



# A-NPDC NEWSLETTER

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**A-NPDC NEWS SUMMARY:** At the May 20, 2002 A-NPDC meeting, the Commission learned that:

- In the Locust Mount Community, construction is underway on the last new home in the first bid group and contracts will be signed later this month for five new homes and one rehab.
- In the Makemie Park Community, five indoor plumbing/rehabilitation applications have been received and are being processed for eligibility. Grading and seeding of the treatment site will begin soon.
- In the Savage Town/Cats Bridge Community, one unit from the April 1 bid group is under construction and additional demolition is underway. The Management Team is scheduled to meet again at 3:30 P.M. on July 25, 2002.
- In the Town of Tangier, a Disaster Recovery Initiative Program contract for six new homes has been signed and a meeting to discuss the construction time frame with residents will be held soon.
- In the Bayview Community, two new homes are currently under construction and Rural Development is considering an upgrade request
- In the New Road Community, another unit is nearing completion and the project engineer is preparing sewer easements.

**WEB SITE OF THE MONTH:**

**The Callahan Photo Collection, Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Library** is a group of photographs of the Eastern Shore taken about 1896-1905 by Griffin Callahan. All photos are black and white and were scanned by the Library of Virginia. These fascinating photos from a bygone era can be found at [www.espl.org/mearscol/callagif/callahan.htm](http://www.espl.org/mearscol/callagif/callahan.htm)

**SEN. ALLEN ANNOUNCES ESVPSA GRANT**

U.S. Senator George Allen announced in April that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded the Eastern Shore of Virginia Public Service Authority (ESVPSA) a rural business opportunity grant of \$50,000. These funds will be used to develop sewer systems to address the needs of businesses in Nassawadox, Exmore, the Accomack Airport Industrial Park, Melfa, Onley, and Accomac, as well as portions of unincorporated Northampton County and Accomack County. Funding for the ESVPSA has been received from a variety of sources, including \$20,000 from Accomack and Northampton Counties, \$25,000 from the Virginia Department of Health, \$30,000 from the Southeast Regional Community Action Program, and \$25,000 from the Virginia Eastern Shore Economic Empowerment and Housing Corporation. The ESVPSA was formed in 1999 to foster the development of centralized water and sewerage systems where feasible.

**HERITAGE TOURISM WORKSHOP**

The A-NPDC, 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** (69 Market Street) in Onancock. The Heritage Tourism Workshop will include presentations on the 2002 Virginia Outdoors Plan, final planning for the Virginia Coastal Birding and Wildlife Trail, and updates on the Eastern Shore Heritage Trail and Bicycle Planning. For further information about the workshop, **call the A-NPDC at 757-787-2936.**

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**NEXT A-NPDC MEETING**

**Monday, June 17, 2002**

**7:30 PM**

**THE ENTERPRISE BUILDING**

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## ***BUILD FOR THE FUTURE* CONTINUES WITH NEW ROUND OF TRAINEES**

*Build for the Future* (BFTF) started a new cycle on March 18, 2002 by welcoming the initiative's second group of trainees. The six new BFTF recruits are working in the Fairview Community in Northampton County (all are Northampton County residents). The new recruits began the initial phase of their training by completing a review of basic carpentry and building skills. After reviewing the basics, the trainees did small project work in order to develop skills with hand tools. The initial training phase was completed in April and the second phase of training, construction of the three new homes in the Fairview Community, began shortly thereafter. The three new houses are part of BFTF's comprehensive community development project for the Fairview Community. During the final phase of training, BFTF trainees will be working alongside local contractors to give them exposure to different work styles and to aid in the placement process.

The innovative *Build For the Future* program began at A-NPDC in 2001 as part of the Locust Mount Community Revitalization Project, with funding support through the Department of Housing and Community Development. BFTF Construction Supervisor Dave Johnson has attended job fairs recently to develop a waiting list for future programs, but the list is still open for interested persons. **For more information on *Build For the Future*, contact Kat Edwards, Community Development Coordinator, at 787-2936 or toll-free at 1-866-787-3001.**

## **DATA COLLECTED FOR REGIONAL STRATEGIC HOUSING ASSESSMENT**

A-NPDC staff recently conducted targeted windshield surveys of ten Accomack County and six Northampton County communities to assess additional housing needs for the Accomack-Northampton Regional Strategic Housing Assessment. Up-to-date information on the number of houses that are currently occupied, or that could be occupied, and which do not have indoor plumbing facilities, was gathered in communities identified by county real estate assessment records. Windshield survey data that were collected by A-NPDC staff in recent years, and which have been periodically updated, provided insight into several other Eastern Shore communities. Targeted Eastern Shore communities included East Horntown, East Withams, Wishart's Point, Saxis, Makemie Park, Guilford, Whitesville, Metompkin, Ticktown, Graysville, Gospel Temple Road, and Coal Kiln Road in Accomack County and New Road, Temple Drive, Hare Valley, Bayford Road, Old Town Neck, Culls, Bayview, Fairview, and Cheapside in Northampton County. Windshield survey data will supplement information that has already been gathered from county tax assessors, the U.S. Census Bureau, and other sources. The survey data has been forwarded to the project consultants, Mullin & Lonergan Associates, for inclusion in A-NHRC's Regional Strategic Housing Assessment. Public meetings to discuss housing in the region will be conducted later this year.

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