



# A-NPDC NEWSLETTER

## ACCOMACK-NORTHAMPTON PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

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### MARCH 2001

**A-NPDC NEWS SUMMARY:** At the February 26, 2001 A-NPDC meeting, the Commission learned that:

- The Town of Chincoteague and others held a meeting on February 21 to gain public input into the draft Main Street Revitalization Plan.
- Locust Mount Community Park construction will commence soon, after five new employees in the **Build for the Future Training Program** have completed orientation and training.
- In the Savage Town / Cats Bridge Community, construction is more than 50% complete on 3 housing units with alternative sewage systems.
- The Town of Exmore Downtown Revitalization Project is in the crucial pre-design stage for grants from VDOT, CDBG, Derelict Structures, and USDA Rural Development.
- In the Bayview Community, construction began on the first replacement house. Also, two large-capacity community wells are complete.
- The East Fairview Community Project has retained an engineer to complete the Honeysuckle Street and Jackson Road rehabilitation effort.

**WEB SITE OF THE MONTH:**

**U. S. Census Bureau's *QuickFacts*:** For quick access to the latest Census Bureau estimates, try out this site for information on income, poverty, business, and geography. Search by county name at <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/>.

**NNPDC PRESENTS FERRY STUDY LOCALLY**

A delegation of 20 Northern Neck PDC (NNPDC) representatives visited the Eastern Shore February 27, 2001 to present the Mid-Chesapeake Bay Ferry Feasibility Study to local public officials. The group traveled to the Shore aboard the *Chesapeake Breeze*, a Tangier tour boat based in Reedville. Project consultant Joe Savage of Seattle, Washington-based KJS Associates presented the study, which determined that a vehicle ferry between Reedville and the Eastern Shore could be privately operated if landing facilities are built with public funds. Mr. Wally Beauchamp, NNPDC Vice Chairman, asked Eastern Shore officials to work with the NNPDC to obtain funding for a phase-two ferry study that would identify specific landing sites, plan facilities, and develop a bid prospectus for potential ferry operators.

**ACCOMACK AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK AD TO APPEAR IN AOPA PILOT MAGAZINE**

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Economic Development Commission (ESVEDC) has placed classified display advertisements in *AOPA Pilot* magazine to promote Accomack Airport Industrial Park in Melfa. The ads will appear in the April and May issues of the magazine, which is circulated to more than 300,000 members of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Ads placed in the magazine last year generated a good response.

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**NEXT A-NPDC MEETING**  
**Monday, March 19, 2001**  
**7:30 PM**  
**THE ENTERPRISE BUILDING**  
**ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA**

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## VDHCD APPROVES FUNDING OF HOUSING PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), has approved funding in the amount of \$27,588 for the Eastern Shore of Virginia during federal FY 2000 for the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program. This is the second year HOPWA funding has been requested. Darlene C. Burton, Director of Housing Development for the Accomack-Northampton Housing and Redevelopment Corporation (A-NHRC), stated that, "The approval ensures that DCHD HOPWA funding will continue to provide critical housing assistance and services to persons on the Eastern Shore living with HIV and AIDS." A-NHRC staff prepared the grant application.

## LOCUST MOUNT PROJECT TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR MULTIPLE USES

On February 21, the A-NPDC voted in favor of the acquisition of 4 acres in the Locust Mount Project Area. The property will be used to substantially reconstruct homes for 3 residents that cannot be built in place, to provide a homeownership opportunity for a resident that is currently renting, and to build a Community Park. The property is currently owned by the Nature Conservancy, which has pledged to donate the acquisition funds back to the Locust Mount Project. Funds donated by the Nature Conservancy will be used to provide building treatments with an Eastern Shore flavor. Treatments such as porches and steeply pitched rooflines would otherwise not be funded under the CDBG grant.

## RURAL PROSPERITY COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING AT A-NPDC OFFICE

The 2000 session of the Virginia General Assembly created the Rural Virginia Prosperity Commission, an eighteen-member panel created to carry out a detailed analysis of Virginia's rural economies. At the conclusion of the analysis process, the new commission will recommend flexible but targeted state policies designed to work with local efforts in fostering sustainable economic growth for the Commonwealth's rural areas. A preliminary public comment session is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 7, 2001** from **6:00PM - 8:00PM** at the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission office in Accomac. This meeting precedes a regional meeting (PDCs 17, 18, 22, 23) to be held later in the month, the details of which will be announced in local newspapers following the March 7 meeting.

### *Accomack-Northampton Facts* CHANGES IN POPULATION

<u>Location</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>% Change 1990-1999 (a)</u>	<u>% Change 1998-1999 (b)</u>
<b>ACCOMACK COUNTY</b>	31,703	32,252	32,121	1.3	-0.4
<b>NORTHAMPTON COUNTY</b>	13,061	12,721	12,810	-1.9	0.7
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	6,187,358	6,789,225	6,872,912	11.0	1.2

(Note: Negative numbers indicate a population **decrease**.)

Sources: (a)U.S. Census Bureau. State and County *QuickFacts* web page ([www.quickfacts.census.gov](http://www.quickfacts.census.gov)).

(b)U.S. Census Bureau. March 2000. County Population Estimates for July 1, 1999 and Population Change for July 1, 1998 to July 1, 1999.

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