

Regional Update

June 2026

RESILIENT DESIGN GUIDELINES

Hampton Roads Resilience Efforts Earn National Recognition

The HRPDC's **Regional Resilient Design Guidelines** for Hampton Roads have been recognized as a national best practice by the Center for Watershed Protection, a leading organization focused on protecting water resources and ecosystems across the country.



The guidelines were recently featured as one of just twelve case studies in a nationwide project highlighting innovative approaches to preparing for sea level rise, stronger storms, and changing rainfall patterns. Developed through regional collaboration and adopted in 2025, the guidelines help Hampton Roads localities incorporate future flood and climate conditions into planning, infrastructure, and development decisions.

Hampton Roads was recognized alongside communities including Boston, Seattle, Jacksonville, and Broward County, Florida, highlighting the region's leadership in building resilience to future flood risks.

[*Learn how Hampton Roads is helping shape the future of resilience planning*](#)

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IMPROVING FLOOD AWARENESS

Real-time Flood Monitoring Expands Across Hampton Roads

Flooding is a familiar challenge across Hampton Roads, but a new regional sensor network is helping communities better prepare for and respond to rising water.



The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), in partnership with member localities and Green Stream Technologies, is installing approximately 45 roadway flooding sensors at frequently flooded locations throughout the region.

The sensors provide real-time water level data that will be shared through public platforms, including the National Weather Service dashboard, and integrated into Virginia's statewide flood monitoring system. The network will also support roadway flooding alerts through Waze, helping drivers avoid flooded roads and travel more safely during severe weather events.

Beyond immediate public safety benefits, the data collected will help local governments better understand flooding patterns and support future transportation, emergency management, and resilience planning efforts across Hampton Roads.

[Learn more about the regional roadway flooding sensor network >](#)

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE!

Hurricane Season Starts with Flood Preparedness

Hurricane season is underway, and while forecasts suggest a near-average year, it only takes one storm to make a significant impact. Now is the time to review your emergency plans, understand your flood risk, and make sure your insurance coverage is up to date.



That's where [GetFloodFluent.org](#) can help. This regional initiative provides tools and resources to help residents better understand flood risks, explore flood maps, estimate flood insurance costs, and take practical steps to protect their homes and property. The campaign emphasizes that flooding can happen anywhere it rains and that standard homeowners and renters insurance policies typically do not cover flood damage.

[Visit GetFloodFluent.org to explore your flood risk and learn how to protect what matters most >](#)



Opening Doors to Homeownership in Hampton Roads



Homeownership is more than having a place to live -- it's a foundation for building wealth, stability, and stronger communities.

For the past 30 years, the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium (HRHC) has worked to expand pathways to homeownership and support housing opportunities throughout the region.

In recognition of **National Home Ownership Month**, the HRHC is highlighting the lasting benefits of homeownership for Hampton Roads families. Owning a home can help:

- Build equity over time
- Stabilize housing costs
- Invest in the future
- Create generational wealth

It's not just a home—it's a stepping stone to long-term wealth.

The [***HRHC website***](#) offers resources, counseling, and programs designed to make homeownership more achievable. For those ready to take the next step, HRPDC also offers [***first-time home buyer assistance programs***](#) to help turn the dream into reality.

[Learn more about homeownership resources and assistance programs >](#)

Expanding Affordable Homeownership Through Community Land Trusts

As part of National Homeownership Month, the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium (HRHC) invites you to join a virtual Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, June 30 at noon exploring how Community Land Trusts (CLTs) can help expand and preserve affordable homeownership opportunities.

Featuring **Dr. Mae Worthey-Thomas of the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust**,

the session will examine how CLTs create pathways to homeownership while promoting long-term affordability, wealth-building, and community resilience. Participants will learn about:

- Strategies for expanding affordable homeownership
- Opportunities to advance CLT models in Hampton Roads
- How we can preserve affordability for future generations
- Ways housing professionals can support lasting community stability

[Register for this free virtual event >](#)

The flyer is titled "Celebrating National Homeownership Month" in a cursive font. The main heading is "EXPANDING AND PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP THROUGH COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS". It describes a virtual conversation with Dr. Mae Worthey-Thomas of the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust (CLT) on expanding affordable homeownership. The event is on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, starting at 12:00 noon. It is a free virtual event. Registration information includes a QR code and a link to <https://tinyurl.com/phsnyjet>. The HRHC logo is at the bottom left, and the Maggie Walker Community Land Trust logo is at the bottom right.

Celebrating National Homeownership Month

EXPANDING AND PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP THROUGH COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS

Join HRHC for a virtual conversation with *Dr. Mae Worthey-Thomas* of the *Maggie Walker Community Land Trust (CLT)* on expanding affordable homeownership. Explore strategies and opportunities for advancing CLT models in Hampton Roads and supporting lasting affordability and community stability.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr. Mae Worthey-Thomas

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026

STARTS AT 12:00 NOON

THIS IS A FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

REGISTER NOW AND STAY IN TOUCH!

Scan the QR code or register online at <https://tinyurl.com/phsnyjet>

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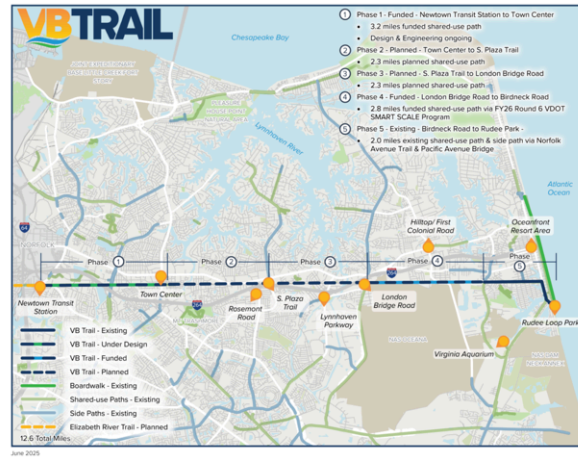
PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

From Norfolk to the Oceanfront: Trail Vision Moving Forward

When complete, the Virginia Beach Trail will create a 12-mile shared-use path stretching from the Norfolk city line to the Oceanfront, providing new opportunities for walking,

biking, recreation, and alternative transportation throughout the city.

One of the next major segments of the project, Phase IV, will construct approximately 2.8 miles of trail between South Birdneck Road and London Bridge Road. Supported by SMART SCALE funding awarded in 2025, the project is part of a larger effort to transform a former rail corridor into a community asset that connects neighborhoods, destinations, and the broader regional trail network.



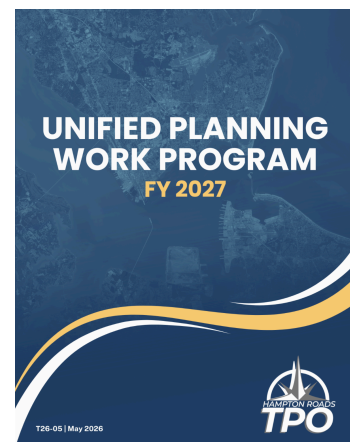
Design is scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year 2027, with construction anticipated in Fiscal Year 2031.

[**Explore the project map and see how the Virginia Beach Trail helps connect Hampton Roads >**](#)

CHARTING THE COURSE FOR HAMPTON ROADS

HRTPO Board Approves FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program

The HRTPO Board approved the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) on May 21, outlining the region’s transportation planning priorities for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.



The UPWP serves as the federally required blueprint for HRTPO’s planning work, including continued support for the Long-Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, performance management, public participation, and special studies requested by member jurisdictions.

Key priorities for FY 2027 include scenario planning, transportation resilience, safe and accessible multimodal options, and emerging transportation technologies. The program includes \$8.6 million in transportation planning funding across agencies and activities.

[Learn more about what the HRTPO will be working on in FY 2027 >](#)

PROTECTING OUR WATERWAYS

The Chesapeake Bay Starts in Your Backyard

The Chesapeake Bay and our local waterways are central to Hampton Roads' quality of life, economy, and natural beauty. Protecting these resources is something we can all do year-round.



That's why askHRgreen.org has relaunched the Bay Star program, making it easier than ever for residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations to take simple actions that improve water quality. From keeping storm drains clear to reducing litter and conserving water, small everyday choices can have a lasting impact.

Protecting our waterways is a shared responsibility and one of the many ways we work together to strengthen Hampton Roads. Become a Bay Star and join the effort to keep our local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay healthy for generations to come.

[Take the Bay Star pledge and start making a difference today >](#)

ON THE MAP

50 Tons of Impact Across Hampton Roads

This spring, nearly **4,800 volunteers** came together across Hampton Roads for the 2026 Great American Cleanup, demonstrating the power of regional collaboration and community pride. Together, volunteers removed more than **100,000 pounds of litter**, recovered 703 tires, planted hundreds of native plants, and completed beautification projects in communities throughout the region.



Our latest *On the Map* feature highlights cleanup locations and results from across Hampton Roads, providing a visual look at the collective impact made by residents, military commands, businesses, schools, and community organizations working together to keep our waterways, neighborhoods, and public spaces clean and vibrant.

[Explore the interactive map to see the impact in your community >](#)



MEET THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Helping Shape the Future of Hampton Roads

Regional plans are strongest when they're informed by the people they serve. That's the role of the **Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**, a diverse group of residents, educators, business professionals, nonprofit leaders, and community partners who provide valuable input on regional initiatives led by the HRPDC and HRTPO.

Committee members help review public engagement efforts, provide feedback on surveys and outreach materials, and offer perspectives that strengthen regional plans and decision-making. Their insights help ensure that transportation, housing, environmental, and quality-of-life initiatives reflect the needs and priorities of communities across Hampton Roads.

Led by Chair Lauren Roberts Carter and Vice Chair Maleah Amos, the CAC serves as an important bridge between regional planning efforts and the people who live, work, and raise families in Hampton Roads.

Interested in getting involved? The CAC is currently seeking members from Franklin, Gloucester, James City County, Poquoson, Smithfield, Surry, and Williamsburg.

[**Meet the CAC leadership and explore opportunities to serve >**](#)



Lauren Roberts Carter
Community Advisory Committee Chair



Maleah Amos
Community Advisory Committee Vice Chair

Public Involvement Opportunity

2026 Major Amendment to Regional Solid Waste Management Plan

The Southeastern Public Service Authority (SPSA) has applied to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ) to expand the capacity of the Regional Landfill in Suffolk, VA. To support the permit application, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), the solid waste planning agency for the SPSA region, is amending the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (RSWMP).

To learn more and make your voice heard, attend the July 2nd public hearing
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Introduction to the Plan & Planning Process

WHAT IS THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN?

Your community is updating its regional Hazard Mitigation Plan — identifying floods, storms, heat, and other hazards threatening Hampton Roads and outlining actions to reduce risk.

Come learn what it means for your neighborhood.

DATE

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

TIME

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Norfolk Police Community Room — 2nd Precinct
901 Asbury Ave, Norfolk, VA 23513

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission | (757) 420-8300

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HRPDC & HRTPO In the News...



[Flooding, growth and driverless cars: Regional plan tackles the future of transportation in Hampton Roads](#) (WHRO, June 3, 2026)



Flooding, growth and driverless cars:
Regional plan tackles the future of
transportation in Hampton Roads



Parking lots get hot and are bad for storm runoff. These groups are testing other options (Associated Press, May 22, 2026)

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Need Help?



NEED HELP?



- ○ ○ Access to Services
- ○ ○ ADA Accommodations
- ○ ○ Language Assistance

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Upcoming Meetings

No HRPDC or HRTPO Meetings in June.



The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) and Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) fully comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice, and related nondiscrimination statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. HRPDC's website, www.hrpdcva.gov, and HRTPO's website, www.hrtpo.org, may be translated into multiple languages. Publications and other public documents can be made available in alternative languages and formats, if requested. HRPDC public meetings are always held in ADA-accessible facilities and in transit-accessible locations when possible. Auxiliary services can be

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