



A-NPDC NEWSLETTER

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

- In the Horntown Community, VDOT has accepted the latest design for improvements to Raymond Townsend Road.
- In the Locust Mount Community, the park pavilion is complete and construction is underway on two new homes on the recently acquired lots.
- In the Savagetown/Cats Bridge Community and the New Road Community, the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service will conduct a workshop in December for residents who have received housing assistance. The workshop will cover budgeting, housekeeping, and home maintenance.
- In the Fairview Community project area, seven households have been identified for new septic systems.

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH:

The Virginia Department of Transportation web site features the draft **2001/2002 Virginia Transportation Development Plan** (formerly known as the Six-Year Improvement Program). The Commonwealth Transportation Board, which adopted the tentative plan on November 15, 2001, will conduct a public hearing on the plan in Richmond on December 6, 2001. You can review the tentative plan's searchable database, which has comprehensive listings of transportation projects proposed for the next six fiscal years, at www.virginiaDOT.org.

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The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission and staff wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

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COMMUTER TOLL STUDY TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNTIES

The final draft the *Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Commuter Toll Impact Study* will be presented to the Accomack County Board of Supervisors and the Northampton County Board of Supervisors at a **Joint-County Meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 4, 2001**, in the **Northampton County Circuit Court Building** in Eastville. Representatives from the Louis Berger Group and Travesky Associates, the consultants who authored the *Study*, will present a summary for the Boards at the meeting. The Boards will be asked to endorse the *Study* and to adopt resolutions recommended by the *Study*. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Commission received a similar report on November 13, 2001.

Copies of the *Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Commuter Toll Impact Study* are available from the A-NPDC office in Accomac or on the A-NPDC web site at www.esva.net/~anpdc.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER:
THE A-NPDC WILL NOT MEET DURING DECEMBER 2001. THE NEXT A-NPDC MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:30 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2002, AT THE A-NPDC OFFICE IN ACCOMAC.

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VDOT HOLDS U.S. ROUTE 13 ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN MEETINGS

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) held public meetings in Accomack County and Northampton County during November 2001 to present draft recommendations and to seek public input about potential highway improvements developed for the *U.S. Route 13 / Wallops Island Access Management Study*. Approximately 30 people attended each meeting. The study focuses on plans to make U.S. Route 13 and Route 175 safer and more efficient roads over the next 20 years. Draft plans can be seen at the VDOT Residency Office in Accomac. Written comments may be submitted to: Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., 4101 Cox Road, Suite 105, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060. For further information on the study, call the Project Toll Free Hot Line at 1-877-930-1313.

MID-CHESAPEAKE BAY FERRY STUDY PRESENTED ON EASTERN SHORE

Approximately 50 people attended a presentation on the *Mid-Chesapeake Bay Ferry Feasibility Study* at Nandua High School on November 27, 2001. Consulting engineers Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) presented the results of the Phase I Ferry Study completed in February 2001. The study determined that a vehicle and passenger ferry between Reedville on the Northern Neck and the Eastern Shore is feasible, if landing facilities are developed with public funding and a private business operates the ferry. VHB also outlined work currently under way to identify a ferry landing site on the Eastern Shore, develop cost estimates for construction, and prepare a ferry operations plan. VHB has identified two potential ferry sites, after assessing a dozen possible sites between Chesconessex Creek and Nandua Creek. The two sites are the end of Broadway Road at the mouth of Onancock Creek and the end of Martin Road on Pungoteague Creek west of Harborton. The Accomack County Board of Supervisors has agreed to not consider using Harborton Landing, where the County recently developed new boat ramps and a barge landing for transporting bulk materials to and from Tangier Island. VHB will determine the feasibility of constructing ferry landings at the two sites and present the results in the Spring. For further information on the study, please contact Jim McGowan at 787-2936.

A - NPDC STAFF UPDATE

The A-NPDC is pleased to announce that Mr. Robert T. Williams Jr. has recently been hired as a Housing Specialist. In his former position with VESEEHC, Robert acquired years of experience working with communities on the Eastern Shore, completing work write-ups, bid documents, and HUD Section 8 inspections. Robert has also completed training in hazardous material handling, OSHA regulations, the Rural Development 504 program, and has a Virginia Asbestos Abatement License.

Accomack-Northampton Facts	
	<u>HOUSING UNITS (COUNT)</u>
VIRGINIA	2,904,192
ACCOMACK COUNTY	19,550
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	6,547

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