



## Northern Virginia Regional Commission

### RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 19-23

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Executive Director

DATE: March 28, 2019

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY PHASE III WIP**

WHEREAS, established in 2010, the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load, or Bay TMDL, set limits for major sources of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment pollution entering the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, to help meet these limits, the six Bay States and the District of Columbia have previously developed Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) that included detailed implementation steps, and are now currently planning to develop a third (Phase III) WIP; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Phase III WIP development process, Virginia has received draft planning targets that reflect refinements to the Chesapeake Bay model; and although the planning targets are different from the 2010 Bay TMDL limits, these planning targets will establish new goals for the jurisdictions to achieve to meet water quality standards; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia's Planning District Commissions (PDCs), are uniquely positioned to facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing regional problems of greater than local significance, specifically in the functional area of environmental management; and

WHEREAS, Virginia PDCs are accustomed to undertaking technical assistance grant projects. Providing coordination with local government representatives and information exchanges between local, state and federal partners including the analyses of resource management issues resulting in an informational end product such as reports, maps, data inputs and outreach tools; and

WHEREAS, DEQ desires to work through the PDCs to develop portions of the Phase III WIP and has made funds available to the Chesapeake Bay PDC's to convene locality and regional officials, staff and stakeholders to provide input and recommendations for meeting Local Area Planning Goals established by DEQ; and

WHEREAS, DEQ has made additional funds available to NVRC, due to its unique staff positioning, to provide advanced technical assistance services to the other PDCs for cross-regional coordination, project management and planning throughout the development process.

WHEREAS, the PDCs, then under contract to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, have previously provided process facilitation, and data scenario and strategy development for Virginia's previous Chesapeake Bay WIP developments; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract with DEQ, for participation in the Phase III WIP project at the allocated funding of \$21,500.



#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on March 28, 2019.

  
ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER