

Regional Update

A Monthly Report of Activities on the Eastern Shore of Virginia

December 2008



A-NPDC Submits four Transportation Enhancement Grant Applications

Assateague Lighthouse Restoration

The Chincoteague Natural History Association, US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Accomack-Northampton PDC have partnered to submit an application for funds to rehabilitate the Assateague Lighthouse. The Lighthouse is a historic transportation site, active navigational aid and needs some interior and exterior repairs.

The Lighthouse was originally completed in 1833 and expanded to its current size in 1867. It is still in use and can be seen 22 miles out at sea.

Eastern Shore Artisans Heritage Trail

The Eastern Shore Tourism Commission and the Accomack-Northampton PDC have partnered to obtain funding to create a trail through Accomack and Northampton Counties to enhance the experience of the traveling public and provide new economic opportunities to local artists.

The Trail will include studios of local working artists, vineyards and farmer's markets. Wayfinding signage will be installed, paper and online maps will be additional amenities.

Continuation of Two Existing Projects

The Town of Wachapreague Seaside Gateway Connector project and the County of Northampton Bicycle Trail have both requested additional funds to complete the projects.

The Wachapreague project seeks to obtain the old Wachapreague Hotel property for the Town. The Northampton Bicycle Trail project will complete development of a bicycle trail on the former railroad right of way owned by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Tangier Medical Center On Schedule for Construction to Begin in 2009

The Town of Tangier and its associated partners have completed the Community Development Block Grant management plan to develop the new medical center.

The plan calls for the construction contract to be bid out in January 2009, with a projected award date of February 27th. Construction activities are projected to be complete October 2009.

Third Annual Native American Heritage Festival Held

The Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland was home to at least 14 tribes including the Nanticoke, Pocomoke, Accomac, Assateague and Accohannock. On Saturday, November 8th, the Robert N. Reed Downtown Waterfront Park on Chincoteague was the site of the third annual Native American Heritage Festival.

Activities provided festival goers with an opportunity to learn about the heritage and culture of America's original inhabitants. There were demonstrations of traditional skills such as flint knapping, corn grinding, storytelling, and beading. Participants also demonstrated various dance styles and explained the significance of their regalia.



Dance at the Heritage Festival

December Calendar of Events

Dec. 10 - ESV Broadband Authority, 4:00 PM, ESV Chamber of Commerce
Dec. 21 - Winter Begins
Dec. 24 - Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
Dec. 25 - Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
Dec. 26 - Office Closed for Christmas Holiday
Dec. 31 - New Years Eve - Office Open
Jan. 01 - Office Closed for New Years Holiday
Jan. 02 - Office Closed for New Years Holiday



Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. From the A-NPDC Staff

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