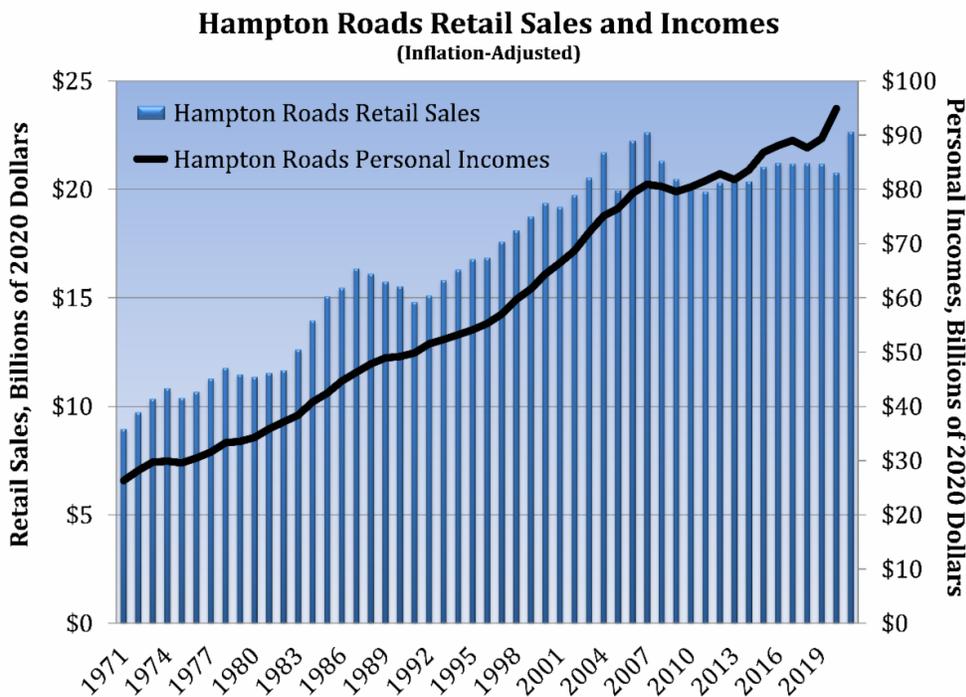




## **Hampton Roads Economic Monthly** **Retail in Hampton Roads: Post-COVID check-in**

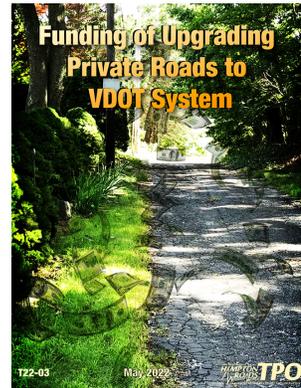
Try as they might, economists have a tough time predicting the future. When COVID hit the US economy in March of 2020, a wave of layoffs (some temporary, some permanent) followed as business as usual ceased to exist. Across the region (and the country and globe), every major industry was impacted differently. One of the most interesting to watch over the past two years has been the retail industry – which has experienced a rapid recovery in ways that would have been very difficult to predict in March 2020.

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**[Funding of Upgrading Private Roads to VDOT System](#)**

Across Virginia, citizens often call county offices asking that the maintenance of their private road be taken over by VDOT, known as “rural additions” to the VDOT system. The cost to upgrade private roads to VDOT standards is usually significant. In response to a request from county stakeholders, HRTPO staff gathered information on rural additions to the VDOT System.



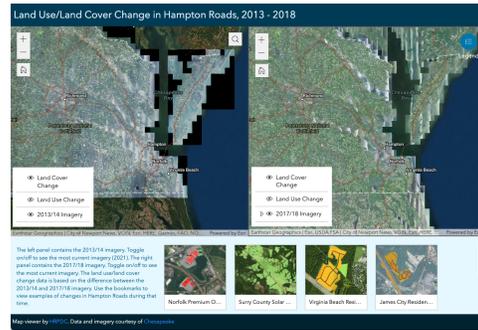
## **[Understand Local Flooding Risks and Learn How to Protect Your Home at GetFloodFluent.org](#)**

Officials with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are predicting a 65% chance of an above-average Atlantic hurricane season for 2022, with 14-21 named storms and 6-10 hurricanes. The team behind [Getfloodfluent.org](http://Getfloodfluent.org) wants to know: Are you and your home prepared? Launched in 2019 by the HRPDC, with advice from local planners and emergency managers, the GetFloodFluent.org initiative separates facts from fiction when it comes to flood insurance in Hampton Roads.



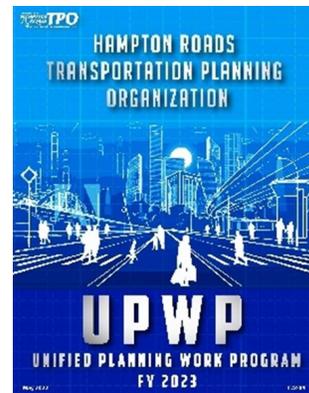
## **[Map of the Month – Chesapeake Bay Watershed Land Use/Land Cover Data Updates](#)**

The long-awaited update to land cover and land use (LULC) data across the Chesapeake Bay watershed has *finally been completed* and is highlighted in ***this month's map***. Regional partners and the public can now [access land cover, land use, and land use change data](#).



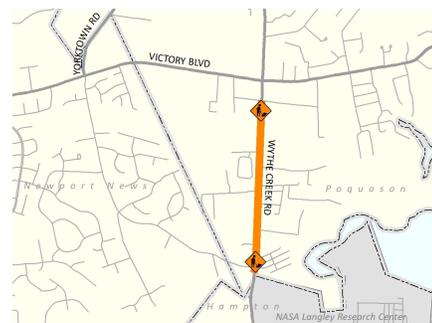
## **HRTPO Board Approves FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program**

The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Board approved the agency's new Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 on May 19, 2022. The annual UPWP is a federally required document that serves as the organization's "blueprint" detailing all the planned transportation planning work for the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) with its associated funding to be advanced in the region during the upcoming year.



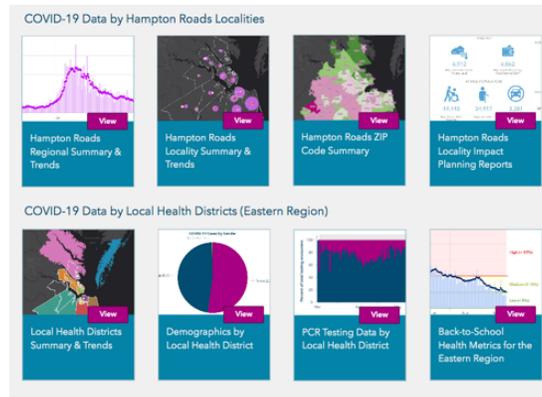
## **Project of the Month: Wythe Creek Road Widening**

Each month, HRTPO staff highlights a project that is currently being implemented within the Hampton Roads region. This month, staff examines the Wythe Creek Road Widening projects in the Cities of Hampton and Poquoson.



## **[Hampton Roads COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub](#)**

Visit the COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub to get the latest information on COVID-19 in Hampton Roads.



## **HRPDC/HRTPO In the News**

[Will fiber broadband internet buildout reach my home?](#) (Suffolk News-Herald, June 7, 2022)

[Virginia public defenders are asking for raises to keep salaries on par with prosecutors. It's brought mixed results in Hampton Roads.](#) (Daily Press, June 3, 2022)

## **Public Comment Opportunities**

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[PUBLIC NOTICE: Proposed Hampton Roads Second Maintenance Plan](#)

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