



A-NPDC NEWSLETTER

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A-NPDC NEWS SUMMARY: At the May 21, 2001 A-NPDC meeting, the Commission learned that:

- The Northeast Neighborhood Comprehensive Community Development Project in Cape Charles is now closed out.
- In the New Road Community, contracts for 3 new homes have been executed. Final inspection of infrastructure work occurred on May 3, 2001.
- In the Fairview Community, the rehab review board has identified 11 deteriorated, vacant buildings to be demolished.
- In the Savage Town / Cats Bridge Community, installation of five alternative sewage systems has begun.

SPADY'S LONG EDC SERVICE RECOGNIZED

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Economic Development Commission (EDC) has presented Raymond Spady of Cape Charles with a plaque in recognition of his many years of dedicated service. Mr. Spady, a founding EDC member since 1982 and a past Chairman, recently resigned his EDC membership.

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH:

A-NPDC NEWSLETTER: The digital A-NPDC Newsletter contains hyperlinks to many of the organizations and events that are highlighted in our monthly newsletter. Point and click to learn more at <http://www.esva.net/~anpdc/news.htm>

VDOT HOLDS U.S. ROUTE 13 MEETINGS

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) held Public Meetings on the *U.S. Route 13 / Wallops Island Access Management Study* in Accomack and Northampton counties during May 2001. The back-to-back meetings, held in Accomack County on May 15 and in Northampton County May 16, gave Eastern Shore residents the opportunity to review U.S. Route 13 project maps and data, identify problem areas, and hear a consultant presentation on the study.

Based on traffic counts and license plate surveys conducted during 2000, traffic on U.S. Route 13 currently ranges from 12,000 to 21,500 vehicles per day. Heavy trucks make up 10 to 20 percent of the daily traffic. By 2020, U.S. Route 13 traffic is expected to range from 20,000 to 33,000 vehicles per day. While the four-lane, divided highway can handle the anticipated traffic, access management is needed to make U.S. Route 13 safer and more efficient over time. Access management techniques include 50-foot medians, longer turn lanes, improved signal spacing and timing, frontage roads, overpasses, bypasses, and improved zoning and site plan standards for new highway development. For more information on the study, please call the **toll-free project hotline at 1-877-930-1313.**

NEXT A-NPDC MEETING
Monday, June 18, 2001
7:30 PM
THE ENTERPRISE BUILDING
ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA

PROVENTO LOCATES U.S. HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

In late April 2001, Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore announced that ProVENTO International plans to locate its U.S. headquarters in Northampton County's Cape Charles Sustainable Technologies Industrial Park. ProVENTO, based in Koblenz, Germany will invest \$7.5 million in the U.S. headquarters facility and six 1.3-megawatt wind towers. The project will create 25 new jobs in Cape Charles. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership, the Eastern Shore of Virginia Economic Development Commission, Northampton County, and the Town of Cape Charles assisted ProVENTO with its decision to locate on the Eastern Shore.

"I am very pleased to welcome ProVENTO to the Commonwealth of Virginia," said Governor Gilmore, "The potential benefits that this company has to offer are tremendous. Governor Gilmore also stated that, "Wind energy offers enormous potential, and this is especially exciting in light of growing energy demands across the United States." The six wind towers that ProVENTO will place on Virginia's Eastern Shore will create enough energy to supply more than 3,000 homes with their annual energy needs. The wind farm is one of the first wind projects to be realized in Virginia. With its location in the Sustainable Technology Park, the project will be a wind energy showcase and the introduction to a United States of modern wind technology. Further projects in Virginia and other states are planned.

"The key element in choosing Virginia as the headquarters of ProVENTO America, Inc. is that the business conditions are excellent," said Rudolf Schmitz, Chief Executive Officer of ProVENTO. "We appreciate the fact that Virginia's workforce is highly trained. Since we received great support by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the administration right from the beginning, it was simple getting our project started," Mr. Schmitz added.

Eco-industrial parks are designed to maximize efficient use of energy and resources while eliminating waste and pollution. The Cape Charles eco-industrial facility is developed and managed by the Sustainable Technology Park Authority, which was created by Northampton County and the Town of Cape Charles. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Virginia Coastal Program, USDA Rural Development, U.S. Economic Development Administration, the Virginia Department of Transportation and Northampton County funded the construction of the park. Since 1990, those agencies have provided more than \$8 million in grants for sustainable development and related projects in Northampton County.

LANDSCAPING WORKSHOP WILL ADDRESS WATER POLLUTION

The A-NPDC will present a **Landscaping Workshop** from **10 AM until 12 PM on Saturday, June 2, 2001** in the picnic area at Northampton County's **Morley's Wharf** on Occohannock Creek. Patterned after the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's award-winning *BayScaping* series, the workshop will focus on how homeowners can help prevent pollution from entering the Chesapeake Bay and other local water bodies through proper landscaping techniques and shoreline buffers. Workshop participants will receive literature on the subject, including copies of the *Eastern Shore Almanac* and the *Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Handbook for the Eastern Shore of Virginia*. Persons may also stop by the workshop site to receive these materials. To get to Morley's Wharf from U.S. Route 13 in Exmore, take Route 183 West (Occohannock Neck Road) for 2.8 miles to Route 606 (Morley's Wharf Road) near Wardtown. Turn right onto Morley's Wharf Road and follow it one mile to the end. The Landscaping Workshop is being sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department and the A-NPDC.

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