



A-NPDC NEWSLETTER

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A-NPDC NEWS SUMMARY: At the August 20, 2001 A-NPDC meeting, the Commission learned that:

- The Town of Chincoteague received notification in June that they were awarded \$501,000 in TEA-21 funds and \$750,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for use in their downtown revitalization efforts.
- In the Bayview Community, one house has been rehabilitated and one replacement house is complete.
- In the Fairview Community, bids have been received for construction of the first seven units and for the first group of demolitions.

CONSTRUCTION TRAINEES RECEIVE AWARDS

Three construction trainees in the Build for the Future Program (BFTF) were awarded *Certificates of Achievement* at the August A-NPDC meeting. BFTF Construction Training Supervisor Dave Johnson presented the certificates to James Gale, Eric Smith and Marvin Clayton. The certificates indicate competency in several subject areas, including construction math, materials and applications, framing, sheathing, and roofing. As part of the program, the trainees built a house in the Locust Mount community in Accomack County.

The A-NPDC's BFTF construction training program is operated in partnership with Eastern Shore Community College. James Gale and Eric Smith have obtained full-time employment in the construction field. Marvin Clayton has elected to continue building homes in Locust Mount with the BFTF program.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY APPOINTS LESTER H. SPADY, SR. TO COMMISSION

The Northampton County Board of Supervisors has appointed Lester H. Spady, Sr. as an A-NPDC Commissioner. Mr. Spady was appointed to replace Larry Robinson of Fairview. A Capeville resident, Mr. Spady is a trustee of the African Baptist Church in Cheriton and serves as Youth Supervisor for the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs. Mr. Spady's wife, Joanne Smith-Spady, is on the Northampton County School Board. The Commission awarded Larry Robinson a *Certificate of Appreciation* for his two years of service to the A-NPDC.

STAFF MEMBERS PROMOTED AT A-NPDC

Three A-NPDC staff members have been promoted. Former Receptionist Bobbie Jo Wert is now the Section 8 Program Administrative Assistant. Betsy Jenkins has been promoted from Accounting Clerk to Grant Accountant. And John Aigner, formerly a Housing Specialist, is now a Community Development Coordinator. Congratulations to each of these A-NPDC employees on their new positions!

ANNUAL HERITAGE TOURISM WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT CHINCOTEAGUE CENTER

The **Eastern Shore Heritage Tourism Workshop** will be held from **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** on **Wednesday, September 26, 2001** at the **Chincoteague Civic Center**. For more information on the workshop, call the A-NPDC at **757-787-2936**.

NEXT A-NPDC MEETING
Monday, September 17, 2001
7:30 PM

THE ENTERPRISE BUILDING
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U.S. ROUTE 13 / ROUTE 175 IMPROVEMENTS FOCUS OF TOWN MEETINGS

The **Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)** will hold a series of five **Town Meetings** during September to inform the public and seek public input about potential highway improvements developed for the **U.S. Route 13/Wallops Island Access Management Study**. VDOT is conducting this two-year study in order to develop a plan to make U.S. Route 13 and Route 175 safer and more efficient roads over the next 20 years. All town meetings, which will be from **7:00 to 8:30 PM**, will include a brief presentation and a question/answer period. Each meeting will focus on different sections of U.S. Route 13 and Route 175, and will address potential improvements along the focus areas. Please note the focus area for each town meeting in the left column of the following schedule.

FOCUS AREA	MEETING LOCATION	DATE
Nelsonia/Mappsville	Kegotank Elementary School	Wednesday, September 5
Oak Hall/Temperanceville	Arcadia High School	Thursday, September 6
Keller/Painter/Melfa	Painter Fire Hall	Monday, September 10
Route 175	Atlantic Fire Hall	Tuesday, September 11
Nassawadox/Machipongo	Northampton Middle School	Tuesday, September 18

VDOT initiated the U.S. Route 13/Wallops Island Access Management Study in April 2000. The final study report is scheduled to be complete by April of 2002. Five key elements have been emphasized: inventory of existing conditions; assessment of future conditions; evaluation of alternatives; public involvement; and development and prioritization of short-term and long-term recommendations. Following completion of the study, VDOT will work jointly with local governments to implement recommended access management improvements.

For further information on the town meetings, or the study in general, call the **Project Toll Free Hot Line** at **1-877-930-1313**. Written comments may be submitted to: Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., 4101 Cox Road, Suite 105, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060.

CBBT COMMUTER TOLL IMPACT STUDY PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Public meetings on the **Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Commuter Toll Impact Study** will be held during September in Accomack and Northampton counties. At the meetings, the project consultant will present the study's findings and obtain public input on recommended actions and strategies to address possible toll changes and impacts. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Commuter Toll Impact Study Committee will use the meeting results to make recommendations to Accomack County and Northampton County regarding the proposed commuter toll.

The **Accomack County Public Meeting** will be held from **7:00 to 9:00 PM** on **Wednesday, September 12, 2001** at **Nandua High School**, Onley. The **Northampton County Public Meeting** will be held from **7:00 to 9:00 PM** on **Thursday, September 13, 2001** at **Northampton High School**, Eastville. For further information on the CBBT Commuter Toll Impact Study Public Meetings, or the study in general, call the **Project Toll Free Hot Line** at **1-866-732-1964** or visit the **A-NPDC Web Site** at **www.esva.net/~anpdc**.

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