

BROADBAND INITIATIVE

MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Thursday, December 7, 2006, 9:15 – 10:30
Virginia Employment Commission – Onley

ATTENDEES:

Jack Bonniwell, VEC
Jim Eichelberger, Town Manager, Exmore
Reed Ennis, Accomack County
Pete Lalor, Commonwealth Power (Accomack County)
Jesse Lee, Northrop-Grumman (Chincoteague)
Ian McLaughlan, Oracle Corp. (Accomack County)
Dimitri Plionis, Economist (Exmore/Nassawadox)
Barbara Schwenk, A-NPDC
Todd Thornes, Onley (Accomack County)
Ruth Walker, Government Svcs IPT (Exmore/Nassawadox)

1. Dimitri Plionis introduced the idea of using the county Enterprise Zone maps to define the areas for study. SSM has already received the Northampton County EZ maps. Barbara Schwenk will obtain the Accomack County EZ maps from Missy Mulholland, Director, Accomack County Industrial Development Authority. The teams also discussed adding Belle Haven to the study area, as it is contiguous to Exmore, and there are quite a few businesses in a concentrated area along Merry Cat Lane and just north of it in the strip mall on Route 13. The team also agreed that the Kirkwood and Prettyman properties along Route 13 at Exmore should be included in the study area (Kirwood's is adjacent on the north to the Shore Plaza mall. Prettyman's property is on the east side of the highway north of the Burger King.) The team requested that the EZ files be sent via email, but they are too large. Instead, they will be posted on the a-npdc website on December 8. Barbara will send the link to download them from there on December 8.

2. The teams discussed the absence of Onancock representatives at these meetings and speculated as to the town's interest in affordable high-speed broadband access. Ian McLaughlan will send letters to the Mayor, Town Manager, and the OBCA to ask if they will be participating in future, or if we should exclude Onancock from the plan. Barbara will send the contact information to Ian.

3. Pete Lalor asked if GIS data had yet been requested from A&N Electric Cooperative. It had not, so Pete will pursue that.

4. Barbara handed out a list of data she has compiled (follows minutes). Additional data needed includes elected town and county officials, county staff, and regional employers. Regional employer data has been provided by VEC in Excel format. Anyone who would like to receive this data needs to contact jack.bonniwell@vec.virginia.gov. Jack will then send you the disclosure agreement to sign -- when signed, he'll be able to send you that

data. SSM will sign the disclosure as well, as they are receiving the data. Barbara will pursue obtaining the lists of county and town officials and staff.

5. Barbara reported on a phone conversation she had with D.W. James, the regional Verizon manager. Mr. James stressed that broadband IS available on the Shore through Verizon. She responded that there is definitely no argument with that statement, but cost, speed, and availability are the issues that this initiative addresses. She also reported that Mr. James will be copied on all the management team communications so that, if an opportunity for Verizon should become available, they will be aware of it. The team agreed that Verizon should be included in all communications and welcomed the possibility that Verizon might be able to participate as the project moves forward.

6. Discussion began about the 911 Commission, State Police Area 31, and EMS data that might be available, such as what towers they use and the tower locations. Barbara will contact Jason Loftus to get additional information. Dimitri read from the Northampton County list of data that there is also information on this topic at: www.esva911.org. Barbara will also contact Keith Hill to inquire as to the type of data he could use within the scope of work.

7. **NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. at the VEC in Onley (to the right of SEARS, Chesapeake Square Shopping Center) on December 19. It should take about 2 hours. Keith Hill of SSM will attend and will present the maps and data they have developed. He will need us to study his work and give him feedback as to its accuracy and completeness. Please plan to attend and block out your calendar for the whole morning. **WE NEED FOLKS WHO ARE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THEIR TOWN OR AREA TO ATTEND THIS SESSION.** If Matt Fitzgerald, our DHCD rep would like to be "present," we can set up a video conferencing link. Barbara will check with him.

As always, if anyone has questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the team members.

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Data Collected for Broadband Projects

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Employers – from VEC on disk
Community Profile – Northampton, from VEC
Community Profile – Accomack, from VEC

GIS data to come next week (December 13+) from Accomack County –
Parcels, municipal boundaries, zoning, future land use map
Tom Brockenbrough, Planning, 787-5797

Comprehensive Plans

Accomack County, 1997
Belle Haven, 1999 (adjacent to Exmore)
Exmore, 1998
Melfa, 1997
Nassawadox, 2000
Onancock, 1999
Onley, 2000

Zoning Ordinances

Accomac (town), 1990
Accomack County, 2005
Belle Haven, 1992
Exmore, (date?)
Exmore, Land Use & Water Quality Protection Plan for the Comp Plan, 2000
Melfa, 1997
Nassawadox, 2001
Need: Onley, Onancock (Barbara will pursue)

Need list of all town and county officials (Barbara will pursue)

Other data already sent by Northampton County (separate list)

Studies

Economic Development Value of the US Navy Surface Combat Systems Center at Wallops Island: A Strategic Scenario Analysis; Dr. Memo Diriker, Business, Economic, and Community Outreach Network at Salisbury University.

