



A-NPDC NEWSLETTER

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A-NPDC NEWS SUMMARY: At the April 15, 2002 A-NPDC meeting, the Commission learned that:

- In the Horntown Community, a request has been forwarded to the County Attorney for a deed to convey the final right-of-way required for the street improvements to Raymond Townsend Lane.
- In the Locust Mount Community, one rehabilitated house is complete and a second one is nearly done. Also, one more new home has been started.
- 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 landfill tipping fees.
- In the Bayview Community, Northampton County and the Citizens for Social Justice, Inc., will contract with two local businesses to construct the water and sewer system and to build the subdivision streets.
- In the New Road Community, housing rehab activity 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:

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CBBT TOLL STUDY RECEIVES VAPA AWARD

The Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association (VAPA) has awarded the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Commuter Toll Impact Study Committee its **2002 Outstanding Planning Award for a Special Community Initiative** for the *Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Commuter Toll Impact Study*. Committee Chair Suzanne S. Wescoat accepted the award on April 22, 2002 at a ceremony held at The Nature Conservancy's Cobb Island Station in Oyster.

The VAPA Awards program is an opportunity to acknowledge distinguished individuals in the planning profession and to showcase exemplary and successful planning projects. The Outstanding Planning Award for a Special Community Initiative recognizes how a community utilized the planning process to address a need outside the normal sphere of planning initiatives.

The *Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Commuter Toll Impact Study* was initiated by Accomack County and Northampton County in 1999 to assess the potential impacts of a proposed commuter toll. The counties formed the nine-member Committee to guide development of the study and the public participation process. The A-NPDC managed development of the study, which was prepared by The Louis Berger Group and Travesky & Associates. The study was completed in October 2001 and is viewable on the A-NPDC's web site at www.esva.net/~anpdc.

NEXT A-NPDC MEETING

Monday, May 20, 2002

7:30 PM

THE ENTERPRISE BUILDING

ACCOMAC, VIRGINIA

EASTERN SHORE HERITAGE TOURISM WORKSHOP JUNE 4TH

The A-NPDC, in cooperation with the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program, will hold the 2002 Eastern Shore Heritage Tourism Workshop on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Kerr Place in Onancock. The Heritage Tourism Workshop will give restaurant, bed and breakfast, motel, and campground proprietors the opportunity to learn about heritage tourism activities on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and coordinate heritage tourism planning with public officials. The Heritage Tourism Workshop will include a presentation on the final planning for the Virginia Coastal Birding and Wildlife Trail, as well as updates on the Eastern Shore Heritage Trail and Bicycle Planning. Businesses are encouraged to bring brochures and program materials to share with other workshop participants. After the workshop, participants are encouraged to enjoy lunch at one of Onancock's many restaurants. SouthEast Expeditions will do a kayaking demonstration and free tour at Onancock Wharf at 1:30 PM. The kayak tour will be limited to 10 persons, who must pre-register. Kerr Place is located at 69 Market Street in Onancock. For further information about the Heritage Tourism Workshop and to register for the free kayak tour, call the A-NPDC at 757-787-2936.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY INITIATES REVIEW OF CBBT

The legislators to the General Assembly for the Eastern Shore of Virginia acknowledged the significance of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel toll issue by proposing House Joint Resolution No. 210, which requests the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study the future of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT). The original resolution offered by co-sponsors Delegate Bob Bloxom and Senator Nick Rerras cited the importance of the *Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Commuter Toll Impact Study* and its findings, although the version agreed upon by the House and Senate refers to the findings of "all recent studies" relative to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. In conducting its study, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission will examine the findings of all recent studies relative to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel and issue recommendations regarding the appropriate state role in determining the future of the CBBT. In its examination, the Commission will pay attention to the: (i) appropriate role for the CBBT in the economic growth and development generally in the Commonwealth and especially on the Eastern Shore; (ii) appropriate toll structure to ensure proper maintenance, sustain CBBT operations, meet debt obligations, and plan for needed capital improvements; and (iii) efficiency and efficacy of overall Commission management policy, practices, salary structure, and operations. JLARC must complete its work by November 30, 2002, and will submit its written findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 2003 Session of the General Assembly.

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