

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM #10: NORTHWEST RIVER WATERSHED PLAN

SUBJECT:

The HRPDC staff has completed the enclosed report, City of Chesapeake: A Plan for the Northwest River Watershed. The report describes existing conditions in the watershed and an analysis of the impacts of further development and makes recommendations to address five specific critical issues.

BACKGROUND:

The HRPDC staff worked with staff from the City of Chesapeake Planning Department and The Nature Conservancy to complete a study of and plan for the Northwest River Watershed in southern Chesapeake. The planning effort included gathering data on existing conditions and assessing past planning efforts. The plan identifies five critical issues facing the watershed: protecting the drinking water supply, protecting natural resources, preserving rural character, buffering military facilities, and addressing climate change and sea level rise. A build-out analysis was conducted to analyze the impacts of future development scenarios on the watershed and identify potential use conflicts. Based on this research and analysis the plan makes several recommendations addressing each critical issue.

Funding to support this effort was provided by The Nature Conservancy.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Accept the report.

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