



A-NPDC NEWSLETTER

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The A-NPDC office will be closed on the following dates during January 2001:
Monday, January 1 New Year's Day
Tuesday, January 2 New Year's Holiday
Monday, January 15 Lee-Jackson-King Day

EXMORE GETS DERELICT STRUCTURES FUNDS TO AID REVITALIZATION EFFORTS

The Town of Exmore is among thirteen Virginia localities that will receive \$1,150,000 in grant monies from the Department of Housing and Community Development to address the problem of derelict structures. Governor Jim Gilmore announced the Derelict Structures Fund grant awards on December 7, 2000. The funds are allocated for acquisition, demolition, removal, rehabilitation, or repair of specific derelict structures. A maximum of \$100,000 was available to each applicant, and a 100 percent local match was required.

Exmore received \$88,000 to demolish 6 structures and to rehabilitate two buildings identified as blighting influences within their revitalization area. "The Fund is a tangible illustration of how we can assist communities in reaching innovative solutions that benefit the Commonwealth as a whole," Secretary of Commerce and Trade Barry E. DuVal said.

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH:

Virginia Legislative Information System: The Virginia General Assembly web site offers quick access to legislative information and the *Code of Virginia*. Determine the status of bills, obtain sponsorship information, and view meeting minutes. Search the *Code of Virginia* by subject or title at <http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>

LOCAL EXPERTS PRESENT WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION WORKSHOP

In partnership with Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Virginia Department of Health, the A-NPDC presented a Household Water Pollution Prevention Workshop on November 30, 2000 at the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce. The workshop focused on how homeowners can prevent water pollution through proper waste management, septic system maintenance, landscaping, and shoreline buffers. Workshop participants also received copies of the *Eastern Shore Almanac* and the *Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Handbook for the Eastern Shore of Virginia*. The workshop was sponsored by the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program and the A-NPDC.

STAFF COMPLETES VIRGINIA CERTIFIED PLANNING COMMISSIONER COURSE

A-NPDC Regional Planner Allen Teasley recently completed the 37th Virginia Certified Planning Commissioner program conducted by Virginia Tech. The course, which includes four days of classroom training and seven weeks of home study, immerses participants in Virginia planning law and planning commission procedures. Congratulations to Allen for completing this excellent certification program.



NEXT A-NPDC MEETING

Monday, January 29, 2001

7:30 PM

THE ENTERPRISE BUILDING

ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA

HOUSING GROUP BIDS FAREWELL TO BOARD MEMBER, ELECTS REPLACEMENT

After 20 years of service to NCALL Research, Inc., of Dover, Delaware, A-NPDC Executive Director Paul F. Berge has resigned his post on the NCALL Board of Directors. In resigning, Paul cited the need to devote more time to several local projects, such as the new Eastern Shore Public Service Authority. According to NCALL, "Paul's resignation was regrettably accepted with sincere gratitude for the quality of service and direction he provided us. NCALL has relied on Paul's expertise as we have mutually worked to provide technical assistance for rural, farm labor, and self-help housing in this impoverished area of the Delmarva Peninsula."



Darlene C. Burton, A-NPDC Director of Housing Services, has been elected to fill the vacancy left by Berge's resignation. Darlene brings to the position over 11 years of experience in county code compliance issues and expertise in housing, economic, and community development. As Director of Housing Services, Darlene has administered HUD and Community Development Block Grant projects for the past five years.

EASTERN SHORE TRIBUTARY STRATEGY TEAM PLANS COURSE OF ACTION FOR 2001



The Eastern Shore Tributary Strategy team represents a cross-section of public agencies, citizens' groups and individuals on the Eastern Shore of Virginia that are concerned about water quality. The Eastern Shore Soil and Water Conservation District and the Department of Conservation and Recreation formed the team to foster implementation of the Eastern Shore Tributary Strategy. The team has initiated an effort to begin long-term water quality monitoring of several tidal creeks on the Eastern Shore, and plans to undertake additional monitoring as funds become available. The strategy calls for baseline water quality monitoring of three Eastern Shore creeks during 2001, with three stations in each creek. Water chemistry (water quality) will be monitored during slack tide just before low tide. Among the parameters to be studied are oxygen, temperature, salinity, dissolved solids, total nitrogen, and light attenuation. Scientists from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science's Eastern Shore Laboratory in Wachapreague will perform the work with assistance from landowner volunteers. These volunteers will provide access to creeks, assist in a biofouling study, record rainfall amounts, and document episodic events that might impair water quality. The long-term goal of the Tributary Strategy effort is restoration of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) beds.



Accomack-Northampton Facts

CORONARY HEART DISEASE AGE-ADJUSTED DEATH RATES PER 100,000 POPULATION

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Eastern Shore	159.8	160.0	151.4	157.1
Virginia	137.2	135.6	128.8	126.9
United States	138.3	134.5	129.9	126.0 *

**Virginia 2000
Objective**

100 per 100,000

Source: Virginia Department of Health. Healthy Virginia Communities Report #2. August 2000.

(*Preliminary estimate)

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