



A-NPDC NEWSLETTER

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A-NPDC NEWS SUMMARY: At the September 17, 2001 A-NPDC meeting, the Commission learned that:

- In the Makemie Park Community, the Makemie Park Association continues to install 3" PVC sewer force-mains along Saxis Road.
- In the Horntown Community, staff has redesigned the road to avoid a property where the required right-of-way could not be obtained.
- In the Locust Mount Community, demolition of the first 10 derelict houses is complete, and two new houses and four rehabs have been bid out.
- In the Savagetown/Cats Bridge Community, construction is complete on three units and nearly so on two others. Housing rehab is complete on one unit and 60% complete on another.
- In the New Road Community, three new homes are substantially complete and construction of two other new homes has commenced.
- In the Fairview Community, one housing rehab is finished. Demolition and clearing of trash on eleven lots has also been completed.

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH:

CBBT TOLL IMPACT STUDY: The newest document in the CBBT Study, *Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Commuter Toll Impact Study: Phase II Technical Memorandum*, and other documents, may be viewed or downloaded at <http://www.esva.net/~anpdc/cbbt.htm>

REGIONAL PROFILE UNDERGOES UPDATE

The Eastern Shore Economic Development Commission (EDC) recently announced that the *Regional Profile* has been updated and will be available this Fall. The *Profile* contains maps, demographics, economic statistics, tax rates, and other basic information about the Eastern Shore. The EDC provides this document to prospective businesses and the Eastern Shore Chamber Of Commerce includes it in their relocation packages. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership offers this document on their website, found at www.yesvirginia.org/esmaps/northampton.asp

PDC STAFF ATTENDS REVITALIZATION TRAINING

A-NPDC staff, along with representatives from the Town of Chincoteague (Accomack County) and the Town of Exmore (Northampton County), recently attended the annual "MAIN STREET 101" training held in Orange, Virginia. The workshop provided participants with technical assistance in accomplishing downtown revitalization using the Main Street Four Point approach, which encourages the use of a strong downtown organization, good design, an active promotion program, and economic restructuring to accomplish revitalization goals. Chincoteague and Exmore are currently pursuing downtown revitalization projects with the assistance of A-NPDC staff.

NEXT A-NPDC MEETING

Monday, October 15, 2001

7:30 PM

THE ENTERPRISE BUILDING

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CBBT COMMUTER TOLL IMPACT STUDY PUBLIC MEETINGS RESCHEDULED

Public meetings on the **Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Commuter Toll Impact Study** will be held during October in Accomack and Northampton counties. The meetings, originally scheduled to occur in September, were postponed due to the events of September 11, 2001. The **Accomack County Public Meeting** will be held from **7:00 to 9:00 PM** on **Tuesday, October 16, 2001** at **Nandua High School**, Onley. The **Northampton County Public Meeting** will be held from **7:00 to 9:00 PM** on **Wednesday, October 17, 2001** at **Northampton High School**, Eastville. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) Commuter Toll Impact Study Committee will use the meeting results to make recommendations to Accomack County and Northampton County regarding the proposed commuter toll. 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.

Phase I of the CBBT Commuter Toll Impact Study indicated that a toll reduction on the CBBT could result in significant impacts arising from induced residential development, especially in Northampton County. In Phase II of the study, the Boards of Supervisors of Accomack and Northampton counties are urged to develop formal positions on CBBT proposals that could influence the future rate of toll on the facility. These include the following actions:

- Adoption of resolutions to the CBBT Commission requesting that the CBBT undertake steps to study the financial and technical feasibility of a second set of tunnels and other capital improvements before enacting a commuter toll discount.
- Adoption of resolutions to the CBBT Commission and the General Assembly requesting each to further study the level of representation afforded to Eastern Shore localities on the CBBT Commission, CBBT policy on public comment periods prior to decisions on major policy reversals, and use of any toll revenue surplus to fund off-site improvement projects.
- Adoption of resolutions requesting further study by the CBBT and Accomack and Northampton counties on medical and educational discounts. The resolutions would refer to the findings of the public involvement activities of the CBBT Commuter Toll Impact Study relating to the need for such discounts.

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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