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Mr. Lewis L. Lawrence, III

MEMORANDUM

TO: MPPDC Board of Commissioners
FROM: Lewis Lawrence, Executive Director
DATE: September 21, 2023
RE: September Commission Meeting

The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Regional Board Room at the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission office in Saluda.

Enclosed are the September meeting agenda and supporting materials for your review prior to the meeting.

Please note: Gloucester County will give a presentation on regional reassessment. Local Government Administrators are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring other staff as well as elected officials. For the convenience of those who cannot attend in-person, this presentation will be available using the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6998109642?pwd=R2RXbEpmSFEzZEJxWW9EY-TAvamV4dz09>

As a reminder, Commissioners will need to attend in person to constitute a quorum.

If you have any questions concerning material in your agenda packet, please give me a call at (804) 758-2311 or email me at LLawrence@mppdc.com

I look forward to seeing you on **September 27th!**

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Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

125 Bowden Street

Saluda VA 23149

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of July Minutes
- III. Approval of Financial Report for July and August (*handout*)
- IV. Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for the months of August and September
- V. MPCBPAA Update
- VI. MPA Update
- VII. MPPC Public Relations/Communications Update
- VIII. Public Comment

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- IX. Update on Regional Assessment Findings: Gloucester County
- X. Local Wetland Board Discussion: Ashley Chriscoe and Special Invited Guest (*tentative*)
- XI. General Assembly Budget
- XII. Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation: Community Flood Preparedness Fund Grants and Loans
<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/dam-safety-and-floodplains/dsfpm-cfpf>
 - Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund
 - Virginia Community Flood Prevention Preparedness Fund
- XIII. Other Business
- XIV. Adjournment

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MIDDLE PENINSULA PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
July 26, 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, July 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. MPPDC Chairman, Chriscoe introduced the new Coastal Resilience Planner, Taylor Ovide, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present

Essex County: John Magruder

Gloucester County: Ashley Chriscoe, Michael Hedrick

King and Queen County: Vivian Seay

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

Mathews County: David Jones, Harry Meeks, Ramona Wilson

Middlesex County: Wayne Jessie, Reggie Williams, Kendall Webre

Town of Tappahannock: Kay Carlton

Town of West Point: John Edwards

Commissioners Absent

Essex County: Bud Smith, Sarah Pope

Gloucester County: Dr. Willy Reay

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

Mathews County: Melissa Mason

Town of Urbanna: Dr. William Goldsmith

Town of Tappahannock: Fleet Dillard

Town of West Point: Jamie Pruett

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 June Minutes

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

III. Approval of Financial Report for June

MPPDC Chief Financial Officer, Heather Modispaw presented the Financial Report for June and reported project closeout continues. The annual financial audit is scheduled for August 30th. Chairman Chriscoe asked whether there were any questions regarding the MPPDC financial report for June before being approved

subject to audit. There being no questions, Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to approve the financial report for June subject to audit. Mr. Jessie moved to approve the financial report for June subject to audit. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

MPPDC Chairman Chriscoe requested MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence review the Executive Director's Report on Staff Activities for July. 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 stated due to the lengthy Agenda, he will forgo his review and encouraged all in attendance to review the July reports and contact him with any questions they may have.

V. MPCBPAA Update

MPCBPAA Chair, John Edwards reported construction of the pier is complete and an abundance of activity continues at Captain Sinclair's as the housing projects develop. It was also noted that for the ongoing public housing development project at Captain Sinclair's, plan reviews are being finalized and bid packets are slated to be released in the near future.

VI. MPA Update

MPA Chairman, Ashley Chriscoe reported he is in the process of releasing a doodle poll with new dates in August to reconvene the MPA.

VII. MPPDC Public Relations/Communications Update

MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence reported of well-meaning external partners placing informational articles regarding the MPPDC's septic and well programs in local media without consultation. To prevent misinformation, Stephanie Heinatz, Consociate Media has been asked to contact these external partners and request any publications associated with MPPDC programs be run through her prior to publishing.

VIII. Public Comment

None.

IX. Adoption of MPPDC FY2024 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan

MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence directed the Commission's attention to the draft FY2024 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan in their meeting packet for their consideration. The Indirect Cost Allocation Plan enables the Commission to charge funding sources for indirect personnel costs including salaries and fringe benefits as well as facility expenses, supplies, professional development, certain shared consultant and contractual fee expenses, travel expenses and other miscellaneous expenses such as postage and printing/duplicating. Indirect costs associated with the operating of the MPPDC are shared by all projects in the Commission's work program and are charged

as incurred. Mr. Lawrence reviewed how the FY24 Indirect Cost Allocation rate of 29.65% and the fringe benefit rate of 26.47% is calculated. These rates aid in the preparation of future funding proposals. Chairman Chriscoe requested a motion to adopt the FY2024 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan as presented. Ms. Seay moved to adopt the FY2024 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan as presented. Mr. Jones seconded; motion carried.

X. Discussion on DCR Community Flood Fund Public Comment Period

MPPDC Deputy Director, Curt Smith provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the Community Flood Preparedness Fund & Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund Draft 2023 Grant Round Allocations. The Community Flood Preparedness Fund Round IV (CFPF) has a total of \$80,000,000 available in loans and grants for Start-Up Funding; Planning & Capacity Building, Studies; and Resilience Projects. The Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund Round I (RVERF) has a total of \$18,500,000 available in loans and grants for non-federal match for federal resilience grants to localities; Hazard Mitigation of Buildings; Capitalization for Local Flood Resilience Programs; and Capacity Building for Local Flood Resilience Funding Programs.

The Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation anticipates the following 2023 schedule: Manuals will be put out for 30-day public comment at the beginning of July; Grant/Loan rounds open at the beginning of September and will close at the beginning of November 2023; DCR and the Review Committee will evaluate applications in November/early December; and awards will be announced in mid-late December. Mr. Smith stated the comment period ends early August and encouraged those interested in applying, to submit their project needs as soon as possible.

XI. Presentation and discussion related to Federal Infrastructure Funding Opportunities

MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence stated there is an abundance of federal infrastructure funding available to the Middle Peninsula. Unfortunately, local government in the Middle Peninsula doesn't have the staffing capacity to take full advantage of the many available grant opportunities. The Local Government Administrators asked Mr. Lawrence what can be done to ensure every funding opportunity is taken advantage of and it was proposed to explore which localities may be willing to share funding responsibilities for new MPPDC staff focused solely on developing and submitting grant applications. Administrators from Middlesex, King & Queen, King William, and Mathews Counties, as well as the Town Manager of West Point were present and discussed the need, structure, financing, and expectations of the proposed new staff positions. The LGA and Commission were in agreement the proposed new staff positions are essential in order to maximize economic opportunities in the Middle Peninsula. Mr. Lawrence will have continued conversation with the LGA and stated it could be October before action is taken by each locality.

XII. Other Business:

MPPDC Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence drew the Commission's attention to a handout containing the floor plans and design concept of the new King & Queen Tele

Work Center and future site of the MPPDC offices. Ms. Vivian Seay, King & Queen County Administrator and Attorney reported the U.S. Economic Development Administration has requested additional edits and the consultant is currently working on the last round of edits. These drawings and documents will also be submitted to VDOT for their review and approval. The concept for this project began 5 years ago, prior to the pandemic, at an estimated cost of \$2.1M. The current cost estimate is approximately \$2.9M funded by King & Queen County in partnership with a \$1.6M Federal EDA grant, and \$300-\$350k in VDOT funding. The Tele Work Center is expected to be complete and ready for business within the next year.

MPPDC Deputy Director, Curt Smith distributed a handout containing information of a new Fight the Flood partner, Portadam FloodDefender system. This flood risk mitigation product can be used to divert floodwaters away from buildings and key infrastructure while existing levees/berms can be extended to increase the protective height. All in attendance were invited to attend a deployment demonstration being held in the MPPDC boardroom on September 8th.

XIII. 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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(Secretary)

**Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Executive Director's Report of Regional Progress
August and September 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 \(virginiaworks.com\)](http://virginiaworks.com)
- For MPPDC Website: <https://www.mppdc.com/>

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INFORMATION RESOURCES/ASSISTANCE

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

COASTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ ENVIRONMENTAL

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

Project 30186 – Elevated Septic Pilot FY22

Construction of a vertically elevated septic system will occur at the King & Queen Telehealth and Business Development Center as part of a three-year pilot program to analyze an engineered septic unit that houses and treats all sewage effluent in a vertically elevated, self-contained unit suitable for areas with high water tables and flooding in Coastal Virginia.

- Continued to coordinate with Triangle Environmental regarding designs and structural modifications for elevated septic systems for commercial application at the King and Queen facility.
- Discussed storage for monitoring equipment until the facility is constructed with Virginia Sea Grant staff.
- Provided elevation certificate for estimating the height of the treatment unit to ensure the unit is above base flood elevation or alternatively, the septic unit is installed inside the house.

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.

- Submit quarterly progress and financial report.
- Coordinated with Town regarding permitting for the project. The Town has decided to apply for the shoreline permit and continue working towards construction.
- Finalized living shoreline design and continued with internal coordination on permit documents.
- Coordinated with USACE on PJD approval.
- Permit documents updated to reflect modified design.

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.

- Submit quarterly progress and financial report.
- Continued project discussions between Wetland Studies & Solutions and MPPDC on behalf of Middlesex County to find long-term solutions for the boat ramp sand sedimentation challenge.
- Coordinated for 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.

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.

- Submit quarterly progress and financial report.
- Received request from Debbie Messmer of VDEM to revise our third quarter reimbursement request. Made recommended adjustments so that expenditures were documented properly for FEMA's review.
- MPPDC CFO, Heather Modispaw, audited and cross walked all Timmons invoices to be certain that expenditures are appropriate and allocated to the proper project element.
- MPPDC staff coordinated with each other to review and update the Regional Living Shoreline Incentive Funding Program survey and the Regional On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Funding Program survey as both will be added to the Fight the Flood website.
- Finalized scope of work and contract to Consociate Media for the development of 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.

- Submit quarterly progress and financial report.
- Construction of the project is complete. Staff is preparing final reimbursement requests and preparing for project close out.
- Consulted with DCR staff and Middlesex County staff regarding the signing of the Certified Floodplain Manager form as part of the reimbursement process. Locality staff was unable to take the CFM exam due to factors beyond their control.
- Drafted the final report for submission to DCR.

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.

- Submit quarterly progress and financial report.
- Sent CFPF onboarding grant agreement packet to the two private property owners. Addressing property owner questions and concerns related to the landowner maintenance agreement required by DCR. Waiting on the construction initiation of the project by contractors.

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.

- Submit quarterly progress and financial report.
- Sent CFPF onboarding grant agreement packet to the two private property owners who have indicated they wish to proceed with their projects. Addressing property owner questions and concerns related to the landowner maintenance agreement required by DCR. Waiting on the construction initiation of the project by contractors.
- One project has completed all necessary agreements to initiate the work including submission of final design and permit to DCR staff.

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 Dominion Power bill for the Captain Sinclair Pool House to Daniel Hogge of Gloucester Rowing Association for reimbursement.
- Reminded Dan Knott of Hold-Fast on August 7 that August’s rent payment was due for the Lyell property. On August 18 Dan reported that he had not been able to drop payment off, but needed to meet with MPCBPAA Secretary, Lewie Lawrence to discuss a lease for the Corduroy property and would make payment at that time including September rent.
- Coordinated for a meeting with Hold Fast to discuss finalizing lease and MOU between Hold Fast and PAA.
- Continued discussion with a licensed veteran's support program interested in providing nature based threptic programs and services at the Captain Sinclair's complex.
- Consociate Media photographed MPCBPAA Board visit to Hog Island.
- Consociate Media photographed ongoing reef installation at Hog Island.

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 approval from Barbara Walker of RISE for Triangle’s June invoices after checks had been ran in July. Reminded her that we always run checks the fourth Wednesday of each month to coincide with our Commission meeting where we obtain required signatures. Barbara explained that Triangle’s invoices were received on July 7th but took longer than normal to review. When Jenelle of Triangle emailed Barbara of RISE asking the status of payment. MPPDC CFO, Heather Modispaw, reached out to Jenelle and asked if she had gotten a response from Barbara. She had not. Heather explained that the approval for payment was received after our check run, but we would not be able to run checks again until August due to staff vacations. Went on to assure Jenelle that if MPPDC receives timely approval from RISE that invoices would be paid monthly.
- Received request from Sabine Rogers of VA Sea Grant for a revised “simplified” version of our invoice for their submission to DHCD. Moving forward, a more detailed invoice will be submitted for VIMS/VASG use along with a simplified version for pass-through use to DHCD.
- Continued to assist water management business competition winners move into applied implementation space using PAA sites and other public holdings.
- Consulted with Troy Hartley, Director for Virginia Sea Grant on numerous Federal Infrastructure resiliency-oriented Notices of Funding Opportunities.
- Consulted with Troy Hartley, Director for Virginia Sea Grant regarding the need for an experimental permit(s) on public access authority lands to monitor water management solutions, as well as to expedite the ability for companies to test and bring the market water management solutions.

- Coordinated with Consociate Media, RISE/Virginia Sea Grant communications team for ongoing public relations outreach.
- Weekly communication coordination with RISE/Virginia Sea Grant communications team for ongoing public relations outreach.
- Participated in the weekly and monthly Go Virginia/VASG -Water Management Economy monthly meetings. Received updates from the participating businesses related to dredging shoreline, demonstration, installation, and elevated septic.
- Consulted with BioGenics solutions on the chemical composition of the proposed dredge flocculants to be used at the Captain Sinclairs Canal project. VASG has coordinated for three technical experts from UVA, Dewberry and AECOM to review the safety data and write-ups that BioGenics has shared about Floret, the flocculant to be used to blend with the dredge material and place in dredge Sox.
- VASG has scheduled an Oct 4th meeting between precipitating businesses and environmental NGOs for relationship building and scientific credibility of the work and how due diligence is handled.
- Business frustration with the permitting process is growing. Considering a mini-workshop/summit among the breadth of regulatory players (public health, DEQ, DCR, VMRC, county, Army Corps, maybe VIMS) to talk through our examples and discuss ways to improve upon the process.

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.
- Provided site photographs to VOF staff.

Project 32157 – NFWF Mathews – East River Yr2

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

- Project will be closed out upon completion of VIMS monitoring and final photographic documentation of the site.

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.

- Edits compiled from draft presentation. Anticipated completion in September.
- Scheduled additional site photographs of the pilot site.

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 coordinate with Supplemental Round 3 private property award recipients regarding whether they wish to proceed with the grant-funded projects.

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.

- Submitted a draft final report to Justin Williams, DEQ Manager, Office of Watersheds and Local Government Assistance for review prior to final submission and project close out.
- Processing final grant reimbursement for the fourth and final project.
- Initiating project close out, all project certifications of completion are received.

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.

- Updated Fight the Flood website's investments page to show that the total level of grant and loan investments attained via the program have now reached over \$27M since the program's inception in 2020.
- Attended and presented at the 2023 Resilient Virginia Conference on Fight the Flood and water management economy work.
- Advised CBNERRS staff regarding development of public workshops in the region focusing on addressing property owner flood protection needs and outreach promoting participation in the Fight the Flood program.
- Shared additional information from VDH to local government staff regarding finalization of necessary details regarding the transfer of CBPA septic pumpout program responsibilities over to VDH.
- Coordinated a demonstration and training on the use of and how to install a flood wall protection technology offered by FTF Business, Portadam for the September Local Government Administrators meeting.
- Continuing to work on Coastal TA FY22 Product 5: a community inundation assessment and analysis for the Bavon Community at New Point.
- Coordinated with the Army Corps of Engineers, Middlesex County, Broad Creek marine owners to discuss worsening shoaling issues at the mouth of Broad Creek in Middlesex County. Received multiple reports of vessel, grounding's entering Broad Creek.
- Provided assistance to the Lancaster County attorney regarding public access easement questions on public waterfront property.
- Provided assistance to a Gloucester County resident regarding a working waterfront zoning compliance issue. The working waterfront property lost its existing legal nonconforming use status. The owner is interested in re-opening a working waterfront business. Provided options and directed citizen to talk to the Gloucester County Zoning Administrator.
- Consulted with property owners and business owners on Perrin River regarding sunk vessels at Perrin Wharf. Advised citizens and business owners that Gloucester County is applying to VMRC for funding to remove the sunk vessels.
- Coordinated with FTF businesses regarding a property owner seeking MPPDC living shoreline loan funding for design and construction of solution for severe erosion at private property located on the Piankatank River in Middlesex County.
- Consulted with representatives from the Bay Consortium Workforce Investment Board regarding

workforce training needs across the Middle Peninsula.

- Participated in a Wetlands Watch NOAA Funded, Living Shoreline Project of Special Merit meeting to discuss, living shoreline, engineering designs, and VMRC permitting process, including how local Wetlands Board approach permitting issuance.
- Served as reviewer for Chesapeake Bay Trust request for proposals for Chesapeake Bay wetlands protection and preservation planning services.
- Provided an update to Mathews County citizens requesting a status report on funding from NOAA to repair the overlook at New Point Comfort Natural Area Preserve. Advised citizens that MPPDC staff is waiting on the release of the contract from NOAA.
- Received a call from a representative from the Sawgrass community homeowners association located on Sarah Creek off of York River in Gloucester County regarding erosion and the need for grant or loan assistance.
- Participated in the Department of Conservation and Recreation Resiliency Technical Advisory Committee meetings. Provided input on financial and other implementation expertise which MPPDC is able to contribute.
- Provided input on numerous proposals being submitted to NOAA under the federal infrastructure funding for coastal resiliency assisted VIMS, RISE, and several other NGOs seeking funding to assist Middle Peninsula Land Trust and local governments with flooding solutions.
- Continued providing assistance to Cardinal Campground, located in Gloucester County, struggling with Virginia Department of Health permitting issues and assisted the campground with financing under the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission on site repair revolving loan program.
- Continue to provide permitting guidance assistance for the owners of Perrindise marina, struggling with septic issues and opening of a restaurant. Provided the necessary assistance which resulted in the issuance of the final permit, allowing the restaurant to open.
- Received notice from Virginia Outdoor Foundation's Coastal Resilience and Tree Planting grant program that the MPPDC proposal to install permeable pavers at the Captain Sinclair Recreational Area was not funded.
- Received several new business registrants under Fight the Flood. Staff is reviewing qualifications of each business. Vetted three new businesses and added them to the FTF website.
- Management of Fight the Flood included performing (90) administrative tasks, (24) phone calls, and (27) correspondences.
- Drafted updates to the financial tools outreach materials in FTF used in mailings to participating property owners.
- Drafted an updated data retention policy for Fight the Flood.
- Attended the quarterly in-person Coastal PDC meeting at George Mason University's Potomac Science Center.
- Added 6 FTF registration entries for low lying roads that are subject to frequent tidal flooding in Essex County.
- Attended the monthly RAFT Regional Resilience Equity Workgroup meeting.
- Coordinated with FTF business, Native Shorelines, regarding construction of living shoreline to protect eroding tidal marsh at the MPCBPAA Captain Sinclairs Recreational Area. Permit application is under development.

- Drafted and sent out 2 emails to all FTF participants about DCR Draft Manual Changes and opportunities for public comment.
- Reviewed the final DCR Flood Fund and Resilient Virginia Loan Fund Round 4 manuals. Coordinated with localities and other stakeholders regarding round 4 applications. Held internal meeting to prioritize round 4 applications.
- Virtually attended the Coastal Resilience Technical Advisory Committee Quarterly on September 19. Continued to advocate for financial and policy needs unique to rural coastal Virginia.
- Submitted local and regional resilience projects into the state resilience priorities spreadsheet and Coastal Resilience Master Plan database.
- Added new business listings to Fight the Flood website.
- Created compliance page on Fight the Flood website.
- Applied and received brand ambassador approval from Perfectly Natural Soap, the first official partner for Virginia Coastal Wilds e-commerce program.
- Attended the US EPA WaterTA webinar regarding how to help communities solve water challenges on July 31.
- Coordinated and hosted meetings with Middlesex County, USACE Norfolk District, and US Coast Guard regarding dangerous shoaling conditions which have occurred in the entrance of the Broad Creek channel in Deltaville. USACE is to conduct immediate bathymetric surveys in September which will enhance the County's decision-making process for how to address the immediate public safety and marine commerce needs.
- Participated in the USDOT NOAA Introduction to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Federal Requirements Webinar on September 6.

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.

- Continued progress with literature research regarding living shoreline construction which will supplement the Year 2 white paper.
- Met with VIMS staff to finalize approach to be included into the development of the Next Generation Shoreline Management Plan to protect the Captain Sinclairs West property. The design will involve living shoreline using concrete sills and thin spraying of dredged material to provide elevation to the marsh complex at the site. Coordinated with living shoreline designers to initiate the design process.
- Reviewed final draft literature review white paper and Sinclairs West Shoreline Management plan. Provided feedback and requested additional edits. Further edits and review anticipated before finalizing the documents in October.
- Edits compiled from draft presentation. Anticipated completion in September.
- Scheduled additional site photographs of the pilot site.

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.

- Received notice from Virginia Outdoor Foundation's Coastal Resilience and Tree Planting grant program that the MPPDC proposal to install permeable pavers at the Captain Sinclair Recreational Area was not funded.
- Attended the quarterly meeting of the CVEA. The CVEA reviewed the project deliverables and each PDC provided a regional update.
- Reached out to Consociate Media regarding the transfer of the Virginia Water Trails website and other domain names from ANPDC to MPPDC administration. MPPDC staff also requested Consociate Media draft a contract that including information on the monthly maintenance of the website and the services they will offer for onboarding new PDCs interested in being added to the website.
- Consociate Media sent MPPDC staff a contract for services related to maintenance of the Virginia Water Trails website.

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.

- When requested, provided April Bahen of DEQ with our FY24 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan.
- Received a final invoice from Biogenics solutions for the installation of NOAA funded Natrix units to protect shoreline around a Hogg Island. Received final report from Biogenics solutions for incorporating into the final deliverable for submission to the Coastal Program for final project closeout.
- Reported the capital expenditure for Hogg Island, using federal funding to the US Department of Census as requested.
- Drafted the final report and final project summary for the Hog Island Project funded by NOAA via VA Coastal Zone Management Program.

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.

- Reviewed the grant manual of the Virginia Land Conservation Fund. Submitted a proposal for Middlesex County to acquire Bushy Park Farm on the Rappahannock River using Virginia Land Conservation Funding.
- Coordinated with FTF businesses regarding a property owner seeking MPPDC living shoreline loan funding for design and construction of solution for severe erosion at private property located on the Piankatank River in Middlesex County.
- Hosted meeting with ARRO Consulting from Pennsylvania who is interested in becoming a participating FTF business.
- Coordinated with FTF business, Native Shorelines, regarding construction of living shoreline to protect eroding tidal marsh at the MPCBPAA Captain Sinclairs Recreational Area. Permit application is under development.

- Reviewed the final DCR Flood Fund and Resilient Virginia Loan Fund Round 4 manuals. Coordinated with localities and other stakeholders regarding round 4 applications. Held internal meeting to prioritize round 4 applications. Drafted and sent out 2 emails to all FTF participants about DCR Draft Manual Changes and opportunities for public comment.
- Worked with Middlesex County to draft an application to the Virginia Land Conservation Fund to acquire Bushy Farm Park in Middlesex County, a 118.073-acre waterfront property that will be conserved in perpetuity.
- Received and reviewed the scope of work for the 2024 WIP project provided by DEQ.
- Organized a list of projects focused on the implementation of Best Management Practices for DEQ to be considered for Infrastructure, Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding to Virginia.
- Attended the WIP Meeting on September 6th hosted by DEQ. Agenda items included an update on the Bay Program, grant programs associated with the Virginia Department of Forestry (i.e. Virginia Trees for Clean Water Program and the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program), Virginia Septic and Well Assistance program, and discussions about current WIP contracts.
- Attended the US EPA WaterTA webinar regarding how to help communities solve water challenges on July 31.
- Received notice from Virginia Outdoor Foundation's Coastal Resilience and Tree Planting grant program that the MPPDC proposal to install permeable pavers at the Captain Sinclair Recreational Area was not funded.
- Coordination with Local Government Planners included the following topics during the July and August monthly meetings:
 - CBPA RPA maintenance vs. clearing
 - VDH Septic Adequate and Proper (SAP) evaluation requirements
 - DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund and Resilient VA Revolving Fund Public Comment Period
 - DEQ Nontidal Wetlands Memo
 - VDH CBPA Septic Pumpout Transition & Data Sharing
 - VDH Three Rivers Drinking Water Supplies & Concerns local government survey
 - DEQ Environmental Justice policy update
 - Middle Peninsula PAA CBPA activities update
 - VDH Septic Certification Letters
 - General Assembly budget updates
 - DCR Flood Fund updates

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.

- Initiated edits to second draft of MOU between Knott Alone Hold Fast and MP-PAA based on comments received. Set meeting for September or October to discuss the MOU.
- Responded to NFWF regarding reimbursement.

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.

- Published second procurement attempt for Phase 1 dredging and Phase 2 breakwater construction utilizing invitation for bid. Coordinated with prospective bidders regarding the IFB. Deadline for bids is set for October 6.

TRANSPORTATION

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

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 calls with Kathy Molin of DRPT.
- MPPDC CFO, Heather Modispaw, attended Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) 37th International Conference in Seattle Washington where she sat in on various TDM sessions, networked with other program managers, and was able to meet with Rick and Bailey Steele of AgileMile who facilitates our ride-matching software.
- Shared “Water Transit Deserts” slideshow presentation from ACT 37th International Conference with Stephanie Heinatz of Consociate Media. More presentations are forthcoming and will forward those that are appropriate to our program as they become available.
- Completed FY20-FY22 (7/1/2019-6/30/2022) Compliance Review with James Boudreau, DRPT Senior Compliance Review Analyst. Received a clean audit.
- Updated CAP Operating Program’s 4th Quarter Performance Data in OLGA.
- Received and reviewed DRPT FY24 CAP Operating contract. Submitted letter authorizing MPPDC CFO, Heather Modispaw, to sign and accept the contract in Olga. Contract was executed and awaiting fully executed contract from DRPT.
- Began a discussion with Stephanie of Consociate Media regarding needed updates to the Rideshare website to implement the Ride Home Rewards program that should go live by August.
- Held FY24 kickoff meeting with Stephanie of Consociate Media. Discussed program goals, went over statement of work, and brainstormed new ideas for the coming year. Provided Consociate with a FY24 MOU which has been fully executed.
- Participated in ConnectingVA Partners meeting where brand transition from Connect!VA to ConnectingVA was discussed.
- On August 22nd, MidPenRideshare app was removed from app stores in anticipation of moving existing MidPen members to the ConnectingVA platform on August 31st.
- Submitted website changes/updates, new links, and new ConnectingVA logo from Kathy Molin of DRPT to Consociate Media to make these changes/updates.
- Renewed Gloucester Chamber of Commerce annual membership.
- On September 15, DRPT announced that it will launch a new grants application software, Webgrants, for the Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Cycle. Webgrants will replace their current software, OLGA. Training sessions will begin for grantees in October.

- *Current commuter database in July – 448 / August - 452*
- *Number of Commuters with logged alt mode trips in July – 87 / August - 87*
- *Number of logged alt trips in July – 684 / August - 551*
- *Reduced miles (VMT) in July – 19,709 / August – 15,955*
- *Commuter Savings in July – \$12,319 / August – \$9,972*

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 July 26 and developed meeting agenda for next meeting on August 30. July topics included:
 - Motor Vehicle Dealership Licensure Requirements Overview
 - VDOT Engineering Review of Local Intersections with Safety Needs -
It was reported that VDOT engineers are currently reviewing and evaluating the sites. VDOT anticipates returning to the Local Planners with proposed solutions during Fall 2023.
 - DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund and Resilient VA Revolving Fund Public Comment Period
- Coordinated and hosted the MPPDC Local Government Planners meeting on August 30 and developed meeting agenda for next meeting on September 27. August topics included:
 - VDOT Engineering Review of Local Intersections with Safety Needs Updates
VDOT staff reported that the traffic engineering group has chosen 6 intersections throughout the Saluda residency for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) spot projects. VDOT is working with a consultant to draw up crash diagrams and suggest potential mitigation work under HSIP. It was explained that the six intersections were chosen based on analysis which sought to identify and prioritize intersections having at least 8 crashes in a 5-year period so that it would at least have a benefit-to-cost ratio of at least 1.0. VDOT staff are seeking resources to address the remaining intersections flagged by the Local Planners.
 - Smart Scale Round 5 updates - King and Queen and Gloucester indicated that they were notified that their localities had been notified that they each had a project not originally included in the list of projects recommended for funding during Round 5 that has now been added to the list for award. VDOT staff noted that Smart Scale Round 6 kickoff meetings are being scheduled for late September or October with each locality attending for approximately 1-1.5 hours. It was also noted that the VTrans priority tiers will no longer be used in scoring for Round 6 and subsequent rounds. The new list of VTrans priorities will consist of the remaining priorities following Round 5 which will roll over and some additional priorities to be added which will be announced in December 2023.
 - Hampton Roads PDC Project Overview: Developing a Model Floodplain Management “Review, Assess, and Document” Policy.
- Communications with Saluda Residency regarding current and scheduled road construction projects.
- Continued to coordinate with VDOT Residency regarding engineering needs for bridges within the region in an effort to supplement a future application for federal infrastructure funding for rehab or replacement of bridges with identified needs. VDOT staff have provided information regarding specific needs (i.e., engineering vs. construction funds) for each structure. MPPDC staff continues processing this information for eligibility and potential for federal funding.
- Coordinated with VDOT Saluda residency staff regarding VDOT ownership boundaries at Rt 650 Belvins Creek Rd. in Gloucester County.

- Coordinated with the Fredericksburg District representative on the Commonwealth Transportation Board regarding transportation related challenges within the region. CTB member is scheduled to attend the October meeting of the MPPDC Board for further discussion.
- Coordinated with Mathews County bike and pedestrian planning committee regarding existing regional plans and available funding resources.
- Participated in the USDOT NOAA Introduction to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Federal Requirements Webinar on September 6.
- Coordinated with Gloucester County staff regarding prospects for USDOT grant funding to study ferry services to and from the county.
- Added 6 FTF registration entries for low lying roads that are subject to frequent tidal flooding in Essex County.
- Participated in the US 360 Arterial Management Plan kickoff meeting on August 2.
- Coordinated and hosted meetings with Middlesex County, USACE Norfolk District, and US Coast Guard regarding dangerous shoaling conditions which have occurred in the entrance of the Broad Creek channel in Deltaville. USACE is to conduct immediate bathymetric surveys in September which will enhance the County's decision-making process for how to address the immediate public safety and marine commerce needs.
- Worked with Middlesex County to draft an application to the Virginia Land Conservation Fund to acquire Bushy Farm Park in Middlesex County, a 118.073-acre waterfront property that will be conserved in perpetuity.

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.

- Received email from Sarah Mesrobian of MARAD who requested more details regarding our first reimbursement submission; specifically, about fringe, indirect costs, and backup documentation. MPPDC CFO, Heather Modispaw, responded, in reference to fringe, the statement "Fringe benefits are in line with Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission's policy and employees charging fringe are performing work in line with the scope of work in grant agreement No. 693JF72240024." In response to indirect costs, Heather provided our approved FY23 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan, the letter received from USDOT approving that plan, and our FY24 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan approved by the Commission. She went on to explain that both fringe and indirect are pooled costs causing rates to fluctuate based on monthly actual expenses. Sarah explained that MARAD rarely sees grantees with a federally negotiated indirect cost rate and approved the reimbursement for payment which has since been received.
- Conduct interview with highest scoring proposal for consultant contract on August 8. Negotiated scope of work and work schedule. Imitated contract development with MPPDC legal counsel and will send final contract for review and approval by MARAD prior to executing the contract.

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.

- Continued to research dredge material disposal options and will reconvene to meet with the County and DCR in the near future. Develop a list of landowners willing to consider placing material along the shoreline to protect shoreline.
- Researched the stacking of Geo Tubes, using flocculants and planting grass to reclaim a lost island which once provided protection to houses along the mouth of Aberdeen creek.

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.

- Submit quarterly progress and financial report.
- Initiated discussions with County staff and Broad Creek marina owners regarding immediate locations at the mouth of the creek where shoaling has become a public hazard.
- Coordinated with County staff regarding the status and condition of the County-owned dredge material disposal area in Deltaville. Coordinate with DEQ regarding dewatering of dredged material from the County owned disposal area.

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.

- Submit quarterly progress and financial report.
- Anticipated kickoff during Fall 2023.

Project 301011 – DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) Davis Creek Dredging

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

- Submit quarterly progress and financial report.
- Developed draft service agreement for Mathews County.
- Met with US Army Corps of Engineers Norfolk District staff regarding Corps disposal area requirements if Federal funds were to be utilized for all or part of the project.

Project 301012 – VPA Waterway Maintenance Fund (WMF) Davis Creek Dredging

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

- Developed draft service agreement for Mathews County.
- Met with US Army Corps of Engineers Norfolk District staff regarding Corps disposal area requirements if Federal funds were to be utilized for all or part of the project.

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 September 15) MPPDC staff has identified (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.

- Reviewed 319(h) list for Gwynn’s Island homeowners expressing inability to be reimbursed for their septic repair/replacement project. Identified (6) potential homeowners.
- Received phone call from Alan Farmer, Farmer’s Septic requesting permission to share program information with customers in need of financial assistance with their septic projects. Mr. Farmer was encouraged to refer homeowners to the MPPDC for possible septic grant funding.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner requesting information on septic pumpout and septic repair/replacement assistance. Homeowner reports needing frequent pumpouts and is interested in applying for both pumpout and septic repair/replacement assistance. Obtained homeowner’s email address and emailed application as requested. Homeowner was screened for income qualification for Gwynn’s Island assistance.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner interested in septic repair/replacement assistance. Homeowner was referred by Farmers Septic. An application was emailed to homeowner as requested. Homeowner was screened for income qualification for Gwynn’s Island assistance.
- Received email from Mathews County homeowner with questions regarding the application process. Provided assistance as requested.
- Received application and cover letter via email from Mathews County homeowner. Homeowner indicated failure of septic system had not been observed or reported. Homeowner had been referred by Farmer’s Septic. Contacted Farmer’s Septic and verified septic system is failing. Mr. Farmer is currently working with AOSE, Larry Madison to design and submit an application for repair permit.
- Received email from Mathews County homeowner verifying receipt of application. Responded to homeowner confirming receipt and stated funds can be encumbered once estimate and repair permit are received. Confirmed interest and requested income for assistance eligibility. Received email containing homeowner’s Social Security statement.
- Reviewed Social Security income received from Mathews County homeowner. Homeowner’s income qualifies for 75% grant funding.

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 September 11) MPPDC staff has received phone calls from 155 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. **(56)** homeowners had miscellaneous requests, declined moving forward, requested ineligible practices such as voluntary upgrades and reimbursement for work completed prior to program launch; **(5)** Mathews County homeowners placed their project on hold; and **(71)** 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. The installation of **(1)** Alternative Septic System in Mathews County is currently in progress.
 - (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)
- 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 permit via email from Mathews County homeowner whose AOSE advised them to apply for a voluntary upgrade permit. The 319(h) program does not reimburse for voluntary upgrades. This homeowner was informed in May and referred to MPPDC CFO, Heather Modispaw for possible loan funding. Email containing permit was forwarded to MPPDC CFO for follow-up.
- Received email from DEQ TMDL NPS Data Coordinator, Madison Whitehurst approving Quarterly Report and reimbursement request.
- Received incomplete 319(h) application packet via email from eligible Mathews County homeowner interested in having their septic system pumped out. Emailed homeowner missing documents, instructions, and notification their application cannot be considered complete until the requested documents are received.
- Received voicemail from Middlesex County homeowner interested in 319(h) septic pumpout reimbursement.
- Returned phone call from Middlesex County homeowner interested in 319(h) septic pumpout reimbursement. Homeowner's septic system was not located in the target area and were looking to be reimbursed for services performed a month ago. Homeowner also reported being a single parent experiencing issues with their septic system and was referred to the SWAP program for assistance with repairs.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic repair/replacement cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner reported they still haven't applied for a permit and has placed their project on hold.
- Contacted Gloucester County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic repair/replacement cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner reported their permit remains issued for a voluntary upgrade. Homeowner is ineligible for 319h repair/replacement assistance.
- Received voicemail from Gloucester County homeowner requesting 319(h) assistance with septic pumpout and non-permitted repair.
- Returned phone call from Gloucester County homeowner requesting 319(h) assistance with septic pumpout and non-permitted repair. Address of the septic system isn't located in the target area set by DEQ. Non-permitted septic repairs and pumpouts are ineligible practices under SWAP. Homeowner was added to the septic pumpout waiting list, referred to VA DHCD, VHDA, and SERCAP for possible assistance.
- Received remaining documents to complete 319(h) application for septic pumpout reimbursement via email from Mathews County homeowner. Application was reviewed and a voucher packet was emailed to the homeowner.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic pumpout cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner reported their septic system had been pumped out less than 5 years ago and wasn't needed again.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner and left voicemail requesting status of the installation of an alternative septic system.
- Received voicemail from Mathews County Building Official, John Moore requesting exact location of 319(h) eligibility to assist homeowners.
- Received voicemail from Mathews County homeowner returning MPPDC staff's call requesting status of their installation of an alternative septic system. Homeowner has paid a deposit and is waiting on ChurchView Septic to begin the work.

- Received voicemail from Babs at Rural Housing Partnership in Gloucester County requesting information on all MPPDC septic and well assistance programs to better assist her clients with need. Information was transferred to the Coastal Resilience Planner to provide SWAP information.
- Received voicemail from Mathews County homeowner returning MPPDC staff's call requesting status of their installation of an alternative septic system. Homeowner left a voicemail with ChurchView Septic and is waiting on their scheduler to call with a date for work to begin. The installation was supposed to be complete by end of July.
- Received voicemail from Middlesex County homeowner interested in applying for 319(h) septic repair/replacement reimbursement.
- Received voicemail from Middlesex County homeowner interested in applying for 319(h) septic pumpout reimbursement.
- Received phone call from Middlesex County homeowner interested in applying for 319(h) septic repair/replacement reimbursement. 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.
- Returned phone call from Middlesex County homeowner interested in applying for 319(h) septic repair/replacement reimbursement. Homeowner has roots intruding drainfield and a list of deficiencies. Homeowner was provided program information and requested an application be mailed. Address of the septic system is located in the target area set by DEQ. As requested, homeowner was mailed an application to the address provided.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic repair/replacement cost-share reimbursement. To-date, homeowner has not responded to voicemails left on 3 separate occasions.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic repair/replacement cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner is unsure of need and doesn't wish to proceed.
- Received email from Middlesex County homeowner requesting information on 319(h) septic repair/replacement assistance. Returned email from Middlesex County homeowner and requested the physical address of the septic tank in need of repair/replacement.
- Received phone call from Gloucester County homeowner interested in applying for 319(h) septic pumpout reimbursement. Address of the septic system is located in the target area set by DEQ. As requested, homeowner was emailed an application to the address provided.
- Returned phone call from Mathews County Building Official, John Moore regarding exact location of the 319(h) program target area. Left voicemail stating the MPPDC utilizes a GIS mapping tool to qualify the addresses of interested homeowners.
- Received phone call from Mathews County Building Official, John Moore requesting to check eligibility of an address. Address of the septic system in question is not in the target area set by DEQ.
- Received phone call from Allen Farmer, Farmer's Septic requesting permission to advertise MPPDC septic grants and loans on the new website his marketing company is in the process of designing. Referred Mr. Farmer to Executive Director, Lewie Lawrence for further assistance.
- Received voicemail from Gloucester County homeowner requesting 319(h) septic repair/replacement reimbursement.
- Received voicemail from Mathews County homeowner interested in applying for 319(h) septic pumpout reimbursement.
- Received voicemail from Middlesex County homeowner interested in applying for 319(h) septic pumpout reimbursement.

- Returned phone call from Middlesex County homeowner interested in applying for 319(h) septic pumpout reimbursement. Left a voicemail requesting the physical address of the septic system needing to be pumped out.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic pumpout cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner declined to move forward.
- Contacted Middlesex County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) repair/replacement program interest. Since their septic system is currently working, the homeowner has placed their project on hold.
- Received voicemail from Babs Zahowski, Rural Housing Partnership requesting information on all MPPDC's Septic and Well grants and loan programs to better assist homeowners in need. Forward request to MPPDC staff managing the well programs.
- Returned phone call from Gloucester County homeowner requesting 319(h) septic repair/replacement reimbursement. Address of the septic system is in the target area set by DEQ but homeowner doesn't have the means to be reimbursed. Homeowner's information was obtained for possible SWAP funding.
- Contacted Middlesex County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic repair/replacement cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner doesn't have the means to be reimbursed and is not interested in loan funding. Homeowner's information was shared with MPPDC staff for possible SWAP eligibility.
- Returned phone call from Mathews County homeowner interested in applying for 319(h) septic pumpout reimbursement. Left a voicemail requesting the physical address of the septic system needing to be pumped out.
- Received voicemail from Mathews County homeowner providing the physical address of the septic system needing to be pumped out. Address of the septic system is located in the 319(h) target area set by DEQ.
- Received voicemail from Middlesex County homeowner providing the physical address of the septic system needing to be pumped out. Address of the septic system is not located in the 319(h) target area set by DEQ.
- Returned phone call from Middlesex County homeowner and informed them they're ineligible as the address of the septic system is not located in the 319(h) target area set by DEQ.
- Returned phone call from Mathews County homeowner and provided 319(h) program information. Homeowner requested a 319(h) application for septic pumpout be emailed to the email address provided. Application was emailed to the address provided as requested.
- Received phone call from Gloucester County homeowner wanting to review his completed 319(h) septic pumpout application prior to submission.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner selling their home and is interested in septic repair/replacement assistance. Homeowner is not interested in being reimbursed, doesn't qualify for SWAP but is interested in loan funding. At their request, homeowner was provided with MPPDC CFO's contact information and MPPDC's web address for loan funding information.
- Received complete 319(h) application from Gloucester County homeowner via email.
- Reviewed 319(h) application for septic pumpout reimbursement from Gloucester County homeowner. Application was complete and a voucher packet was emailed to homeowner.
- Continue to receive emails from Mathews County homeowner with a permit for a voluntary upgrade. Homeowner states he has an estimate from Farmer's Septic for a repair that would make them eligible for 319(h) reimbursement.

- Contacted Farmers Septic for clarity on a Mathews County homeowner's permit as the homeowner states they are eligible for assistance because their estimate is for a repair. The current design by the original OSE entails the removal of several trees and was submitted to the local health department as a voluntary upgrade. A construction permit was issued which disqualified the homeowner from receiving MPPDC grant and/or loan funding. Mr. Farmer stated his estimate includes reapplying to the local health department for a repair permit.
- Met with MPPDC CFO, Heather Modispaw, to discuss Mathews County homeowner's interest in applying for both 319(h) septic repair/replacement assistance and loan funding. Homeowner was previously deemed ineligible due to construction permit for a voluntary upgrade. Homeowner obtained a second opinion and has a new design and estimate for repair which would make him eligible for 319(h) reimbursement and loan funding. Contacted Mathews County homeowner to discuss the two scenarios and the options. Homeowner stated they will talk with Heather this afternoon and feels strongly about switching to Farmers and applying for a repair permit.
- Received copy of Mathews County homeowner's plans and construction permit for voluntary upgrade from Farmers Septic via email.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner interested in 319(h) reimbursement for septic pumpout and possible repair/replacement. Address of the septic system is in the target area set by DEQ. Explained program and obtained email address. Application was emailed to homeowner as requested.
- Participated in conference call with MPPDC CFO and Mathews County homeowner interested in combining our loan funding program with 319(h) reimbursement for septic repair/replacement. Homeowner has contracted with Farmers Septic and is resubmitting their project to the local health department as a repair/replacement of a failing septic system instead of the voluntary upgrade their former AOSE submitted on their behalf while unaware repair was an option.
- Received completed DEQ NPS Cost-Share BMP Contract, voucher and paid receipt from Miller's Septic for 319(h) septic pumpout reimbursement via email from Gloucester County homeowner.
- Received voicemail and email from Essex County homeowner requesting 319(h) assistance with septic pumpout. Address of the septic system isn't located in the target area set by DEQ.
- Returned phone call from Essex County homeowner and left voicemail explaining 319(h) program target area and other possible funding opportunities.
- Received voicemail from Middlesex County homeowner requesting 319(h) assistance with septic repair/replacement. Address of the septic system isn't located in the target area set by DEQ. Homeowner provided office telephone number but is out of the office on vacation.
- Updated DEQ NPS Cost-Share BMP Contract for Gloucester County homeowner with the completed septic pumpout information to begin reimbursement process. Reviewed complete 319(h) application for reimbursement for septic pumpout of Gloucester County homeowner.
- Convened Committee to review Gloucester County homeowner's 319(h) application for reimbursement for septic pumpout. Committee approved the 50% cost-share reimbursement in the amount of \$180.
- Uploaded information related to Mathews County homeowner's septic pumpout into the DEQ BMP Warehouse as part of 319(h) reporting requirements. Received confirmation of receipt from DEQ.
- Gloucester County homeowner's approved 319(h) application was forwarded to MPPDC CFO for 50% cost-share reimbursement processing.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner referred by Farmer's Septic for 319(h) reimbursement for septic repair/replacement. Address of the septic system is in the target area set by DEQ. Explained program and obtained email address. Application was emailed to homeowner as requested.

- Received voicemail from Mathews County homeowner providing the physical address of the septic system needing to be pumped out. Address of the septic system is located in the 319(h) target area set by DEQ.
- Received voicemail from Middlesex County homeowner providing the physical address of the septic system needing to be pumped out. Address of the septic system is not located in the 319(h) target area set by DEQ.
- Returned phone call from Middlesex County homeowner and informed them they're ineligible as the address of the septic system is not located in the 319(h) target area set by DEQ.
- Returned phone call from Mathews County homeowner and provided 319(h) program information. Homeowner requested a 319(h) application for septic pumpout be emailed to the email address provided. Application was emailed to the address provided as requested.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic pumpout cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner was unsure of need and has not responded to voicemails left on 2 separate occasions.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic repair/replacement cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner has placed their project on hold.
- Received phone call from Gloucester County homeowner wanting to review his completed 319(h) septic pumpout application prior to submission.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner selling their home and is interested in septic repair/replacement assistance. Homeowner is not interested in being reimbursed, doesn't qualify for SWAP but is interested in loan funding. At their request, homeowner was provided with MPPDC CFO's contact information and MPPDC's web address for loan funding information.
- Received complete 319(h) application from Gloucester County homeowner via email.
- Reviewed 319(h) application for septic pumpout reimbursement from Gloucester County homeowner. Application was complete and a voucher packet was emailed to homeowner.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic pumpout cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner has not responded to voicemail left over a month ago.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic pumpout cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner no longer needs to have their septic system pumped out.
- Contacted Middlesex County homeowner with 2 separate septic systems to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic pumpout cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner has not responded to voicemails left on multiple occasions.
- Continue to receive emails from Mathews County homeowner with a permit for a voluntary upgrade. Homeowner states he has an estimate from Farmer's Septic for a repair that would make them eligible for 319(h) reimbursement.
- Contacted Farmers Septic for clarity on a Mathews County homeowner's permit as the homeowner states they are eligible for assistance because their estimate is for a repair. The current design by the original OSE entails the removal of several trees and was submitted to the local health department as a voluntary upgrade. A construction permit was issued which disqualified the homeowner from receiving MPPDC grant and/or loan funding. Mr. Farmer stated his estimate includes reapplying to the local health department for a repair permit.
- Met with MPPDC CFO, Heather Modispaw, to discuss Mathews County homeowner's interest in applying for both 319(h) septic repair/replacement assistance and loan funding. Homeowner was previously deemed ineligible due to construction permit for a voluntary upgrade. Homeowner obtained a second opinion and has a new design and estimate for repair which would make him eligible for 319(h)

reimbursement and loan funding. Contacted Mathews County homeowner to discuss the two scenarios and the options. Homeowner stated they will talk with Heather this afternoon and feels strongly about switching to Farmers and applying for a repair permit.

- Received copy of Mathews County homeowner's plans and construction permit for voluntary upgrade from Farmers Septic via email.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner interested in 319(h) reimbursement for septic pumpout and possible repair/replacement. Address of the septic system is in the target area set by DEQ. Explained program and obtained email address. Application was emailed to homeowner as requested.
- Participated in conference call with MPPDC CFO and Mathews County homeowner interested in combining our loan funding program with 319(h) reimbursement for septic repair/replacement. Homeowner has contracted with Farmers Septic and is resubmitting their project to the local health department as a repair/replacement of a failing septic system instead of the voluntary upgrade their former AOSE submitted on their behalf while unaware repair was an option.
- Contacted Middlesex County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic pumpout cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner states they are no longer interested in having their septic pumped out.
- Contacted Middlesex County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic repair/replacement cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner had recently purchased the home at the time of application and states septic issues have not arisen to-date.
- Received completed DEQ NPS Cost-Share BMP Contract, voucher and paid receipt from Miller's Septic for 319(h) septic pumpout reimbursement via email from Gloucester County homeowner.
- Received voicemail and email from Essex County homeowner requesting 319(h) assistance with septic pumpout. Address of the septic system isn't located in the target area set by DEQ.
- Returned phone call from Essex County homeowner and left voicemail explaining 319(h) program target area and other possible funding opportunities.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic repair/replacement cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner expressed inability to be reimbursed and isn't interested in loan funding. Homeowner's information was shared with MPPDC staff for possible SWAP eligibility.
- Received voicemail from Middlesex County homeowner requesting 319(h) assistance with septic repair/replacement. Address of the septic system isn't located in the target area set by DEQ. Homeowner provided office telephone number but is out of the office on vacation.
- Updated DEQ NPS Cost-Share BMP Contract for Gloucester County homeowner with the completed septic pumpout information to begin reimbursement process. Reviewed complete 319(h) application for reimbursement for septic pumpout of Gloucester County homeowner.
- Convened Committee to review Gloucester County homeowner's 319(h) application for reimbursement for septic pumpout. Committee approved the 50% cost-share reimbursement in the amount of \$180.
- Gloucester County homeowner's approved 319(h) application was forwarded to MPPDC CFO for 50% cost-share reimbursement processing.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner referred by Farmer's Septic for 319(h) reimbursement for septic repair/replacement. Address of the septic system is in the target area set by DEQ. Explained program and obtained email address. Application was emailed to homeowner as requested.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic pumpout cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner reported thinking septic systems needed to be pumped out

annually. Their system has been pumped out in recent years and they no longer wish to have it performed.

- Received voicemail from Gloucester County homeowner requesting information regarding 319(h) assistance with septic pumpout. Homeowner's neighbor had received cost-share reimbursement.
- Received email from Mathews County homeowner referred by Farmer's Septic with questions regarding the 319(h) application they received for septic repair/replacement. Responded and provided homeowner with assistance in completing their application.
- Received phone call from Gloucester County homeowner requesting information regarding 319(h) assistance with septic pumpout. Address of the septic system is located in the target area set by DEQ. Provided program information, obtained email address, and emailed homeowner a 319(h) application. Email bounced back as undeliverable.
- Contacted Gloucester County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic pumpout cost-share reimbursement for 2 homes. Homeowner has not responded to voicemails left on multiple occasions and septic company reports work has not been scheduled or performed to-date.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic pumpout cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner reported they are no longer interested in having their septic pumped out.
- Contacted Gloucester County homeowner to verify email address to resend 319(h) application for septic pumpout assistance. Homeowner stated they contacted Miller's and since their septic was pumped out less than 2 years ago, they are no longer interested in applying.
- Contacted Middlesex County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic repair/replacement cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner is ineligible for loan funding and can't afford to be reimbursed. Homeowner is not eligible for SWAP.
- Received executed 319h application for septic repair/replacement from Mathews County homeowner via email. Homeowner was referred by Farmer's Septic and indicated in email as well as on their application their septic system isn't failing. Contacted Allen Farmer, verified homeowner's septic is failing, AOSE, Larry Madison has been contracted, and an application for a repair permit will be submitted to the local health department within the next week. In order to encumber 319(h) funding, the homeowner will need to submit an estimate and repair permit as soon as both become available.
- Allen Farmer, Farmer's Septic confirmed AOSE, Larry Madison has been contracted by Mathews County homeowner to redesign the repair/replacement of their failing septic system. An application for a repair permit will be submitted to the local health department in the upcoming days. Homeowner's original contractor designed and applied for a voluntary upgrade despite the septic system failing. The homeowner was previously deemed ineligible for 319(h) and septic repair loan assistance with a voluntary upgrade. Homeowner needs to submit a 319(h) application.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner and left a voicemail reminding them a 319(h) application needs to be received prior to any work being performed.
- Contacted Mathews County homeowner to follow up on interest in 319(h) program for septic repair/replacement cost-share reimbursement. Homeowner has not responded to voicemails left on multiple occasions.
- Received phone call from Mathews County homeowner with questions regarding their 319(h) application for septic repair/replacement. Provided assistance with 319h application and encouraged the homeowner to submit their application as soon as possible. Homeowner also wishes to obtain loan funding. Homeowner was transferred to MPPDC CFO for further assistance.
- Received executed 319(h) application for septic repair/replacement from Mathews County homeowner via email. MPPDC CFO provided estimate from Farmer's Septic.

- Received email from Mathews County homeowner verifying receipt of 319(h) application for septic repair/replacement. Responded and reminded homeowner funds cannot be encumbered until the repair permit has been received.
- Received email from Mathews County homeowner verifying receipt of 319(h) application for septic repair/replacement. Responded and reminded homeowner funds cannot be encumbered until the repair permit has been received. Homeowner may also be eligible for Gwynn's Island assistance.

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.

- On August 22, MPPDC staff and VDH staff participated in SWAP discussions regarding quarterly reporting best practices, procurement, and expectations.
- A meeting with VDH staff was held on September 12 to discuss reporting and other points of SWAP LP.
- As of September 15, MPPDC staff have received inquiries from (50) 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 has received (13) Complete applications and (1) Incomplete application to-date. Staff has collected and submitted (13) homeowners' income for verification to Local Health Department Staff to verify the applicant's income is at or below 200% FPG. To date (11) applicants have been low income verified, (1) applicant is outstanding/being reviewed by the LHD, (1) applicant has not submitted adequate income documentation, and (1) applicant has been found to be over income and not eligible for SWAP funds and was referred to other resources. MPPDC Staff has worked with LHD staff generating permits for (7) applicants projects, (1) applicants project was denied LHD permits and will need private design, (2) applicants have been submitted to the LHD for permits, (4) applicants projects have not progressed to permitting yet. (2) applicant projects have moved to procurement with estimates being received for (1) applicant project. MPPDC staff continue to prepare qualified and permitted homeowner's projects into procurement.
- Management of SWAP LP included performing (78) administrative tasks, (71) phone calls, and (64) correspondences.
- To date applications have been received from (4) Gloucester, (3) Essex, (3) King William, (2) Mathews, (1) King and Queen, (1) Middlesex County households.

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.

- On August 22, MPPDC staff and VDH staff participated in SWAP discussions regarding quarterly reporting best practices, procurement, and expectations.
- A meeting with VDH staff was held on September 12 to discuss reporting and other points of SWAP D2PI.
- As of September 15, 1 project has been bound up for procurement. All projects are being worked on to put out to procurement. Additional work to identify a shoreline erosion solution for 1 applicant whose system can't be designed until a shoreline erosion solution has been installed.
- Management of SWAP D2PI included performing (30) administrative tasks, (6) phone calls, and (10) correspondences.

Project 32179 DEQ ARPA Septic Local Partner Program

This project will utilize American Rescue Plan Act Funding (ARPA) through the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to utilize a new and more cost-effective septic repair pilot program approach for participating Middle Peninsula homeowners with failing septic systems.

- Continued to consult with DEQ staff, Lauren Linville and Lars Bolton concerning the recently awarded, DEQ Septic Local Partners Program and the draft of the MPPDC Program Design. Made modifications and submitted a re-draft document to DEQ for review and approval.

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.
- Received Notice #CP211A from the Internal Revenue Service on August 17 that stated, “We approved your Form 8868 for Automatic Extension of Time to File and Exempt Organization Return”. Forwarded the notice to MPA officers Ashley Chriscoe and Lewie Lawrence, as well as CPA Shantel Eilenfield, and attorney David Gundlach.

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 – \$146,802**
- MPPDC submitted a proposal to the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission which if awarded will include some funding to hire the required business training course trainer and allow for reactivation of the loan fund.

Project 32177 – EDA Technical Assistance Program

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.

- Initiated updates to the CEDS plan including expansion of the plan’s economic resilience section.
- Developed and submitted application to Southeast Rural Crescent Commission for local development district capacity building funding to assist with providing projects and services within the region which are deemed priorities by SCRC.
- Hosted meeting with ARRO Consulting from Pennsylvania who is interested in becoming a participating FTF business.
- FTF business, Portadam, out of New Jersey, came in person for a demonstration to local government administrators.
- Received several new business registrants under Fight the Flood. Staff is reviewing qualifications of each business. Vetted three new businesses and added them to the FTF website.
- Three new businesses were added to the FTF website.
- Updated Fight the Flood website’s investments page to show that the total level of grant and loan

investments attained via the program have now reached over \$27M since the program's inception in 2020.

- Participated in the USDOT NOAA Introduction to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Federal Requirements Webinar on September 6.
- Reviewed the final DCR Flood Fund and Resilient Virginia Loan Fund Round 4 manuals. Coordinated with localities and other stakeholders regarding round 4 applications. Held internal meeting to prioritize round 4 applications.

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 is initiating 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 the project.

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.

- Received and executed final contract with GO Virginia as part of the project.
- MPPDC staff is initiating 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 is requesting 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.

- Submit MPPDC FY2023 Annual Report to DHCD as part of the application for FY2024 regional assistance funding.
- Advise King William County staff regarding funding opportunities for community center.
- Worked to update the staff activities with subtasks/priorities under each project. This would focus staff activities and assist in the reporting efforts.
- Received a quote from Dewberry to complete the HAZUS analysis for the 2027 AHMP update. The project budget was updated with this information.
- Updated the AHMP information page to supplement a request to localities for letter of intent for the AHMP update. Letters of Intent will be added to the HMGP application.
- Requested letters of intent/participation from Middle Peninsula localities for the participation in the 2027 AHMP update. Letters were added to the VDEM grant portal to support the HMGP application to FEMA for updating the regional hazards mitigation plan.
- Attended a webinar hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (MARISA) program to share details about their Small Grants Program that is currently accepting applications for climate adaptation funding.

- Attended a webinar hosted by Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation about 2 grant programs that will open, including the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant programs.
- Attended a webinar hosted by NOAA for the Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant Program. Priorities for this program include, (1) Sustaining productive fisheries and strengthen ecosystem resilience, (2) enhancing community resilience to climate hazards and Co-benefits, (3) Fostering regionally important habitat restoration and (4) providing benefit to tribal indigenous and /or underserved communities.

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.

- Continued to work with Virginia Department of Health, Gloucester County, and Dominion Energy on various septic and right of way permits issues.
- Received the draft bid documents prepared by legal for the big house and pool house renovations.

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 – \$45,847**

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 for flood risk and the associated costs.

- Received responses from FEMA regarding procurement questions for MPPDC legal to develop appropriate bid documents.
- Submitted a 12-month project extension request, including a new timeline and description of delays.

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.
- Qualified very low-income elderly Gloucester County homeowner for 100% loan forgiveness and arranged with Miller's Services to begin repairs.
- ***Remaining uncommitted septic repair funds: \$25,283 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.

- Continued to work with clients who have closed on their loans but are waiting for their project to be complete.
- ***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: \$2,130,831 in loan funds - \$300,000 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.
- Began preparing final financial reports and/or reimbursement requests for all projects requiring them and began closing out all projects ending June 30, 2023.
- FY24 Indirect Cost Allocation Plan was approved by Commission in July. Once FY23 audit is final, this will be submitted to our Cognizant Agent for review and approval.
- FY24 Locality Dues invoices were sent out to all Counties and Towns in July. To date, two-thirds of locality's annual dues payments have been received. Those localities who have not paid have been emailed a reminder.
- Confirmed with Middlesex County Administrator, Matt Walker, that it was acceptable for us to dispose of our weekly office waste in the dumpster located in the Middlesex Courthouse parking lot.
- Registered Coastal Resilience Planner, Taylor Ovide, for Arc GIS training.
- Reviewed internal budgets created by staff, made recommendations and corrections as necessary.
- Created and setup new project numbers, elements, and budgets in GMS for those beginning FY24.

- Received Confirmation Request from Mary Ellen Murphy of Clifton Larson Allen, LLP pertaining to an audit of Virginia Resources Authority's financial statements. Verified the information, noted discrepancies, signed, and returned to Ms. Murphy.
- Scheduled FY23 audit with Dunham, Aukamp and Rhodes, PLC for early September. Received engagement letter, bank confirmations, and auditor's wish list. Informed Michael Aukamp that the PDC received less than \$750,000 of federal grant revenue in FY23; therefore, the agency is not subject to single audit. Prepared and uploaded all wish list items to the auditor's SharePoint site. Auditor arrived to MPPDC office on September 7th and conducted an audit of FY23 financials. MPPDC CFO, Heather Modispaw, assisted as necessary and answered all questions easily and promptly.
- Worked with Bobbie Washington of C&F Bank's Treasury Solutions to resolve our Positive Pay issues. Found that with GMS updates our checks print slightly higher than before and caused Positive Pay's electronic check reader to flag checks as having a payee mismatch. Since Bobbie adjusted for this change, there have been rare incidents.
- Registered Deputy Director, Curt Smith, for National Grant Management Association's (NGMA) Fall Virtual Grant Management Body of Knowledge (GMBok) Training.
- Initiated and finalized Cooperative Agreement with Berkley Group.
- Continued follow-up with Amanda Wigger of NFWF regarding the delinquency of \$34,218.41 FY22 reimbursement for Engaging Local Landowners in Living Shorelines and Shoreline Management (Lanning) project. NFWF had a glitch in their EasyGrant system causing the extreme delay. Funds were finally received electronically on August 15, bringing the agency Balance Sheet account for FY22 Receivables to \$0.
- Encountered delay in reimbursements from VRA. When prompted, Kenneth Savko of DEQ sent out reminders to expedite and went on to explain "somehow this pay request fell through the cracks of the peer review process" and that once the requests leave his desk, he "rarely sees anything about it again and would not have known it was lost". Explained to Kenneth that this happened once before in February 2021. Reimbursements have since been received.
- Confirmed with TLC that Proof of Birth Letter is sufficient evidence for a mid-year qualifying event and that a Birth Certificate is now required. Once confirmed, submitted staff's documentation to TLC so that the new baby would be added to their health insurance plan.
- Reviewed, signed and submitted FY24 Coversheet to Member Agreement to Raevyn Allen of VAcorp.
- Completed and submitted VAcorp Annual Workers' Compensation Audit 2022-2023 to RTS Auditor, Andy Krawiec.
- Began 2023 VAPDC Salary Survey. Due date has been revised to September 15, 2023.
- Updated quarterly staff allocations.
- Reminded staff to complete timesheets and update award/grant Master File.
- Replenished office and kitchen supplies.

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
Community Development	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
Economic Development	Southeast Crescent Regional Commission Technical Assistance 2024	Sep. 2023	\$24,000	Submitted
Environmental	NOAA Climate Resilience Challenge Letter of Intent – VIMS Resilience Projects	Aug. 2023	\$15,881,200	Submitted
Community Development	DCR VLFC Middlesex Bushy Park Farm Acquisition	Aug. 2023	\$2,448,255	Submitted
Environmental	NOAA BIL Habitat Restoration 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	Submitted
MPCBPAA	NOAA BIL West Point Airport Property Acquisition LOI	Jul. 2023	\$787,000	Not Awarded
Community Development	NERRS BIL Middlesex Co. Bushy Park Farm Acquisition LOI	Jul. 2023	\$5,971,248	Not Awarded
Community Development	NOAA BIL Middlesex Co. Bushy Park Farm Acquisition LOI	Jul. 2023	\$5,971,248	Not Awarded
Community Development	Boating Infrastructure Grant – Urbanna Marina Floating Docks	Jul. 2023	\$159,550	Submitted
MPCBPAA	Captain Sinclairs Stormwater BMPs	Jul. 2023	\$10,000	Not Awarded
FY 2024 Awarded Total (July – September 2023)			\$0 (0 awards)	
FY 2024 Requested Total (July – September 2023)			\$37,197,972 (13 proposals submitted)	
FY 2024 Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total			\$23,808,476 (8 proposals awaiting award decision)	
<i>Status of Pending Applications Submitted during FY2023</i>				
Service Center	Project Title and Description	Date Applied	Funding Requested	Status
Haz. Mitigation	FEMA HMGP – All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update	Jun. 2023	\$148,143	Submitted
Community Development	VCZMP New Point Comfort NAP Boardwalk Replacement	Jun. 2023	\$183,952	Submitted
Environmental	NFWF Small Watershed Grant: Ware River Shoreline Construction (Phase 2)	Apr. 2023	\$349,835	Submitted
Environmental	NOAA/VCZMP Coastal Technical Assistance FY24	Mar. 2023	\$129,000	Submitted
Community Development	VCZMPO Working Waterfronts Resilience Assessments	Feb. 2023	\$54,505	Submitted
MPCBPAA	Captain Sinclairs ADA Accessibility Plan	Jan. 2023	\$50,000	Not Awarded
MPCBPAA	VA Water Trails Experiential Upgrades for Website	Jan. 2023	\$50,000	Not Awarded
FY 2023 Awarded Total (July 2022 – June 2023)			\$6,149,695 (21 awards)	

FY 2023 Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total	\$865,435 (5 proposals awaiting award decision)
FY 2023 & FY 2024 Cumulative Funding Request Remaining Award Potential Total	\$24,673,911 (13 proposals awaiting award decision)

ACRONYMS

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

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Budget Overview of Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission

Overview: On Wednesday, September 6, the Virginia General Assembly approved an amendment to the biennium budget. The budget agreement is the result of a difficult compromise over amendments to the current two-year budget. It ends a six-month stalemate. The negotiations were led by Chairman of Appropriations Committee, Barry Knight (R-Virginia Beach); and Co-Chairs of the Senate Finance Committee, Senators George Barker and Janet Howell, who represent Northern Virginia districts.

The following represents items of interest contained in the compromise budget as approved:

DCR Budget Items

- \$286 million deposit for agricultural BMPs and SWCD Technical Assistance
 - \$174.6 million inside the Bay Watershed
 - \$74.8 million outside the Bay
 - \$37.3 million TA
- \$100 million to the Resilience Revolving Loan Fund
- \$25 million for dams operated by DCR or the SWCDs

DEQ Budget Items

- \$30 million in the second year into the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund
 - \$1 million for York County for use in Queen's Lake Area
 - \$9 million for Falls Church Harrison Branch Improvement Project

VMRC Budget Items

- \$3 million for removal of derelict vessels (no change from original budget)

Department of Transportation Budget Items

- \$5M remains in the capital budget for VPA, however it is still unable to be distributed
- \$4M in the dredge maintenance fund
- \$75 million into the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund

VDACS Budget Items

- \$250,000 for the Blue Catfish Industries Fund

Commerce and Trade Budget Items

- \$125 million for the Business Ready Sites Program
- Up to \$140 million grants for a data center operator approved by the MEI Commission in a locality included in a memorandum of understanding with the Commonwealth

Health and Human Services

- \$1,038,611 the first year and \$1,013,720 the second year to establish, operate, and develop necessary databases for a Chesapeake Bay Septic Pilot program.
- \$42,788,710 the first year and \$80,588,710 for permanent supportive housing for individuals with serious mental illness.

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