



# A-NPDC NEWSLETTER

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*The A-NPDC did not meet during July 2001. The next A-NPDC meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Monday, August 20, 2001 in the Enterprise Building, Accomac.*

## **PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY MEETS WITH ACCOMACK JURISDICTIONS**

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Service Authority (PSA) met on July 26, 2001 with Accomack County local governments to begin discussions on establishing a regional sewer system for central Accomack County. Representatives of the Towns of Accomac, Onley, Onancock, and Melfa, as well as members of the Accomack County Industrial Development Authority, attended the meeting. The PSA is proposing to build new sewer lines and connect them to an expanded Onancock sewage treatment plant. The PSA anticipates that, due to the revised Virginia Department of Health's septic system regulations, installation and repair of conventional septic systems in areas with poor soils will be significantly more expensive. The PSA proposes a non-mandatory hookup policy for existing development. Some new development within a certain distance of the sewer line would be required to hook up. The PSA is working to schedule a similar meeting with the Town of Exmore.

## **WORK RESUMES IN MAKEMIE PARK**

The Makemie Park Association, with all permits in hand, resumed work on the construction of a community sewer system on July 21, 2001. The volunteers, with the help of a new construction foreman supplied by Southeast R/CAP (Rural Community Action Program, formerly known as the Virginia Water Project), installed about 300 feet of 3" force main sewer lines along Saxis Road. The Association plans to have a crew working every weekend this summer and into the fall of 2001.

## **TOWN OF EXMORE REVOLVING LOAN FUND ESTABLISHED**

As part of its downtown revitalization grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Town of Exmore has received \$100,000 to create a loan pool to assist new businesses wishing to locate in Exmore. Loans will be limited to no more than 50% of the cost of the project, with a maximum of \$30,000. The balance must come from a bank loan, private funds or business equity. The loan also is limited to \$10,000 per full-time equivalent job to be created within 18 months of receiving the loan. The jobs created must be available to low-to-moderate income persons. The term of the loan is 5 years and the interest rate is one-half the prime interest rate at the time the loan is approved. A-NPDC staff helped the Town Council develop regulations and guidelines for the loan fund. The PDC will also help the Town administer the fund.

## **ECO-PARK GAINS FTZ STATUS**

Cape Charles Sustainable Technology Park now has Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) status. The Park is part of Foreign Trade Zone 20, which is administered by the Virginia Port Authority. Operating in a Foreign Trade Zone can benefit companies that import and export products. The Accomack Airport Industrial Park and the Virginia Space Flight Center are the other locations on the Eastern Shore that have Foreign Trade Zone status.

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### **NEXT A-NPDC MEETING**

**Monday, August 20, 2001**

**7:30 PM**

**THE ENTERPRISE BUILDING**

**ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA**

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SECURE FUNDING THROUGH CDBG GRANTS

Accomack County, Northampton County and the Town of Exmore were all awarded FY2000 Virginia Community Development Block Grants. Accomack County received \$500,000 from this year's allocation for the Locust Mount Community Revitalization Project. The remaining \$350,000 in VCDBG funds will be funded from next year's allocation. The project proposes to provide housing improvements to 20 Locust Mount residents, demolish 11 dilapidated structures, construct a fire prevention pond, a community park and draining improvements. In addition 5 residents will receive construction training and help build 3 houses in the community.

Northampton County received \$1,250,000 for the Fairview Community Revitalization Project. The project proposes to demolish 11 abandoned structures, repair 40 houses, construct 3 new houses, install 9 new septic systems and 14 deep wells, and pave 2,000 linear feet on streets in the community. The project will also provide construction training opportunities for 10 residents.

The Town of Exmore Downtown Revitalization Project received \$800,000 for streetscape improvements including relocating utilities underground, façade improvements, demolition of dilapidated structures, and establishment of a loan pool to assist new businesses wanting to locate in Exmore.

## CHESAPEAKE BAY PRESERVATION AREA REGULATIONS TO BE AMENDED

The Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board is considering further revisions to the regulations entitled: 9 VAC 10-20-10 *et. seq.* - *Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations*, prior to adopting them as final regulations. The latest update will be going out for another round of public comment. The comment period will commence July 30, 2001, with the publication of the General Notice in the *Virginia Register* and will close on Thursday August 30, 2001. Locally, the Chesapeake Bay drainage area includes, generally, all lands west of Highway 13. Northampton County and many incorporated towns have chosen to include all lands in the CBPA. For more information, please visit CBLAD's web site at [www.cblad.state.va.us](http://www.cblad.state.va.us). The document is in Adobe PDF Format. (This free software is available for download at [www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html](http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html)).

## EASTERN SHORE GIS COMMITTEE VISITS WALLOPS FLIGHT FACILITY

On July 24, 2001 the Facilities Management branch of the NASA Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) hosted the Eastern Shore Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Committee. At the meeting, topical overviews of various WFF Facilities Management staff uses of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) were given. Using GPS to accurately locate infrastructure such as pipelines and electrical junctions, WFF staff can link this data to GIS to create precise mapping for use in managing the facility. Facilities staff also provides direct support to other NASA personnel and private-sector contractors who utilize the facilities. The Eastern Shore GIS Committee is comprised of federal, state, and local government staff, private contractors, educators, conservationists, and others. A-NPDC sponsors the Committee, which meets monthly to discuss successes and to explore cooperative uses of this technology. For more information about the Eastern Shore GIS Committee, contact **Allen Teasley** at **787-2936**.

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