



**Quarterly Meeting
December 16, 2008
Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
Chesapeake, VA**

Present: Lori Brinn, Donald Goodwin, Kim E. Hummel, Claire Jones, Ervin A. Jones, Crockett Morris, Chad Smith, Patrick Vincent, Eric Walberg, Meredith Wilson

I. Welcome: Patrick Vincent welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

II. Minutes from 10/16/08 Meeting: P. Vincent asked for any changes needed to the minutes. None were mentioned.

III. Guest Speaker – Eric Walberg, Principal Physical & Environmental Planner, Hampton Roads PDC: presented a report on projects and activities associated with Virginia's Coastal Program and Governor Tim Kaine's Commission on Climate Change. Executive Order 59 highlights the plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 30% by 2025. The Climate Change Report was posted on DEQ's website yesterday. Virginia is expected to be impacted with a 1.5 meter sea level rise over the next 80 years. Roads and transportation systems will be affected. The impact will tremendously affect Hampton Roads. E. Walberg reported on the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Progress. Hampton Roads PDC received a grant to address climate change and mitigation. He also gave an update on the Hampton Roads Green Infrastructure Network Plan. A grant was received through 9/30/09 to facilitate a state/federal agency discussion of usage, to update/review green infrastructure network, and to update the regional network (GIS files).

IV. Albemarle-Chowan Watershed & Rivers Day: The tentative date is June 6, 2009. This will coincide with the Dept of Game & Inland Fisheries Free Fishing Weekend. The event will be held at Blackwater Landing. A theme and sponsors need to be planned. Also we need to learn Franklin's policy on vendors and activities.

V. Educational Workshops Update: P. Vincent reported that South Hampton Roads RC&D held their workshop on Watershed Awareness on 11/18 in Suffolk. 55 participants attended. Speakers were from Extension, City of Virginia Beach, VA Outdoors Foundation, NRCS, Ducks Unlimited and private landowner. Old Dominion RC&D will host a Water Quality Workshops for 2 schools in Lunenburg County.

VI. Living in Your Watershed Booklets: P. Vincent spoke about having "Living in Your Watershed Booklets" produced. Brochures could be created with watershed maps for the Chowan River watershed and separate ones for the Albemarle Sound. P. Vincent will look into getting a grant to pay for the brochures. The educational brochures meet the SOLs for 4th graders.

VII. Website Update: C. Jones updated our information on Virginia Watershed Alliance's website. Events and news items will be posted on this site. The site P. Vincent developed for the Roundtable was reviewed. The address is <http://www.acwrt.org>.

VIII. Water Quality Monitoring: Chad Smith with APNEP works with the Citizens Monitoring Network. The goal of the group is to increase public awareness of the watershed to citizens. He supplies the toolbox stocked with equipment to run the desired tests for a fee. Chad is willing to assist the Roundtable with establishing water quality monitoring groups in the Albemarle & Chowan watersheds.

IX. Strategic Planning: The committee created a draft plan which P. Vincent distributed. Please inform him of any suggestions or projects that we can incorporate into the plan by January 9, 2009. L. Brinn and E. Walberg suggested mentioning climate change in Goal 5; also to add Watershed Planning to Goal 5.

X. Partner Updates: South Centré Corridors RC&D – P. Vincent has been working on the Roundtable project website and final report to DCR. He plans to create an Annual Report. The Council is working on its 5-Year Strategic Plan. **APNEP-** P. Vincent attended the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting and gave a report on the Roundtable. Lori Brinn reported that APNEP is having its 3-year EPA review in 2009. They are still working on their Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan which was last updated in 1994.

XI. Next Meeting Date & Location: The next meeting will be held in February. Date and location to be announced, but hopefully it will held in Brunswick County. This will be confirmed and everyone will be notified soon after.