requested Total from July to October 2023 = \$82,387,661.00 (35 proposals awaiting award decision) *Mr. Lawrence reported MPPDC staff has submitted 35 proposals totaling over \$82M in the past 3 months. Staff received a phone call today from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and received \$1.2M specific for living shoreline homeowners on the Rappahannock River. This funding will be 100% grant with no income limits.*

**V. MPCBPAA Update**

MPCBPAA Secretary Lewie Lawrence reported on the ongoing delay in construction at the pool house at Captain Sinclairs due to permitting challenges. The previous septic system at the big house at Captain Sinclairs was illegally connected to the pool house. Through the VA Housing grant project at Captain Sinclairs, elevated septic systems will be installed at the big house and pool house which requires issuance of a permit. The Gloucester County Wetlands Board will not issue the construction permits until VDH has issued a septic permit. Septic pipes also need to be installed under the dirt roads leading to Captain Sinclairs and staff are waiting on a letter from the County Attorney to begin that installation.

**VI. MPA Update**

MPA Chairman, Ashley Chriscoe reported the MPA recently received a letter from the IRS charging ~\$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**

Stephanie Heinatz, Consociate Media, was asked to provide updates later in the meeting.

**VIII. Public Comment**

None.

**IX. Transportation Discussion with VDOT: The Honorable Laura Sellers, Commonwealth Transportation Board Member and Fredericksburg VDOT staff**

MPPDC Chairman, Ashley Chriscoe introduced Commonwealth Transportation Board member, the Hon. Laura Sellers; VDOT Fredericksburg District Administrator, Marcie Parker; and VDOT Saluda Residency Superintendent, Lee McKnight. Ms. Sellers, Ms. Parker, and Mr. McKnight were present to discuss local transportation needs and concerns of the Commission. SmartScale and lack of funding for structural improvements or replacements to weight restricted bridges in the Middle Peninsula were the main topics of discussion.

**X. Communication – Public Relations and Outreach Update: Stephanie Heinatz, Consociate Media**

Stephanie Heinatz, Consociate Media, provided an overview of the marketing and public relations efforts conducted over the past year and shared plans for continued promotion of water-based economy and tourism in the Middle Peninsula region. It was reported that a grant application has been submitted to the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC) for an additional \$20,000 to continue tourism-based marketing in the region.

This past year, grant funding from NOAA and the VA Coastal Zone Management program (CZM), was utilized to develop an online marketplace offering official VA Coastal Wilds and other Middle Peninsula merchandise through an ambassador program. Local businesses have been invited to partner and support outdoor rural recreation by offering their products on the VA Coastal Wilds website with a portion of the proceeds going directly to the PAA enhancement of the PAA's public access assets.

To improve awareness and understanding of the coastal resiliency challenges in the Middle Peninsula, new product solutions such as the reefs being installed at Hog Island are being documented for a presentation to be released in the near future. The Fight the Flood program continues to expand as well as the complexity of the website. This program is designed to educate the region on coastal flooding challenges, new innovations, and the online tool connects property owners with available resources to address shoreline management. Additional grant funding is currently being utilized to develop a four-part video series on the Fight the Flood program to be shared regionwide. Part I provides an overview of Fight the Flood, Part II speaks to property owners, Part III speaks to business owners, and Part IV will provide details and instructions on how to navigate the program's website.

The MidPen Rideshare program also continues to develop. Ms. Modispaw, MPPDC CFO, and Project Manager reported being told by DRPT the new MidPen Rideshare website, designed by Consociate Media, was the best they had seen. Everyone was encouraged to visit the website and promote the MidPen Rideshare program in their locality.

**XI. VAPDC requests for locality support for PDC's**

MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence directed the Commission's attention to two letters in their meeting packet drafted by the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC). Planning District Commissions are critical components of the work that the state and local governments do to promote and provide efficient and effective services on a regional basis. They have also been vital partners for effective and efficient state and local government, providing critical services to the state through implementing state programs and administering statewide processes in collaboration with state agencies. In performing these duties, PDC's have been challenged by the adequacy of resources to carry out these functions, or at the expense of other worthwhile projects that assist the state and local governments. In the first letter, VAPDC is requesting the Governor's consideration of increasing state funding for PDC's in the next biennial budget for both FY25 & FY26 by \$150,000 per PDC. In the second letter,

VAPDC is requesting local governments send a letter of support to the Governor. This increase in funding would extend PDC staff capacity to assist the State on joint work; execute regional projects and plans; and help create more efficiencies in how local citizens are served.

**XII. Other Business:**

**Three Rivers Health District Community Health Assessment:** MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence provided Commissioners with a draft of the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Improvement Plan from Three Rivers Health District which examines qualitative and quantitative input collected and provided by community partners and members, nonprofit leaders, public health and government agency leaders, and community providers with the goal of highlighting opportunities to improve community health. Topics included: District Demographics; Key Community Health Findings & Trends; Key Community Health Drivers; Access to Healthcare; Chronic Disease; Healthy Aging; Infectious Disease; Maternal Health; Mental Health/Substance Use Disorders; Obesity, Nutrition, Exercise; Additional Community Health Factors and Implementation Plan and Resources; and Data Source/Further Reading. Mr. Lawrence drew the Commission's attention to the demographics page and discussed how it illustrates some of the challenges in the Middle Peninsula. Most of the district population are in older age groups than Virginia as a whole. These demographics play a large role in funding and the increasing challenges in the region.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. O. Williams so moved; Mr. Jessie 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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## 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	89.34	205.36	294.64	41.07%	566.92	361.56
30124	FY24 PDC Staff Support for Adm	15,000.00	1,504.01	3,926.32	11,073.68	26.18%	0.00	(3,926.32)
30170	Sm Bus Loan Admin - MPBDP St	1,025.00	89.77	267.20	757.80	26.07%	4,993.24	4,726.04
30184	Tappahannock Comp Plan	25,279.00	0.00	25,728.47	(449.47)	101.78%	25,279.00	(449.47)
30186	DHCD Elevated Septic Pilot (\$10	120,000.00	724.70	8,482.38	111,517.62	7.07%	120,000.00	111,517.62
30187	VHDA Housing Development	1,000,000.00	9,345.67	187,967.78	812,032.22	18.80%	161,040.94	(26,926.84)
30190	DCR/Tapp CFPF Hoskins Crk (Taj	83,030.00	771.05	4,822.67	78,207.33	5.81%	3,764.11	(1,058.56)
30191	DCR/Msex CFPF MillCreek (Mse:	58,851.00	1,861.06	22,610.64	36,240.36	38.42%	12,774.21	(9,836.43)
30192	DCR/FEMA FTF GIS Tool	147,000.00	3,452.31	111,602.55	35,397.45	75.92%	89,866.25	(21,736.30)
30195	CFPF Piank-MarronMatch\$22,98	53,637.50	0.00	53,637.50	0.00	100.00%	0.00	(53,637.50)
30196	CFPF Round 3 Supp - York	49,955.00	0.00	0.00	49,955.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
30198	Gwynns Island Onsite Septic Rep	10,000.00	111.91	315.88	9,684.12	3.16%	10,000.00	9,684.12
30220	DRPT CAP Operating FY24	91,474.00	7,017.19	23,757.79	67,716.21	25.97%	2,779.56	(20,978.23)
30321	VDOT RTP FY24	72,500.00	895.83	11,830.37	60,669.63	16.32%	2,200.33	(9,630.04)
30420	Onsite Loan Management	5,675.00	482.82	2,131.73	3,543.27	37.56%	30,124.80	27,993.07
31002	GA Lobby	71,253.00	3,750.00	15,000.00	56,253.00	21.05%	61,074.00	46,074.00
31500	Living Shoreline Incentive Progr:	9,635.00	363.77	1,492.42	8,142.58	15.49%	18,896.19	17,403.77
32021	PAA GOVA Sea Grant Resilience	132,163.50	1,723.53	90,137.03	42,026.47	68.20%	88,413.50	(1,723.53)
32022	PDC Staff Support for Admin of	4,200.00	396.22	1,375.29	2,824.71	32.75%	4,200.00	2,824.71
32024	PAA VOF Get Outdoors-Trailblaz	5,000.00	189.78	687.35	4,312.65	13.75%	0.00	(687.35)
32157	NFWF Mathews-(VIMS In-Kind \$	289,409.80	0.00	290,346.41	(936.61)	100.32%	267,468.86	(22,877.55)
32163	DEQ 319(h) BMP Res Septic \$57	137,560.47	320.61	106,583.07	30,977.40	77.48%	99,545.32	(7,037.75)
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	79.64	120,305.92	(305.92)	100.25%	88,466.60	(31,839.32)
32169	US DOT RAISE	2,018,476.00	5,189.07	45,488.29	1,972,987.71	2.25%	27,960.91	(17,527.38)
32170	DEQ CZM CoastalTA FY22(Consc	129,700.00	(1,060.99)	129,700.00	0.00	100.00%	110,630.62	(19,069.38)
32171	DEQ CZM Next Gen PLANS - Yr2	50,000.00	931.51	50,136.39	(136.39)	100.27%	15,861.89	(34,274.50)
32172	DEQ CZM ANPDC Eco 6 FY23	26,000.00	(136.94)	26,037.62	(37.62)	100.14%	22,372.99	(3,664.63)
32173	VDH Local SWAP	299,980.00	(440.10)	33,520.56	266,459.44	11.17%	21,525.41	(11,995.15)
32174	NFWF & DEQ CZM Hog Island Re	947,200.15	134,565.14	817,640.73	129,559.42	86.32%	653,910.56	(163,730.17)
32175	DEQ WIP TA 2023	72,500.00	6,769.21	35,947.03	36,552.97	49.58%	16,208.27	(19,738.76)
32176	NFWF Veterans Partnership	75,000.84	5,498.44	35,810.67	39,190.17	47.75%	24,804.57	(11,006.10)
32177	EDA TA (\$70k-VPA/MPA/VASG/	92,800.00	14,019.48	23,021.20	69,778.80	24.81%	5,996.29	(17,024.91)
32178	(BIG) VDH - SWAP	214,000.00	1,335.36	8,000.99	205,999.01	3.74%	0.00	(8,000.99)
32179	DEQ ARPA SLPP Septic Repair	730,196.00	1,779.94	28,457.12	701,738.88	3.90%	4,716.01	(23,741.11)
32180	FEMA Ware Cove (H.Owner Mai	215,355.00	14,613.23	14,613.23	200,741.77	6.79%	1,660.00	(12,953.23)
32181	DEQ CZM Coastal TA FY23	129,000.00	4,696.33	4,696.33	124,303.67	3.64%	0.00	(4,696.33)
32182	DEQ CZM Working Waterfront /	54,505.00	1,291.38	1,291.38	53,213.62	2.37%	0.00	(1,291.38)
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	1,192.48	4,407.45	9,109.55	32.61%	8,662.63	4,255.18
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	9,055.51	67,184.83	140,011.17	32.43%	254,791.14	187,606.31
38809	Mathews HITW Dredging (VDOT	155,364.00	50.22	134,460.63	20,903.37	86.55%	127,023.33	(7,437.30)
38810	VPA Aberdeen Dredging	156,364.00	0.00	44,722.47	111,641.53	28.60%	54,728.44	10,005.97
38811	DCR CFPF Broad Creek Dredging	612,319.00	0.00	0.00	612,319.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
38812	DCR CFPF Whiting Crk Dredging	138,622.00	0.00	0.00	138,622.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals:</b>		<u>8,865,243.26</u>		<u>2,588,351.05</u>		<u>29.20%</u>		<u>(136,849.16)</u>
			<u>232,518.48</u>		<u>6,276,892.21</u>		<u>2,451,501.89</u>	

## Balance Sheet by Category

**Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission**  
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**Assets:**

Cash in Bank	492,779.17
Cash in Bank, Restricted	438,901.77
Receivables	791,366.87
Property & Equipment	4,717.73
Prepaid Pension (Deferred Outflows)	48,680.91

<b>Assets:</b>	<b>\$1,776,446.45</b>
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**Liabilities:**

Accounts Payable	251,232.34
VRA Loan Payables	722,824.48
Payroll Withholdings	1,163.35
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	3,900.68

<b>Liabilities:</b>	<b>\$1,228,296.74</b>
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**Equity:**

Local Initiatives/Information Resources	260,969.65
Economic Development	799.72
Transportation Programs	(28,060.38)
Onsite Repair & Pumpout	6,006.10
Housing	361.56
Coastal Community & Environmental	(357,735.47)
Public Access Auth Programs	3,618.20
Temporarily Restricted	177,307.09
General Fund Balance	484,883.24

<b>Equity:</b>	<b>\$548,149.71</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$1,776,446.45</b>
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<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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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
<b>Revenues</b>					
Local Match	153,796.00	0.00	56,138.12	97,657.88	36.50%
Local Annual Dues	247,113.00	47,069.00	247,113.00	0.00	100.00%
Local Other Revenues	253,212.00	14,198.97	75,279.97	177,932.03	29.73%
Local Other Organizations	120,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	110,000.00	8.33%
State Revenues	2,188,403.00	0.00	0.00	2,188,403.00	0.00%
Federal Revenues	4,161,744.00	160,918.94	160,918.94	4,000,825.06	3.87%
Miscellaneous Income	70,005.00	1,681.44	19,136.41	50,868.59	27.34%
RevolvingLoan Program Income	23,500.00	3,114.70	201,257.01	(177,757.01)	856.41%
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>7,217,773.00</b>	<b>226,983.05</b>	<b>769,843.45</b>	<b>6,447,929.55</b>	<b>10.67 %</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Personnel	724,004.00	65,826.07	256,838.28	467,165.72	35.47%
Facilities	34,393.00	2,820.76	11,309.71	23,083.29	32.88%
Communications	9,955.00	582.71	3,825.32	6,129.68	38.43%
Equipment & Supplies	10,000.00	432.22	2,506.39	7,493.61	25.06%
Travel	12,534.00	68.75	2,603.08	9,930.92	20.77%
Professional Development	12,773.00	139.00	6,188.00	6,585.00	48.45%
Contractual	5,624,724.00	161,834.50	513,960.91	5,110,763.09	9.14%
Miscellaneous	14,868.00	814.45	5,712.85	9,155.15	38.42%
Regional Share	153,796.00	0.00	56,138.12	97,657.88	36.50%
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>6,597,047.00</b>	<b>232,518.46</b>	<b>859,082.66</b>	<b>5,737,964.34</b>	<b>13.02 %</b>
<b>Agency Balance</b>	<b>620,726.00</b>	<b>(5,535.41)</b>	<b>(89,239.21)</b>		

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**Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission  
Executive Director's Report of Regional Progress  
November 13, 2023**

**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](http://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.*

- Continued to coordinate with Triangle Environmental regarding designs and structural modifications for elevated septic systems for commercial application at the King and Queen facility.
- 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.

### **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.

### **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.*

- Continued the review of the draft report prepared by Ingrid Bauer, Senior Associate Engineer Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. The report offers multiple solutions to address shoaling at the public boat ramp. Participants in the meeting included, Department of Wildlife Resources, private property owners, VDOT representatives, Middlesex County staff, Middlesex County elected officials, and PDC's staff. Inquired if on-the-ground conditions because of Tropical Storm Ophelia warranted modifications to the report.

### **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.*

- Conducted a full review of the FTF webpage and survey and began implementing improvements meeting a deliverable. Numerous refinements were made to the survey to correct data collection issues and capture a stronger data set moving forward.
- The Regional Living Shoreline Incentive Funding Program survey and the Regional On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Funding Program survey is still under review by staff. Once approved both surveys will be live on the Fight the Flood website.
- Consociate Media continued to develop website materials featuring FTF business living shoreline products to enhance the educational and interactive experience of the website.

**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.*

- On October 20<sup>th</sup> requested a status update of reimbursement that was submitted to DCR on September 25<sup>th</sup>. No response was received. Emailed a second request on November 8<sup>th</sup> and explained that the homeowner has been unjustly financially burdened by the delay. Received a response from DCR who explained that the delay was being driven by their division is transitioning to an online grants portal which is intended to streamline the CFPF grant process. On November 9<sup>th</sup>, heard from VRA Program Manager, Kevin O’Reilly, who initiated the disbursement to be deposited into our account on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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.*

- Project construction initiation is pending for the project located on Sarah’s Creek.
- 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.*

- 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. Two separate grant applications submitted by MPPDC were not selected for award during Q2. MPPDC submitted application for US EPA/VA DEQ funding during Q3 with notice anticipated during Q4. 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: MPPDC submitted the final design and permit to DCR and receipt was acknowledged. The property owner was notified that construction could begin in accordance with the permit terms and conditions.
- Antioch Rosenwald School Project: The Rosenwald School owner continues to deliberate with its legal counsel as to whether it can take on the risks and responsibilities stemming from signature of the DCR maintenance form terms and conditions. MPPDC staff will continue to coordinate with the property owner, but the project will remain on hold until a decision has been made by the owner.

**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 October Dominion Power bill for the Captain Sinclair Pool House to Daniel Hogge of Gloucester Rowing Association (GRA) for reimbursement. Reminded Mr. Hogge that to date GRA has not reimbursed PAA for July, August, or September and asked that the total amount due of \$114.03 be remitted as soon as possible.

- Reminded Dan Knott of Hold-Fast that November’s rental payments are due for both the Lyell property and the Corduroy property.
- Received another Dominion Energy bill for The Corduroy. This month it noted “closing bill”, meaning the charges are for the time power was used and billed to the wrong entity. Discussed with Dan Knott of Hold-Fast and he asked that we pay it and Hold-Fast would reimburse PAA at the same time he paid the October rental payments.
- Created a PayPal account to be used for the BonFire e-marketplace on the VA Coastal Wilds website.
- Prepared FY23 confirmation letters and uploaded to auditor’s SharePoint website.
- Completed SHOP section on Virginia’s Coastal Wilds website and launched sales for ongoing sustainable funding model.
- Awarded Virginia Tourism Corporation Micro Marketing Leverage Grant to promote and build out pier program at Captain Sinclairs.

**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.*

- Received subaward amendment from Christie Forman of VIMS OSP. This amendment resulted in an increase of \$43,750 for MPPDC administrative support.
- Attended a Go VA Rise VASG retreat to discuss the progress and next phase of the progress.
- Worked with Millers Septic to finalize plumbing and well electrical needs at Brick Rancher for the elevate septic system.
- 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.*

- 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 32157 – NFWF Mathews – East River Yr2**

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

- NFWF provided the final closeout documents needed. MPPDC reviewed documents, drafted and submitted the final report.

**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.*

- Completed PowerPoint presentation educating viewers on next generation shoreline planning process and delivered final product.
- Developed and submitted final report to CZM staff to initiate project closeout.

**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 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.*

- Final report submitted and project is now closed out.

**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.*

- Conducted a full review of the FTF webpage and survey and began implementing improvements meeting a deliverable. Numerous refinements were made to the survey to correct data collection issues and capture a stronger data set moving forward.
- Continued work on the Bavon community assessment for Deliverable 5.
- Completed annual Accrued Benefits report.
- Drafted the final report and summary for the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program. Final deliverables will be submitted by November 15, 2023.

**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.*

- Finalized VIMS literature review white paper and Sinclairs West Shoreline Management plan.
- Completed video of presentation educating viewers on next generation shoreline planning process and delivered final product.
- Developed final report summarizing all project deliverables and submitted to VCZMP staff to initiate closeout of the project.

**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 is closed.

### **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.*

- Alerted Russ Burke of Biogenic Solutions of billing error on invoice #Hog Island BSC 07. He provided a revised invoice with corrected totals.
- Awaiting final notice from VCZMP staff that NOAA/VCZMP grant is officially closed.
- Continued to coordinate with the contractor regarding schedule for remainder of project utilizing NFWF funding.

### **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.*

- Continued to coordinate with VMRC regarding permit application submitted in partnership with FTF business, Native Shorelines, regarding construction of a living shoreline to protect eroding tidal marsh at the MPCBPAA Captain Sinclairs Recreational Area.
- 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.
- NOAA Climate Resilience Challenge letter of intent requesting \$25M in partnership with VA Sea Grant to assist with further development and expansion of the Water Management and Coastal Resilience Industry within the Middle Peninsula did not receive an invitation to submit a full proposal.
- Coordination with Local Government Planners included the following topics during the October monthly meeting:
  - MPPDC DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund and Resilient VA Revolving Fund applications overview.
  - MP-PAA Captain Sinclairs Dredged Material Reuse Project involving living shoreline elements.
  - DEQ Stormwater Management Program Opt-out Locality discussion.
- Continued to coordinate with DEQ staff regarding additional funding for the MPPDC Section 319(h) Septic System Repair and Replacement program.
- Consulted with Susan Hale, Chesapeake Bay Grants Administrator, DEQ regarding EPA funding for Rappahannock River EPA Impacted Basin Areas and the ability for the Middle Peninsula Fight the Flood program to deliver funding to property owners for living shoreline owners on the Rappahannock river. Continued negotiations with DEQ staff to formalize a contract.
- Hosted meeting between Delegate Hodges, MPPDC staff, and MPPDC lobbyists, Advantus Strategies to initiate preparation of draft legislation for the 2024 General Assembly session.
- DCR Flood Fund Applications:
  - Developed individual project/study/capacity & planning proposal templates for CFPF Round 4 applications. Also, created application folders on the DCR grants portal.
- Septic Repair/Replacement Assistance:
  - Received phone calls from 10 Middle Peninsula homeowners seeking septic repair/replacement assistance.

- Received phone call from Zach Filtz, Bay Aging requesting information on available grant funding to address septic needs of Middle Peninsula homeowners. Mr. Filtz requested information be emailed to the address provided so he may update Bay Aging's Service Guide.
- Received septic performance and satisfaction survey from Wind River Environmental.
- Emailed Zach Filtz, Bay Aging information on SWAP, 319(h), and septic loan programs as well as the address to the MPPDC website for applications and additional information.
- Screened four Middle Peninsula homeowners for septic assistance. (1 walk-in and 3 telephone)
- Fight the Flood Program Management:
  - Overall management of the Fight the Flood program this period included 11 administrative tasks, 9 phone calls, and 7 correspondences.
  - Vetted two new businesses and added them to both sides of the FTF website.
  - Conducted a full review of the FTF webpage and survey and began implementing improvements meeting a deliverable. Numerous refinements were made to the survey to correct data collection issues and capture a stronger data set moving forward.
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  - Living Shoreline Assistance:
    - Utilized GIS tools to filter applicable FTF participants and email an announcement about a grant opportunity with the SWCD, available only in Gloucester, Mathews, and Middlesex Counties.
    - Met onsite with a FTF participant waterfront business owner, along with the owner of a registered FTF solutions business to facilitate progress to develop a second living shoreline desired to be installed on the participants property. The participant has already completed one project in a different location and shows strong interest in financing a new living shoreline in a separate area of the property.
    - Met in the office with two representatives from a civic association from a waterfront cottage neighborhood that is low lying, with a sandy beach, with no protective measures. They are seeking alternatives to a SEAS suggestion of needing an offshore breakwater with an estimate of \$1.25 Million, seeking less expensive alternatives, design work, and grant funds.

**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.*

- Continued discussions on second draft of MOU between Knott Alone Hold Fast and MP-PAA based on comments received.

**Project 32181 – Virginia Coastal TA FY23**

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- NOAA Climate Resilience Challenge letter of intent requesting \$25M in partnership with VA Sea Grant to assist with further development and expansion of the Water Management and Coastal Resilience Industry within the Middle Peninsula did not receive an invitation to submit a full proposal.
- The VA Tourism Corporation application for Marketing Leveraging funding to support an ecotourism promotional campaign for MP-PAA properties entitled “Pier Pressure” was selected for award.
- DCR Flood Fund Round 4 Applications:
  - Drafted support letter and match commitment letter templates for CFPF Round 4 applications.
  - Drafted authorization to request funding letter template for CFPF Round 4 applications.
  - Updated document titled “Relationship to Other Projects” that was added to all scopes of work.
  - Parametric and Flood Insurance: Developed and submitted proposal in partnership with VIMS 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 – Project will result in new FTF administrative staff hires and funding to promote and solicit additional participation in the FTF program.
  - Gloucester Point Beach Park Living Shoreline Construction
  - Mathews Haven Beach Breakwaters Construction
  - Middlesex Bushy Park Farm Living Shoreline Design and Phase 1 Construction
  - Gloucester Aberdeen Creek Dredged Material Land Reclamation and Flood Protection Design and Construction
  - 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.



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  - Vetted two new businesses and added them to both sides of the FTF website.
  - Conducted a full review of the FTF webpage and survey and began implementing improvements meeting a deliverable. Numerous refinements were made to the survey to correct data collection issues and capture a stronger data set moving forward.
  - Developed GIS Filters for surveys to compile contact information for those FTF participants that expressed interest in learning more about insurance alternatives. This list was requested by a FTF insurance solution provider and was disseminated to the provider.
  - Living Shoreline Assistance:
    - Utilized GIS tools to filter applicable FTF participants and email an announcement about a grant opportunity with the SWCD, available only in Gloucester, Mathews, and Middlesex Counties.
    - Met onsite with a FTF participant waterfront business owner, along with the owner of a registered FTF solutions business to facilitate progress to develop a second living shoreline desired to be installed on the participants property. The participant has already completed one project in a different location and shows strong interest in financing a new living shoreline in a separate area of the property.
    - Met in the office with two representatives from a civic association from a waterfront cottage neighborhood that is low lying, with a sandy beach, with no protective measures. They are seeking alternatives to a SEAS suggestion of needing an offshore breakwater with an estimate of \$1.25 Million, seeking less expensive alternatives, design work, and grant funds.
- Met with Placer.ai company regarding potential purchase of data analytical tools to support MPPDC/MP-PAA economic development, transportation and community development programs.
- Developed draft service agreement for emergency and targeted dredging of Broad Creek to address public safety shoaling hazards that have occurred in the creek. Presented draft service agreement to Middlesex Board of Supervisors during their November meeting with project and agreement being approved unanimously. Initiated full execution of agreement with Middlesex County Administrator and will kick project off in the near future.
- Attended the Community Disaster Resilience Zone webinar hosted by FEMA to review this 5-year designation to boost resilience in selected areas throughout the United States. Within the Middle Peninsula Census, Tract 951100 in Middlesex County and Tract 950700 in Essex County were identified as a Community Disaster Resilience Zone. More designations are expected by the end of the year.
- Consulted with a series of students from James Madison University conducting research on coastal resiliency.
- Consulted with numerous Middle Peninsula residents interested in hunting land owned by the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority. Directed interested citizens to the Virginia Coastal Wilds website and the online reservation system.
- Consulted with Susan Hale, Chesapeake Bay Grants Administrator, DEQ regarding EPA funding for Rappahannock River EPA Impacted Basin Areas and the ability for the Middle Peninsula Fight the Flood program to deliver funding to property owners for living shoreline owners on the Rappahannock river. Continued negotiations with DEQ staff to formalize 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.

- Attended the SURA 2023 Conference held in Washington DC. Provided updates on Fight the Flood program development as well as explored research projects in gulf coastal states.
- Consulted with various Fight the Flood business owners struggling with receiving clear guidance from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Advisory Service JPA program review process for shoreline designs and permitting questions. Businesses have requested that VIMS no longer be part of any informal review or comment on shoreline designs due to perceived bias against certain technologies of techniques.
- Agreed to serve on the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, rural task force, focusing on economic development needs for rural communities.
- Consulted with Fauquier County administrative staff regarding water access easements. Provided examples of PAA documents.
- Provided assistance to the Virginia Waterman's Association regarding blue catfish grant application meeting. Arranged for a representative from the Virginia Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services to attend the meeting and answer questions of local interest.
- 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 Sovereign Nations 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.
- Consulted with a member of the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors requesting the average cost for septic system and well installations across the region. Provided most recent installation cost estimates.
- Coordinated Go Virginia Region 6 meeting between Middle Peninsula local government officials and the Region 6 staff to discuss future economic development grant funding opportunities.
- Hosted meeting between Delegate Hodges, MPPDC staff, and MPPDC lobbyists, Advantus Strategies to initiate preparation of draft legislation for the 2024 General Assembly session.

#### **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.*

- MPPDC will serve as the lead PDC for this project. Partner PDCs include ANPDC, HRPDC, and NNPDC.
- Drafted and refined three MOUs, one 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. Each participating PDC will be given an opportunity to opt in or out prior to the request to execute the MOU before commencing work.

#### **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.
- Participated in the SCRC State Economic and Infrastructure Development grant information webinar on October 23.

### **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 developing an agreement with VDOT for VDOT funding for the project. Once fully executed, the County will finalize contracts with the low bidders for the dredging and breakwater construction, and monitoring elements of the project.
- MPPDC staff developed and submitted a DCR Flood Fund Round 4 proposal for gap funding to assist with construction of all four breakwaters 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.
- Received fully executed FY24 contract from DRPT.
- Attended new grants management system WebGrants webinar on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Completed Q1 progress report and submitted to Kathy Molin of DRPT for review.
- Distributed monthly newsletter to MidPenRideShare email database.
- Monthly maintenance and security updates to website.
- Ongoing social media communications.
- **Current commuter database in October - 454**
- **Number of Commuters with logged alt mode trips in October - 87**
- **Number of logged alt trips in October - 506**
- **Reduced miles (VMT) in October – 15,057**
- **Commuter Savings in October – \$9,411**

### **Project 30320 – 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 October 25 and developed meeting agenda for next meeting on November 29. October topics included:
  - Smart Scale Round 6 coordination and strategic planning with MPPDC localities including a work session with VDOT District staff for development and submittal of Pre-scoping Modules.
  - State Multi-use Trail Plan Development - MPPDC staff shared information regarding VDOT’s continued development of the state trail plan. The public survey and virtual town hall were shown, and it was offered that MPPDC staff had invited VDOT staff to a future local planners meeting to discuss how the MP Long Range Transportation Plan could be utilized and incorporated into the state trail plan
  - MPPDC DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund and Resilient VA Revolving Fund applications overview

- MP-PAA Captain Sinclairs Dredged Material Reuse Project
- DEQ Stormwater Management Program Opt-out Locality discussion.
- VA Tourism 2022 Economic Impact and Spending Shares review.
- 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.
- 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.
- Met 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 SmartScale process review virtual Town Hall on October 31.
- Provided letter of support for a PlanRVA application for USDOT FY2023 Thriving Communities Program funding for exploration of development of a series of or single floating farmers market in coastal VA communities.
- Hosted meeting with the Fredericksburg District representative on the Commonwealth Transportation Board, District, and Residency staff regarding transportation related challenges within the region. CTB member, District, and Residency staff met with the MPPDC Board during their October monthly for further discussion regarding SmartScale, secondary road, flooding and sea-level rise, and bridge condition challenges in the region.
- Developed draft service agreement for emergency and targeted dredging of Broad Creek to address public safety shoaling hazards that have occurred in the creek. Presented draft service agreement to Middlesex Board of Supervisors during their November meeting with project and agreement being approved unanimously. Initiated full execution of agreement with Middlesex County Administrator and will kick project off in the near future.
- Participated in interview with VDOT Resilience staff regarding outreach and engagement strategies for the VDOT Resilience Plan.

### **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.*

- MPPDC fully executed contract with VHB on October 23, 2023.
- MPPDC staff and VHB held in-person kickoff meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup> at MPPDC office in Saluda, VA to review scope, deliverables, and schedule. The equity analysis requirements and equity inclusion plan framework were discussed as an integral component of the project. Key first steps and initial stakeholder engagement meetings were scheduled.

- Submitted SF-270 reimbursement request and SF-425 quarterly financial report to MARAD on October 20th.
- Received rejection notification from MARAD on October 26th for reimbursement request stating, “The Program Office recommends declining this request due to grantee incorrectly submitting vendor sums for Federal share on the Project Invoice Summary to equal totals claimed on the SF-270 form. They need to resubmit the corrected Project Invoice Summary to match the amounts on the SF-270 form. Also, please include invoices for all claimed costs.” Upon review of what was submitted, no errors on our part were found. Responded to MARAD asking for clarification as to what the actual problem was that caused our payment request to be rejected. Received response on November 7<sup>th</sup> from Shadonna Bonsu of MARAD that upon review, “this request may have been rejected in error”. One reimbursement request is allowed to be submitted every 30 days. When one needs resubmission the 30 day “clock” starts over. Rejection errors like these can cause delays in reimbursing our vendors.

### **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.*

- 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.

### **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.*

- Project Condition Survey completed by the USACE and copies provided to Middlesex County and the USCG.
- USCG completed public outreach by providing results of the most recent Project Condition Survey completed by the USACE to nine marinas.

- Middlesex County approved additional funding on November 8<sup>th</sup> for spot dredging at the entrance to Broad Creek.

**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.*

- Dredging design kickoff conference call held with Middlesex County staff David Kretz, Director of Planning and Zoning and Charlie Beam, County Engineer on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Coordinated with VIMS regarding scope and budget estimate for development of a shovel-ready project design.

**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.

**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 November 3, 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.
- Received septic performance and satisfaction survey from Wind River Environmental.
- Received email from Wind River Environmental announcing the addition of a \$25 environmental compliance charge for all pumping, hauling, and disposal services beginning November 1, 2023.
- Followed up with Mathews County homeowner regarding land survey requested by their AOSE, Larry Madison. Survey remains scheduled for mid-November.

**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 November 10) MPPDC staff has received phone calls from 171 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. **(60)** homeowners had miscellaneous requests, declined moving forward, requested ineligible practices such as voluntary upgrades and reimbursement for work completed prior to program launch; **(6)** Mathews County homeowners placed their project on hold; and **(81)** homeowners’ septic system isn’t located in the program’s target area. To-date, **(5)** 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 **(2)** in Mathews County have been pumped out. All 12 homeowners were approved and reimbursed 50% of the average practice cost set DEQ. Funding is currently encumbered for the installation of **(3)** Alternative Septic Systems and **(1)** Septic Pumpout in Mathews County.

(5) Homeowners remain on the Septic Pumpout list. (4 Mathews, 1 Middlesex)

(8) Homeowners remain on the Septic Repair/Replacement list. (7 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 phone call from Gloucester County homeowner requesting 319(h) septic repair/replacement assistance. Address of the septic system is not located in the target area set by DEQ. Homeowner was transferred to the Coastal Resilience Planner for possible SWAP eligibility.
- Received phone call from Middlesex County homeowner re-verifying the address of their septic system isn't located in the 319(h) target area.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner requesting 319(h) septic repair/replacement for a voluntary upgrade. Voluntary upgrades are not permissible under the 319(h) guidelines.
- Received phone call from Gloucester County homeowner requesting 319(h) septic repair/replacement assistance. Address of the septic system is not located in the target area set by DEQ. Homeowner was provided information on loan funding and transferred to the Coastal Resilience Planner for possible SWAP eligibility.
- Received phone call from Zach Filtz, Bay Aging requesting information on available grant funding to address transportation and septic needs of Middle Peninsula homeowners. Mr. Filtz requested information be emailed to the address provided so he may update Bay Aging's Service Guide.
- Received performance and satisfaction survey from Wind River Environmental.
- Emailed Zach Filtz, Bay Aging information on MidPen Rideshare, SWAP, 319(h), and septic loan programs as well as the addresses to the MidPen Rideshare and MPPDC website for applications and additional information.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner requesting 319(h) septic pumpout assistance. Address of the septic system is located in the target area set by DEQ. As requested, homeowner was emailed a 319(h) application to the email address provided.
- Received voicemail from homeowner interested in 319(h) reimbursement program for septic repair/replacement.
- Received email from Wind River Environmental announcing the addition of a \$25 environmental compliance charge for all pumping, hauling, and disposal services beginning November 1, 2023.
- Returned phone call from homeowner interested in 319(h) reimbursement program for septic repair/replacement. Left voicemail with program information.
- Received email with septic permit attached from Mathews County homeowner. Permit is for construction, but Allen Farmer states the application submitted to VDH was for repair. Staff emailed David Fridley at VDH for clarity to ensure the homeowner is eligible for 319(h) assistance. MPPDC staff ran across this issue back in March and had emailed Mr. Fridley. At that time, Mr. Fridley responded stating MPPDC staff had apparently discovered a glitch in their database letter generator when AOSE or PE designs are submitted and thanked us for bringing it to their attention.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner requesting 319(h) septic repair/replacement assistance. Address of the septic system is not located in the target area set by DEQ. Homeowner was transferred to the Coastal Resilience Planner for possible SWAP eligibility.

- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner requesting 319(h) septic assistance with new construction. New construction is an ineligible practice for 319(h) funding assistance as set by DEQ.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner requesting 319(h) septic repair/replacement assistance. Address of the septic system is located in the target area set by DEQ. Homeowner has a repair permit in-hand set to expire in January 2024.
- MPPDC CFO emailed Melissa Secor, DEQ Nonpoint Source Project Coordinator requesting the status of the two 319(h) budget modifications.
- Received email response from Melissa Secor, DEQ Nonpoint Source Project Coordinator stating the 319(h) budget modifications are still under review by their finance group and a response is expected within the next week.

#### **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 November 13, MPPDC staff have received inquiries from (54) 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 (17) applicants have been low income verified, (1) applicant has not submitted adequate income documentation, (1) applicant is awaiting income verification by the LHD, and (1) applicant has been found to be over income and not eligible for SWAP funds and was referred to other resources.
- (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.
- Management of SWAP LP included performing (20) administrative tasks, (39) phone calls, and (42) correspondences.
- 2023 third quarter report was completed and submitted.
- To-date, applications have been received from (4) Gloucester, (5) Essex, (4) King William, (3) Mathews, (4) King and Queen, (2) Middlesex County households.
- Discussed budget amendment with Nicole Sandberg regarding inclusion of legal costs. Ms. Sandberg confirmed that we should report those expenditures under non-BMP funds for reimbursement.

#### **Project 32178 VDH Septic Well Assistance Program (SWAP) Direct to Partner Initiative (D2PI)**

*This project will utilize American Rescue Plan Act Funding (ARPA) through the SWAP Program to expedite the installation and completion of ~5 VDH approved Middle Peninsula low-income homeowner's shovel-ready septic, sewer, and well installation projects for the purposes of wastewater/water improvements.*

- As of November 13, (1) well project has received a notice to proceed; (2) well projects are currently posted for bid solicitation; (1) septic project is currently posted for bid solicitation; and (1) project needs a solution for shoreline erosion but first requires a survey be performed; (1) notice to proceed has been issued for a survey.
- 2023 third quarter report was completed and submitted.
- A follow up with VDH verified that (1) additional project is still expected to be added. It is still pending an amendment by VDH.



- Management of SWAP D2PI included performing (10) administrative tasks, (7) phone calls, and (20) correspondences.
- Discussed budget amendment with Nicole Sandberg regarding inclusion of legal costs. Ms. Sandberg confirmed that we should report those expenditures under non-BMP funds for reimbursement.

### **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.

## **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.
- Shantel Eilenfield, CPA completed Form 990 for Tax Year Ending 6/30/2023. Signed forms were sent to David Gundlach of Sands Anderson for filing with the IRS.

### **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 – \$147,968**

### **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.*

- Continued updating the CEDS plan including expansion of the plan's economic resilience section. Reviewed first draft of updates.
- Worked to identify status of projects in FTF. Created tracking for designed, permitted, and amount of funding needed to complete projects. This included implementation of the previously drafted survey and ARCGIS tools to better manage this data. Created GIS tools to collect data currently contained in ARCGIS.
- Overall management of the Fight the Flood program this period included 11 administrative tasks, 9 phone calls, and 7 correspondences.
- Vetted two new businesses and added them to both sides of the FTF website.
- Utilized GIS tools to filter applicable FTF participants and email an announcement about a grant opportunity with the SWCD, available only in Gloucester, Mathews, and Middlesex Counties.
- Met onsite with a FTF participant waterfront business owner, along with the owner of a registered FTF solutions business to facilitate progress to develop a second living shoreline desired to be installed on

the participants property. The participant has already completed one project in a different location and shows strong interest in financing a new living shoreline in a separate area of the property.

- Developed GIS Filters for surveys to compile contact information for those FTF participants that expressed interest in learning more about insurance alternatives. This list was requested by a FTF insurance solution provider and was disseminated to the provider.
- Met in the office with two representatives from a civic association from a waterfront cottage neighborhood that is low lying, with a sandy beach, with no protective measures. They are seeking alternatives to a SEAS suggestion of needing an offshore breakwater with an estimate of \$1.25 Million, seeking less expensive alternatives, design work, and grant funds.
- Conducted a full review of the FTF webpage and survey and began implementing improvements meeting a deliverable. Numerous refinements were made to the survey to correct data collection issues and capture a stronger data set moving forward.
- Continued to manage site assessment and planning activities for the Town of West Point-owned property adjacent to the Middle Peninsula Regional Airport. The site is being developed as a key location for supporting new and expanded businesses focusing on water management and coastal resilience activities.
- Submitted 8 DCR Flood Fund 4 proposals which will advance key economic resilience goals identified in the CEDS.
- 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.
- 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.
- Developed draft service agreement for emergency and targeted dredging of Broad Creek to address public safety shoaling hazards that have occurred in the creek. Presented draft service agreement to Middlesex Board of Supervisors during their November meeting with project and agreement being approved unanimously. Initiated full execution of agreement with Middlesex County Administrator and will kick project off in the near future.
- Participated in the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission's State Economic and Infrastructure Development grant information webinar on October 23.
- Met with Placer.ai company regarding potential purchase of data analytical tools to support MPPDC/MP-PAA economic development, transportation and community development programs.
- Submitted SF-425 financial report in GrantsOnline.
- Submitted updated matching funds commitment letter to EDA staff.
- Discussed drawdowns with Lauren Struhldreher of EDA. She confirmed we should request January through September as per the contract's schedule. Submitted ASAP Enrollment Form and Vendor Payment Form to Ms. Struhldreher who will submit to EDA accounting for processing. Once processed, we can submit an SF-270 in GrantsOnline to drawdown funds.

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

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

- MPPDC staff initiated procurement necessary to start the project. Town of West Point has an on-call engineer with many records in possession that can be updated to facilitate some aspects of the project. Staff also requested estimates from a bridge engineering company.

### **Project 321772 – DCR Flood Fund - West Point Bridge Study**

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

- MPPDC staff initiated procurement necessary to start the project. Town of West Point has an on-call engineer with many records in possession that can be updated to facilitate some aspects of the project. Staff also requested estimates from a bridge engineering company.

## **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 38024 – FY24 Local & Regional Technical Assistance**

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

- Provided Alex Krupp, VDEM, with requested information regarding the 2027 All Hazards Mitigation Plan (AHMP) proposal to the Hazard Mitigation Assistance fund.
- Developed draft service agreement for emergency and targeted dredging of Broad Creek to address public safety shoaling hazards that have occurred in the creek. Presented draft service agreement to Middlesex Board of Supervisors during their November meeting with project and agreement being approved unanimously. Initiated full execution of agreement with Middlesex County Administrator 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.*

- 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 300132 – 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 – \$46,212**

**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.*

- Continued work on third party housing construction estimate.
- 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.
- **Remaining uncommitted septic repair funds: \$23,605 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.*

- ***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.
- ***Remaining uncommitted funds: \$2,128,544 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.
- Finalized close out of projects ending September 30, 2023.
- Attended Virginia Retirement System's Fall Political Subdivision Roundtable.
- 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.
- Middlesex County dues for General Assembly Representation remain unpaid. Contacted Assistant County Administrator, Ann Marie Ricardi, on October 6 and was advised payment was coming separately from other dues. Payment not received as of November 14 and reached out again for status of payment. Response is pending.
- Reviewed internal budgets created by staff, made recommendations and corrections as necessary.
- Awaiting results of 2023 VAPDC Salary Survey.
- Requested quote from Dell for planned replacement of computer hardware for staff as well as a new router.
- Updated quarterly staff allocations.
- Reminded staff to complete timesheets and update award/grant Master File.
- Replenished office and kitchen supplies.
- Made hotel arrangements for Executive Director's, Lewie Lawrence, attendance at GO Virginia Region 6 Economic Development Summit being held January 2024.
- Responded to email from Brenda Diaz, Compliance Manager, of NFWF regarding our Audit Certification Form. Confirmed that we were not required to complete a Single Audit for our most recently completed fiscal year. Corrected the form by marking the appropriate box and submitted to Ms. Diaz.
- Prepared FY23 confirmation letters and uploaded to auditor's SharePoint website.

## **Closed Projects**

### **Project 30194 – RAFT Dupont LMI Pumpouts**

*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 38023 – FY23 Local & Regional Technical Assistance**

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

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

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

## 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	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	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ 319(h) Septic Repair – Mod 3	Oct. 2023	\$36,902	Submitted
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	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Abassi Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$115,830	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Buckhalter Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$351,063	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Hostenske Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$193,050	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Breeden Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$107,250	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Grubbs Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$150,000	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Robens Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$390,383	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Harvey Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$116,654	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Parker Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$81,023	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Hodges Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$134,356	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Case Property Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$175,318	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – New Point Comfort Natural Area Preserve Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$637,000	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Cpt Sinclair Recr. Area West Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$880,000	Submitted
Environmental	DEQ Ches. Bay WIP – Hogg Island Phase 3 Shoreline Construction	Sep. 2023	\$330,000	Submitted
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, & Captain Sinclairs Shoreline LOI	Jul. 2023	\$4,350,000	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	Submitted
MPCBPAA	Captain Sinclairs Stormwater BMPs	Jul. 2023	\$10,000	Not Awarded



<b>FY 2024 Awarded Total (July – November 2023)</b>		<b>\$2,489,705</b> (3 awards)		
<b>FY 2024 Requested Total (July – November 2023)</b>		<b>\$77,240,205</b> (43 proposals submitted)		
<b>FY 2024 Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total</b>		<b>\$35,574,004</b> (33 proposals awaiting award decision)		
<b><i>Status of Pending Applications Submitted during FY2023</i></b>				
<b>Service Center</b>	<b>Project Title and Description</b>	<b>Date Applied</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>	<b>Status</b>
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	Submitted
Environmental	NFWF Ware River Shoreline Construction (Phase 2)	Apr. 2023	\$349,835	Submitted
<b>FY 2023 Awarded Total (July 2022 – June 2023)</b>		<b>\$6,333,200</b> (23 awards)		
<b>FY 2023 Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total</b>		<b>\$681,930</b> (3 proposals awaiting award decision)		
<b>FY 2023 &amp; FY 2024 Cumulative Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total</b>		<b>\$36,255,934</b> (36 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		

## **2023 Elections Recap Virginia**

Virginia's entire General Assembly was on the ballot for the November 7<sup>th</sup> Election. Democrats campaigned heavily on the issues of abortion, election integrity, and educational funding. Republicans ran on a platform of tax cuts and parental rights in education. The divisions in Washington D.C., in the Republican party and a potential looming government shutdown also were topics in areas of high federal employment such as the Northern Virginia suburbs and the Hampton Roads region.

This year's elections marked the first year the General Assembly ran in newly redrawn districts following redistricting in 2021. The maps were drawn by the Virginia Supreme Court after an independent commission failed to reach consensus on new maps. The newly formed districts caused unprecedented turnover in both the House and Senate as the new maps were drawn without considering incumbency. The Senate, for example, experienced a record number of retirements.

The off-year elections saw more than \$170 million pour into the Commonwealth, millions of that amount came from outside Virginia. The largest Virginia donors included Michael Bills and Clean Virginia, which spent \$12.5 million, and Dominion Energy which spent \$12.8 million. Governor Youngkin's Spirit of Virginia PAC was the biggest donor to candidates with a total of \$14.8 million. Governor Youngkin was widely reported as using the 2023 Virginia elections as a springboard into a national campaign.

It was a very big night for Democrats as they are projected to have taken control of the House of Delegates and have retained control of the Virginia State Senate. Democrats had campaigned on keeping a "brick wall" in the Senate against complete Republican control. The election also comes as a blow to the Governor, who had campaigned across the Commonwealth in the last few months of the race.

### **House of Delegates**

It is projected that the Democrats have retaken the House of Delegates by a count of 51 to 48 – one race is still too close to call. Swing districts in Virginia Beach, Prince William County, and the suburbs around Richmond provided the Democrats the victories they needed to regain control of the Chamber. The race that remains outstanding is House District 82 in which Republican Delegate Kim Taylor of Petersburg is leading challenger Kimberly Adams Pope by 172 votes with provisional ballots left to be counted. It is likely the race is headed for a recount. Delegate Taylor had been heavily endorsed and funded by business interests.

Democrats were able to take a battleground district in Prince William County with Josh Thomas defeating Republican candidate John Stirrup. The other very close race HD 71 where current Republican Delegate Amanda Batten faced off against Democratic challenger Jessica Anderson. Delegate Batten holds an advantage, but provisional and early ballots remain outstanding, and that could tip the balance. Other races of note: in HD 65 former Delegate Joshua Cole, Democrat of Fredericksburg, won his seat back and Michael Feggans of Virginia Beach defeated incumbent Republican Delegate Karen Greenhalgh in HD 97.

Delegate Don Scott of Portsmouth likely becomes the new Speaker of the House and will become the first African-American to hold that position. Jeion Ward of Hampton will likely regain her position as

Chair of the House Commerce and Energy Committee, and Luke Torian of Prince William County is likely to retake his position as House Appropriations Committee Chair. The House Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Committee will likely be chaired by Delegate David Bulova or Delegate Alfonso Lopez – both represent districts in Northern Virginia. Delegate Bulova has seniority; however, he also has seniority over other committees as well and if he accepts one of those positions, the chairmanship would fall to Delegate Lopez. It remains to be seen if current Speaker of the House Todd Gilbert of Shenandoah Valley will retain his position as Minority Leader, or if Delegate Terry Kilgore of Southwest Virginia will assume the post.

### Senate

The Democrats came into the 2023 election with a Senate majority of 22-18 in the Senate. After Tuesday's results, the Democrats will retain its majority by a slim margin. As of this morning, Democrats hold a 21-18 majority in the Senate with one race still close to call. That race is SD 24 where incumbent Senator Monty Mason of Williamsburg faced off against former York County Sherriff Danny Diggs. Sherriff Diggs currently holds a narrow lead in the race with same-day and provisional ballots left to be counted. The deadline for counting provisional ballots is Monday, November 13. It's likely this race is headed for a recount. Democrats were successful in winning swing districts in Senate District 31 (Loudoun County) with Democrat Russet Perry defeating Juan Pablo Segura in an open seat and Delegate Schuyler VanValkenburg defeating incumbent Senator Siobhan Dunnavant in Senate District 16 (Henrico County).

Republicans did win in Senate District 17 (Portsmouth and Suffolk), with Delegate Emily Brewer defeating Democratic Delegate Clinton Jenkins. Republican Delegate Tara Durant won her Fredericksburg area Senate seat (SD 27) against Democrat Joel Griffin.

This year marks an unprecedented turnover year for the State Senate with the retirements of longtime senators, including Democratic Leader Dick Saslaw of Fairfax and Republican Leader Tommy Norment of James City County. Of the 21 Democratic races that have been called, 11 candidates will be new to the Senate. There will be a very steep learning curve for the new members.

It is expected that Northern Virginia Senator Scott Surovell of Fairfax County and Senator Maime Locke of Hampton will vie to be the new Democratic Majority Leader after the retirement of longtime Virginia Senator Dick Saslaw. Senator Louise Lucas of Portsmouth will be the likely Chair of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee, and Senator Dave Marsden will be the likely Chair of the Commerce and Labor Committee. If Senator Mason wins reelection, he would be presumptive Chair of the Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee. However, if Senator Mason is unsuccessful, Senator Barbara Favola of Northern Virginia or a member that is currently not on the committee would assume the role of Chair. Senator Ryan McDougale of Hanover County is the favorite to lead the Republicans in the minority in the Senate.

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