



# A-NPDC NEWSLETTER

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**A-NPDC NEWS SUMMARY:** At the March 19, 2001 A-NPDC meeting, the Commission learned that:

- Staff has submitted the FY 2002 Transportation Scope of Work and Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Commuter Toll Impact Study Grant application to VDOT.
- In Horntown, VDOT has agreed to improve Raymond Townsend Lane once all right-of-ways are acquired and utilities have been relocated. Staff has been assisting residents in this effort.
- In the Locust Mount Community, the Rehab Review Board met in early March to select the first seven residents who will receive assistance.
- In the Savage Town / Cat's Bridge Community, bids have been received for five alternative sewage systems and rehabilitation is complete on six housing units.
- In the Bayview Community, all of the off-site stormwater drainage easements have been drafted and are being reviewed by the owners.
- The East Fairview Rehab Review Board has selected its first group of seven houses for bidding to be sent out during April 2001.

**WEB SITE OF THE MONTH:**

**A-NPDC:** Check our new web site to find out about the A-NPDC, our projects, and the Eastern Shore. Link to studies or view the current A-NPDC Newsletter, and more, on-line at <http://www.esva.net/~anpdc>

**PUBLIC WORKSHOPS WILL ADDRESS CBBT COMMUTER TOLL IMPACT STUDY**

Local authorities have begun studying the potential impact of a commuter toll discount on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel (CBBT). During the study, the project team will gather information and assess the impact of scenarios related to the proposed toll reduction. They will create forecasts of future conditions for different growth and development scenarios, with and without the proposed CBBT toll changes. A Citizen Advisory Committee has been appointed to foster public input to the study and to make recommendations to a Bi-County Commuter Toll Impact Study Committee. A public meeting and workshop will be held at **7:00 PM** at **Nandua High School** on **April 19 and April 25, 2001**.

Six major Topic Reports on issues of concern to the Eastern Shore are being generated during the early phase of the study: Tourism, Quality of Life and Livable Communities, Agriculture/Aquaculture, Environmental Resources and Habitat Preservation, Economic Development, and Transportation. At the workshops, a summary of the six Topic Reports will be given. If you would like to learn more about the study, and/or provide comments, the Bi-County Commuter Toll Impact Study Committee has installed a toll free hotline at (866) 732-1964.

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**NEXT A-NPDC MEETING**

**Monday, April 16, 2001**

**7:30 PM**

**THE ENTERPRISE BUILDING**

**ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA**

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## **VDOT FUNDS PHASE II OF FERRY STUDY**

After the Northern Neck PDC presented the Mid-Chesapeake Bay Ferry Feasibility Study to Virginia Transportation Secretary Shirley Ybarra and VDOT Commissioner Charles Nottingham last month, VDOT has agreed to fund a \$200,000 Phase II ferry study. While no local funding match is required, VDOT has requested resolutions of support from Northern Neck and Eastern Shore local governments. Accomack County, Northampton County, and the A-NPDC have approved resolutions supporting the study. The Mid-Chesapeake Bay Ferry Feasibility Study - Phase II will include planning for ferry landing site selection, capital facilities, permitting, finance and administration, ferry operations, and a bid prospectus for potential ferry operators.

## **DHCD AND VHDA HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROJECT IS UNDERWAY**

Barry E. DuVal, Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade, has instructed the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) to perform an assessment of housing needs in the Commonwealth. This evaluation will scrutinize the current state of housing in Virginia and will identify the most important housing concerns for the future. A series of regional housing forums are scheduled across the state in March and April 2001 to provide for public input. The forums will offer facilitated small group discussions of regional issues and a structured process for identifying and prioritizing housing needs. The **Eastern Shore Regional Forum**, with the focus of housing needs in rural areas, will be held at **ESO Center, 15293 King Street, Belle Haven, on Wednesday, April 4, 2001 between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM**. To register to attend and participate in the group discussions at this event, **YOU MUST CONTACT PAT OLIVER AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AT LEAST TWO BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE FORUM**: Attn: Pat Oliver, Executive/QPR Division, Virginia Housing Development Authority, 601 South Belvedere Street, Richmond, VA 23320-8621, FAX: 804-343-8621.

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY MANDATES ASSESSMENT OF CHESAPEAKE BAY ACT**

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) is currently reviewing the efficacy of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department (CBLAD), which administers Bay Act funding to localities. JLARC will examine the practices used by CBLAD in assessing local compliance with the Bay Act and will undertake a performance audit of local implementation and local enforcement of the act, as well as current resources, both personnel and financial, necessary for state and local implementation and enforcement. The JLARC study must be completed by December 2001.

## **Bi-County Commuter Toll Impact Study**

**Public input is welcome throughout the study. If you would like to learn more about the study, and/or provide comments, the Bi-County Commuter Toll Impact Study Committee has installed a toll free hotline at (866) 732-1964. Staff will be available to answer calls and document concerns between the hours of 9 A.M. and 5 P.M., Monday - Friday, and a voice messaging system will receive calls after hours. You may also visit the study web site at [www.esva.net/~anpdc/cbbt.htm](http://www.esva.net/~anpdc/cbbt.htm) and send an email message. Public input received in this manner will be incorporated into reports issued by the Project Team.**

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