

Regional Update

A Monthly Report of Activities on the Eastern Shore of Virginia



August 2008

Eastern Shore of Virginia Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Ground Water Study Committee, in cooperation with Accomack County, Northampton County, the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, the Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation will offer a Household Hazardous Waste Collection from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 20, 2008 in Eastville, Virginia at the parking lot adjacent to the county maintenance shop on Courthouse Road. The county maintenance shop address is 16395 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Va. 23347. The collection sites will now alternate between Accomack and Northampton Counties. In 2009, the collection site will be in Accomack County or both. Eastern Shore residents will have the opportunity to legally dispose of their materials, rather than put them in the trash or flush them down the drain.

Participants who pre-register can dispose of up to 30 pounds of hazardous waste for free. Additional hazardous waste will cost \$1.03 cents per pound to dispose.

Items to be collected include left-over garden chemicals, poisons, repellants, degreasers, fuels (gasoline and kerosene) fungicides, wood preservatives, paint products, wood



Participant unloads his truck

stain, paint thinner, paint remover, driveway sealers, epoxy, rodent poison, asbestos, and other hazardous waste. *No commercial or industrial waste, car batteries, tires, motor oil, ammunition, flares, explosives, medical waste, biological waste, radioactive waste, medicines, PCBs, smoke detectors, freon, propane tanks, or empty containers of any kind will be accepted.*



Volunteer assists participants

Accomack County Landfills, Parksley and Tasley Convenience Centers will accept car batteries, rechargeable batteries, and motor oil. Tires will be accepted by the landfills.

Northampton County Landfill, Birdsnest, Wardtown and Bayview Convenience Centers will accept car batteries, rechargeable batteries, and motor oil. Tires will be accepted by the landfill.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Matt Cook 757-787-2936.



Admin Assistant Leslie Mason greets canine attendee

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The Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance (ESHVA) administers the Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation/Loan Program (IPR), providing 0% interest loans on the Eastern Shore in Accomack and Northampton Counties to low and moderate income (LMI) owner-occupants of substandard housing, where indoor plumbing does not exist or where water delivery or waste disposal systems have failed. The program provides for the general renovation of eligible units or for demo-

lition of existing units and construction of new housing when renovation is not economically feasible. Currently, two new houses are under construction, and several projects have been identified in both counties for the next fiscal year.

Those applicants whose houses lack indoor plumbing receive top priority, but points are also awarded for



House lacking indoor plumbing



IPR Replacement House

structural deficiencies which pose serious and immediate threats to the health and safety of occupants. Ages of household members (elderly or very young), handicap status, and income level are also taken into consideration. The waiting list was recently

updated, and the highest priority houses in both counties will be bid out soon. For more information on the program, to check your position on the list, or to apply, call Patti Merritt at 787-2936, ext 119.

A-NHRC Changes Name to ESVHA



The Accomack-Northampton Housing and Redevelopment Corporation (A-NHRC), after completing their Strategic Plan, has decided to adopt a new name to go with its renewed focus. The name of the organization is now the Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance (ESVHA). At the July meeting of the ESVHA, the following new officers were elected: Michael Selby - President, Sean Ingram - Vice President, Faith Custis Showell - Treasurer, and Elaine Meil - Secretary and Executive Director. The group hopes that the new name and focus will give them a fresh start.

Services Available at A-NRHA

With the uncertainty of the economy, our office has stepped up to the plate to offer a magnitude of services to families experiencing difficulties, from purchasing homes to avoiding foreclosure.

Staff applied for and received \$750,000 in SPARC Round 7 funds from the Virginia Housing Department Authority (VHDA). Over \$500,000 of these funds makes available interest rates one-half percent below prevailing rates, while almost \$200,000 is available at one percent below. These funds are available to applicants who are at or below 80% of median area income levels. Coupled with these

funds are HOME Downpayment Assistance Program monies from the Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), in the amount of \$14,000, to assist families with down payment and closing costs. To apply, contact Bobbie Jo Wert at 757-787-2800, ext 125.

Staff also received funds from VHDA and DHCD to expand our Foreclosure Prevention/Loss Mitigation counseling services. For information on how we can help, please contact Patricia Connelly Grove at ext 124 or Bobbie Jo at ext 125.

See related article about HomeOwnership Education Training.

Homeownership Classes Continue at the A-NRHA

A new "Homeownership Orientation Class" was held Thursday evening, July 24 at the Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority (A-NRHA). The new series of "Growing Your Money" classes started July 31 and will continue for five weeks.

The classes cover topics including "Developing a Spending Plan," "Working with Checking and Savings Accounts", "Understanding Credit, Taxes and Insurances", and "Getting a Loan." Certificates will be awarded upon completion of the classes. These classes are geared for people trying to prepare for future homeownership but may be beneficial for anyone in the need of improving their financial skills.

The tightening of underwriting



guidelines in the mortgage industry have caused many underwriters to require Pre-Purchase Homeownership classes as a condition of loan approval. For more information or to register for the classes, call Patricia Connolly Grove at 757-787-2800, ext 124.



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