



# A-NPDC NEWSLETTER

## ACCOMACK-NORTHAMPTON PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

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**A-NPDC NEWS SUMMARY:** At the March 18, 2002 A-NPDC meeting, the Commission learned that:

- In the Makemie Park Community, the project engineer is designing the collection system for phase two of the sewer system.
- In the Locust Mount Community, the owners have moved into the two new houses completed in February. Work has begun to prepare specifications for the next rehab group.
- In the Savage Town/Cats Bridge Community, housing construction is complete on the unit that was contracted in November. Boston College students assisted the community by demolishing a dilapidated house. Accomack County provided a dumpster and waived tipping fees.
- In the Bayview Community, Northampton County and the Citizens for Social Justice, Inc., will enter into contracts with Ran-Kel, Inc., for the water and sewer system. Gerald M. Moore and Sons, Inc., will build the subdivision's streets.
- In the New Road Community, housing rehabilitation continues through the Indoor Plumbing/Rehabilitation Program. One unit is complete and another unit is 65 percent complete. Staff is preparing another bid group for five units.

**WEB SITE OF THE MONTH:**

**EPA Green Communities:** Citizens can learn how to build a healthy environment, a strong economy, and a high quality of life with the EPA Green Communities On-Line Tool Kit at:

<http://www.epa.gov/greenkit>

**CORRECTION REGARDING A-NPDC VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2002-3003**

The name of the new A-NPDC Vice Chairman elected for the 2002-2003 term was incorrectly reported in the March 2002 A-NPDC Newsletter. The A-NPDC Vice-Chairman for the 2002-2003 term is Accomack County Supervisor Thomas J. Matthews.

**STATE ELIMINATES FUNDING FOR EASTERN SHORE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP**

The General Assembly's FY 2003 Budget has eliminated the fifth year of funding for the Eastern Shore of Virginia Regional Partnership, which has been funded through Virginia's Regional Competitiveness Program. The Regional Partnership has brought together businesses, industries, education institutions, and local governments to develop regional projects such as the Virginia Space Flight Academy, Small Business Development Center, Wholesale Seafood Market, Networked Future project, Wastewater Re-Use project, and the Resort Hotel initiative. The Eastern Shore Regional Partnership will meet in April to discuss its future.

**ESVEDC LAUNCHES E-MAIL NEWSLETTER**

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Economic Development Commission (ESVEDC) initiated new "e-newsletter" to highlight upcoming regional events, business news, and local websites. Free subscriptions to the e-newsletter are available on the ESVEDC website at: [www.easternshore.org](http://www.easternshore.org).

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**NEXT A-NPDC MEETING**

**Monday, April 15, 2002**

**7:30 PM**

**THE ENTERPRISE BUILDING**

**ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA**

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## **A-NPDC's 2001-2002 ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED**

The A-NPDC's 2001-2001 Annual Report *Regional Progress* has been published and is available from the A-NPDC. *Regional Progress* summarizes the regional planning, economic development, and housing services accomplishments of the A-NPDC and its related agencies during the past fiscal year. Highlights in this year's *Regional Progress* include the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Commuter Toll Impact Study, the Build for the Future Program, the U.S. Route 13 Access Management Plan, the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, and the Eastern Shore Regional Partnership. To receive a copy of *Regional Progress*, stop by the A-NPDC office in Accomac or call 787-2936 or 1-866-787-3001.

## **VIRGINIA SPACE FLIGHT ACADEMY RECRUITING**

The Virginia Space Flight Academy is recruiting students for the Summer 2002 session. To meet student demand, the popular NASA Wallops Island-based program has expanded to five week-long sessions, including an advanced session for returning students. The Space Flight Academy includes training in aerodynamics, microgravity, robotics, astronaut training, rocket launching, extraterrestrial travel, and the role of radar and weather. Sessions begin Sunday afternoon and end Friday afternoon, and run weekly from July 7 through August 9, 2002. The advanced session runs the week of August 11-16, 2002. Tuition for all residential camps is \$550, and includes housing, meals, materials, and activities. For more information about the Virginia Space Flight Academy, call 1-866-757-7223 or surf their website at [www.VaSpaceFlightAcademy.org](http://www.VaSpaceFlightAcademy.org).

## **ACCOMACK APPLIES FOR GRAYSVILLE AND METOMPKIN PLANNING GRANTS**

Accomack County has applied to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Grants to begin assisting the Graysville and Metompkin communities with housing and infrastructure improvements. Graysville is located just south of the Town of Accomac along Church Road. Metompkin is located on the east side of U.S. Route 13 near Metompkin Road. The two communities are next on Accomack County's priority list for low-income communities with known housing and infrastructure needs.

DHCD's CDBG Planning Grants fund door-to-door surveys, inspections and cost estimates, analysis of prospective participants, program design decisions, preliminary engineering reports, and preparation of CDBG Community Improvement Grant applications. The CDBG Planning Grant applications for Graysville and Metompkin were prepared by David Annis, A-NPDC Director of Housing Production.

**NEW A-NPDC TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR  
CALLERS OUTSIDE OF THE "787" CALLING AREA:  
1-866-787-3001**

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