Thursday, April 27, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

The next Northern Virginia Regional Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 7:30 pm will be held in person and electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3). NVRC offices are located at 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, Virginia. NVRC meetings are streamed live on its Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/NoVAR

This NVRC meeting does not have a public hearing component, so public comments will not be taken.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER - John T. Chapman, Chairman

2. ROLL CALL

3. PRESENTATIONS

Workforce Update from the Northern Virginia Community College

Commissioners will receive an update from the VP of Workforce for the Northern Virginia Community College, Mr. Steve Partridge, on the numerous workforce initiatives NVCC is undertaking in the region.

Launching Engineering Careers with Work-based Learning

Commissioners will receive a presentation from Steve Cooper, the CEO of Exeleration whose firm is working with the Arlington County Department of Economic Development. The demand for skilled Technologists is the challenge of our day. Meanwhile, new engineering careers are stifled by entry-level jobs that require 1-3 years of experience and four-year degrees.

4. ADOPTION OF ACTION ITEMS

Resolution P23-25 – AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING FUNDS FOR POTOMAC HERITAGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL COUNTER PROJECT

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) provides coordination for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) in Northern Virginia through a Cooperative Agreement P21AC12147-00 with the National Park Service. The need for trail use data has been identified as a need. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director on behalf of the Commission to accept Federal funds for such needs.

Recommended Action: Adoption

Resolution P23-26 – AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING FUNDS FOR LEESYLVANIA STATE PARK LIVING SHORELINE PHASE II PROJECT
In 2016, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) partnered with Prince William County, VIMS, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Dominion Energy, and Leesylvania State Park to protect and stabilize a section of the park’s shoreline along the Potomac River against ongoing erosion and habitat degradation using living shoreline practices. The project was able to stabilize 800 linear feet of shoreline as well as enhance riparian buffer habitat and restore tidal-inlet marsh and beach habitat. NVRC proposes to continue these partnerships for the design and construction of a living shoreline along a second section of the park’s riverbank to further restore riparian vegetation, improve water quality for the Potomac River, and create habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director on behalf of the Commission to accept Federal funds for this project.

**Recommended Action: Adoption**

**Resolution P23-27 – AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING AUDIT SERVICES**

The Commission authorized the hiring of Robinson, Farmer to provide auditing services to the Commission. The contract permits the extension of the contract in one-year increments. The Executive Director is recommending that Robinson, Farmer be engaged for an additional year to provide such services.

**Recommended Action: Adoption**

5. **COMMUNITY/MILITARY PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

6. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**
   - Activity Report
   - Financial Report

7. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

8. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 2023**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
RESOLUTION

Resolution No. P23-25

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

DATE: April 27, 2023

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING FUNDS FOR POTOMAC HERITAGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL COUNTER PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) provides coordination for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) in Northern Virginia through a Cooperative Agreement P21AC12147-00 with the National Park Service;

WHEREAS, NVRC supports the advancement of safety, connectivity, and accessibility to the PHNST through planning and projects with PHNST stakeholders, including Northern Virginia jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the National Park Service and PHNST stakeholders have an expressed interest in working together to identify and address data needs, including trail usage information for the PHNST;

WHEREAS, there remains a significant lack of data surrounding the PHNST’s use, its connectivity and accessibility to surrounding communities, and identifiable areas of maintenance concern;

WHEREAS, with the purchase and maintenance of trail counters, NVRC and its trail partners, including local jurisdictions and state agencies, would be able to fill these gaps in data and better understand how many individuals utilize the PHNST, as well as when and where they use it;

WHEREAS, NVRC proposes a three-year PHNST Trail Counter Project to develop and implement a trail counter program across the PHNST in Northern Virginia, including the purchase and installation of trail counters along the PHNST path, ongoing maintenance of the installed counters, as well as data cleaning, analysis, and reporting activities;

WHEREAS, in the fiscal year 2024 appropriations cycle, the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations is accepting requests from Senators on their funding priorities, including trail improvement projects;

WHEREAS, NVRC has submitted a request of $195,369 for Congressionally Directed Spending funds to the offices of Senator Warner and Senator Kaine to develop and implement the proposed PHNST Trail Counter Project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to accept funds up to $195,369 from the Congressionally Directed Spending program for the PHNST Trail Counter Project in Northern Virginia, should the request be approved.
RESOLUTION

Resolution No. P23-26

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director
DATE: April 27, 2023

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING FUNDS FOR LEESYLVANIA STATE PARK LIVING SHORELINE PHASE II PROJECT

WHEREAS, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) defines living shorelines as “nature-based shoreline management practices that address erosion through the strategic placement of plants, stone, sand fill, and other structural and organic materials, intended to mimic a natural shoreline in looks and benefits”;

WHEREAS, living shorelines have also been identified in the 2021 Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan as an effective mechanism to mitigate flooding impacts and serve as a long-term adaptation tool to rising sea level along the coastal zone of Virginia;

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) partnered with Prince William County, VIMS, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Dominion Energy, and Leesylvania State Park to protect and stabilize a section of the park’s shoreline along the Potomac River against ongoing erosion and habitat degradation using living shoreline practices;

WHEREAS, the project was able to stabilize 800 linear feet of shoreline as well as enhance riparian buffer habitat and restore tidal-inlet marsh and beach habitat;

WHEREAS, NVRC proposes to continue these partnerships for the design and construction of a living shoreline along a second section of the park’s riverbank to further restore riparian vegetation, improve water quality for the Potomac River, and create habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species;

WHEREAS, in the fiscal year 2024 appropriations cycle, the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations is accepting requests from Senators on their funding priorities, including water and wastewater infrastructure improvement projects;

WHEREAS, NVRC has submitted a request of $922,525 for Congressionally Direct Spending funds to the offices of Senator Warner and Senator Kaine to support design and construction costs for the Leesylvania State Park Living Shoreline Phase II project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to accept funds up to $922,525 from the Congressionally Directed Spending program for the living shoreline project, should the request be approved.
RESOLUTION

Resolution No. P23-27

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

DATE: April 27, 2023

EXTENSION OF AUDITOR ENGAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the NVRC Personnel and Administrative Policies and Practices manual and Commission Resolution No. 22-36, provide that engagement of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for auditing services may be extended annually for up to four years after engagement for the FY 2022 audit, contingent upon the assessment that:

1) it is in the Commission's interest to exercise the option to extend;

2) the auditor continues to meet criteria for engagement, specifically,
   a) the firm is staffed with CPAs licensed to practice in Virginia, and who satisfy any and all standards of independence issued by the US Government Accounting Office, the Virginia Board of Accountancy and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants,
   b) the extension meets any additional criteria established by the Executive Committee, based on requirements of the Commission’s funding sources or other factors deemed to be in the Commission’s interest; and

3) a reasonable price is negotiated for the services to be performed; and

WHEREAS, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates continues to meet qualifications for serving as the Commission's independent auditor; and

WHEREAS, as the Support Organization under contract to the Region Council 7 pursuant to the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Act (GO Virginia), the Commission is responsible for producing an audit of the GO Virginia funds for which the Commission has had fiduciary responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates has provided a FY 2023 cost proposal for $23,865, which includes $21,060 for the audit of the Commission's financial statements in accordance with 2 CFR 200, and $2,805 for the additional procedures for GO Virginia finances; and

WHEREAS, these prices are 5% above the prices for the previous year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to extend the engagement of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for the fourth optional year, for a total price not to exceed $23,865, including the cost of additional procedures required by the GO Virginia Region Council 7, which shall reimburse the Commission for the full cost of such additional procedures.
Executive Director’s Report

April 2023
Shape of the Region Conference

Michelle Simmons, Jill Kaneff and Tim Agar of our team attended the Shape of the Region Conference sponsored by the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. Chairman John Chapman attended the event on behalf of the Commissioners.

NVRC has been a participating partner with several community organizations in support of the events sponsored by the Foundation.
Protecting our Waterways

Rebecca Murphy, our Coastal Program Manager, authored a brochure on swimming pool drainage tips and guidelines to help homeowners protect local waterways and wildlife.

The flyer can be found on our Clean Waters Partners website for download.
Regional Collaboration

With many thanks to our colleagues in Arlington County for recognizing the work we do with them and our regional local government partners in the fight against climate change.

The County issued a report outlining their efforts in a number of areas.
Waxpool Apartments Update

This is one of the affordable housing projects supported by the Commission through a grant received from Virginia Housing. Planned completion is Fall 2023. In total more than 300 new affordable housing units will have been created as a result of the grant.
Earthquake Relief

Food deliveries being made in Hatay, Turkey from funds raised by the regional effort in Northern Virginia.
# SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

**March 31, 2023**

## Revenue Earned

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<td><strong>Local (50¢ per cap) and State General Fund Contributions</strong></td>
<td>$119,342.33</td>
<td>$1,074,081</td>
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<td><strong>Local (10¢ per cap) Designated Contributions</strong></td>
<td>16,841.90</td>
<td>148,447</td>
<td>253,233</td>
<td>104,786</td>
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<td><strong>Local Program Agreements and Other Assistance</strong></td>
<td>44,730.52</td>
<td>434,361</td>
<td>786,355</td>
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<td><strong>State Grants and Contracts</strong></td>
<td>18,283.25</td>
<td>177,758</td>
<td>377,279</td>
<td>199,521</td>
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<td><strong>Federal Grants and Contracts - Direct</strong></td>
<td>88,018.22</td>
<td>670,823</td>
<td>1,145,155</td>
<td>474,332</td>
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<td><strong>Federal Grants and Contracts - Indirect</strong></td>
<td>547,226.67</td>
<td>3,204,689</td>
<td>4,286,857</td>
<td>1,082,168</td>
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<td><strong>Shared Facilities Revenue</strong></td>
<td>21,603.71</td>
<td>181,786</td>
<td>232,130</td>
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<td><strong>Shared Facilities Revenue - Lease Offset</strong></td>
<td>(842.28)</td>
<td>(6,279)</td>
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<td><strong>Other</strong></td>
<td>36,203.90</td>
<td>1,448,943</td>
<td>1,549,432</td>
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<td><strong>Interest</strong></td>
<td>9,073.67</td>
<td>53,744</td>
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<td><strong>Interest Income Lease</strong></td>
<td>965.90</td>
<td>9,814</td>
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<td><strong>Miscellaneous</strong></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenue</strong></td>
<td>$901,448</td>
<td>$7,398,180</td>
<td>$10,065,549</td>
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## Expenses

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<td><strong>Personnel</strong></td>
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<td>$1,628,503</td>
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<td><strong>Consultants / Contracts</strong></td>
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<td>4,917,222</td>
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<td><strong>Housekeeping Expenses</strong></td>
<td>53,563</td>
<td>522,167</td>
<td>659,128</td>
<td>136,961</td>
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<td><strong>Operating Expenses</strong></td>
<td>6,227</td>
<td>55,228</td>
<td>158,102</td>
<td>102,874</td>
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<td><strong>Duplicating Expenses</strong></td>
<td>965</td>
<td>15,256</td>
<td>17,028</td>
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<td><strong>Travel and Conference Expenses</strong></td>
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<td>35,940</td>
<td>40,945</td>
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<td><strong>Recruit and Development Expenses</strong></td>
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<td>873</td>
<td>7,000</td>
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<td><strong>Other</strong></td>
<td>284</td>
<td>3,494</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>1,506</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
<td>$859,212</td>
<td>$7,178,684</td>
<td>$9,836,177</td>
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## Income Over (Under) Expenses

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<td><strong>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES</strong></td>
<td>$42,236</td>
<td>$219,496</td>
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NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION
Minutes of the Commission Meeting Held Thursday, March 23, 2023

COMMISSIONERS
(The names of those members present are highlighted.)

Hon. Walter L. Alcorn
County of Fairfax

Hon. Victor S. Angry
County of Prince William

Hon. Andrea O. Bailey
County of Prince William

Hon. Kenny A. Boddye
Town of Dumfries

Hon. Tyrone Brown
Town of Leesburg

Hon. Kelly Burk
City of Alexandria

Hon. John T. Chapman, NVRC Chairman¹
City of Vienna

Hon. Linda J. Colbert
County of Arlington

Hon. Matt de Ferranti
City of Alexandria

Hon. Libby Garvey
County of Arlington

Hon. Alyia Gaskins
County of Loudoun

Hon. Sylvia Glass
County of Fairfax

Hon. Penelope A. Gross
County of Fairfax

Hon. Pat Herrity
County of Fairfax

Hon. Rodney L. Lusk
County of Fairfax

Hon. Sheila A. Olem, NVRC Vice Chairwoman – Alternate
Town of Herndon

Councilmember Danielle Scherff

Hon. Dalia A. Pachik
County of Fairfax

Hon. Catherine Read
City of Fairfax

Hon. Jeanette Rishell
County of Manassas Park

Hon. Koran T. Saines
County of Loudoun

Hon. Kathy L. Smith, NVRC Treasurer
City of Fairfax

Hon. David Tarter
County of Fairfax

Hon. James R. Walkinshaw
City of Manassas

Hon. Mark Wolfe

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Lazaro
Executive Director

Linda M. Tenney
Deputy Director

Gina Kesselmann-Smith²
Management Analyst

Normand Goulet³
Environmental Services Director

Chris Landgraf³
Military Installation Resiliency Project Manager

Rebecca Murphy⁴
Resources Program Manager

Peggy Tadej⁵
Community and Military Partnerships Director

OTHERS

Samer Beidas
Prince William Service Authority

Ben Eldridge
Cambridge

Jamie Bain Hedges
Fairfax Water

Great Prelewicz
Fairfax Water

¹ Joined virtually
² Joined virtually
³ Joined virtually
⁴ Joined virtually
⁵ Joined virtually
CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL
The roll was called, and all members present or absent were noted for the record.

PRESENTATION
Planning for and Protection the Region’s Drinking Water Sources
Fairfax Water produces treated drinking water for over two million residents of Northern Virginia. Commissioners received a presentation on efforts to increase water supply and emerging issues in water supply protection from Ms. Jamie Bain Hedges, General Manager of Fairfax Water.

ACTION ITEMS
Commissioner Boddye moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-19 – Resolution Authorizing The Executive Director To Sign A Lease Extension Agreement For NVRC Offices And To Engage The Services Of Outside Legal Counsel. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:
NVRC with the assistance of a commercial real estate broker has been negotiating with the landlord to extend the lease on NVRC offices for a period of eight years. The current lease expires in 2025. NVRC has reached an agreement with the landlord that will result in a savings to the organization equivalent to ten months of free rent. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to sign an lease extension only after coming to the successful conclusion of achieving a sublease agreement with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority which is a subtenant. The resolution also authorizes the Executive Director to engage the services of outside legal counsel for the purposes of lease review and sub-lease documentation.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-20 – Authorization to Engage George Mason University on Work Study Student for Waste Management Program. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:
NVRC coordinates the activities of the Northern Virginia Waste Management Board. NVRC has been requested by the Board to executive an agreement with George Mason University for a graduate student to work with the Waste Management Board. The student receives a stipend from GMU (George Mason University) and there is no budget impact to NVRC.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-21 – Authorization to Engage AEM To Complete a Flood Early Warning System Desktop Evaluation. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:
The Northern Virginia Regional Commission received $11,250 from the Community Flood Preparedness Fund to complete a Flood Prevention
and Protection Study to assess the status of rain gauge networks in Northern Virginia. AEM provides flood risk management solutions, products, and is the sole servicer of individually owned municipal precipitation networks. AEM submitted a proposal to complete a review of existing rain and stream gauges and evaluate existing radar coverage in the region, summarizing findings in a technical memorandum. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to sign the agreement with AEM.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-22 – Authorization To Submit A Stormwater Maintenance Grant Proposal To The National Fish And Wildlife Foundation’s Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

There is an opportunity to update the resource published in 2007 "Maintaining Stormwater Systems: A Guidebook for Private Owners and Operators in Northern Virginia" to support our local governments in the education and outreach for stormwater system maintenance. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has grant funding available through the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund for projects within the Chesapeake Bay watershed that promote voluntary, community-based efforts to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and streams. NVRC has worked in conjunction with Northern Virginia local government staff in the development of a proposal to bring up to date the sixteen-year-old stormwater maintenance guidebook. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to apply for a grant not to exceed $75,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in support of updating a stormwater maintenance guidebook to support private owners and operators in maintaining stormwater systems to improve water quality in Northern Virginia.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-23 – Authorization To Submit A Freshwater Mussel Grant Proposal To The National Fish And Wildlife Foundation’s Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Background:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality has listed approximately 250 miles of streams in Northern Virginia as impaired in 2018. Mussels function as ecosystem engineers by filtering and cleaning vast volumes of water. Each adult freshwater mussel can filter up to 10 gallons of water a day. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has grant funding available through the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund to protect and restore water quality, species, and habitats in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. NVRC has worked in conjunction with Prince William County staff and U.S Fish and Wildlife Service staff in the development of a proposal. The resolution authorizes the Executive Director to apply for a grant not to exceed $200,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in support of leveraging freshwater mussels to improve water quality in Prince William County.

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Resolution No. P23-24 – Executive Director Review and Compensation The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
Background:
The employment agreement for the Executive Director requires that his performance be reviewed on an annual basis and his compensation adjusted accordingly.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lazaro presented his report to the Commission, which included the financial report for February 2023 and the following:

- Military Installation Resilience Review
  - The DRAFT report of the MIRR document was distributed to our regional partners and final comments were received no later than March 17. The 600+ page document provides significant detail as to identified projects, impact, etc.
  - All members of our local Congressional delegation have been briefed on the projects identified in the MIRR.
  - The final report will be presented to the Commission in May.

- Congratulations Dr. Will Rowe
  - Congratulations to Dr. Will Rowe for being named a Defense Community Champion by American Defense Communities. We are grateful to Will for all his volunteer efforts assisting the Commission work with the military, veterans and military spouses.
  - Last year Peggy Tadej of our team was recognized.

- Solarized Dashboard Updated
  - Nora Jackson of our team updated our Solarize NoVA dashboard to include all of the projects that were contracted for in 2022 which was our best year ever with 172 contracts signed for solar.
  - Our 2023 campaign will kick off this Summer. With many thanks to our local government partners for their avid support of this important project.

- Helping the Victims of the Earthquake
  - NVRC is pleased to coordinate a regional relief effort to assist the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

- Association of Defense Communities National Summit
  - Northern Virginia Regional Commission participates in the Association of Defense Communities National Summit in Crystal City, Virginia to gain knowledge for
expanded community-military partnerships and communicate regional successes.

- Regional and Trans-Atlantic Cooperation
  
  o NVRC was pleased to work with the Virginia Climate Center at GMU, the University of Stuttgart and the Verband Region Stuttgart to explore opportunities for further collaboration on climate and sustainability related policies and projects.

  o Grateful to the GMU team for hosting the delegation for two days and to MWAA for briefing the delegation on their sustainability plan and its ongoing implementation.

- Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail Corridor Analysis Report Released
  
  o NVRC is excited to share the release of its 2022 Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) Corridor Analysis. The 2022 Corridor Analysis provides a comprehensive assessment of the PHNST network in Northern Virginia, including the status of trail connectivity and gaps, amenities, accessibility, and other important features for PHNST use and management. Notably, the project builds off of findings from NVRC’s 2022 Health, Social Equity and Economic Impact Study, which highlighted the range of benefits that a completed PHNST network could have for Northern Virginia.

- Virginia is for Green Roof Lovers
  
  o NVRC’s green roof application has been selected to be presented at the ESRI summer conference. We believe it is the only kind of its application in the country.

  o Congratulations to Nora Jackson of our team on leading this project on behalf of the Commission.

- Planning District Commissions in Washington, D.C.
  
  o NVRC’s Executive Director joined with colleagues from Planning Districts around the Commonwealth to meet with Congressional staff to update them on the activities of the Planning Districts. NVRC highlighted its work with the region’s military through our Military Installation Resilience Review project.

- Water Supply Planning
  
  o Was pleased to attend a Washington Post event on the important subject of water supply. Fascinating listening to U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper on the challenges in the far West in getting the states to cooperate. Grateful our team at NVRC works cooperatively with our regional water suppliers and local water suppliers
Chairman Chapman encouraged Commissioners to use their communication channels to help the Executive Director and staff to show the local communities what has been done on their behalf for them and to continue to push the great work that has been done at NVRC.

Commissioner Gross reported that the most recent Community and Military Partnership meeting that took place on March 16, 2023, was once again a great success. The agenda included the following:

- **10:00 - 10:10 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
  - Co-Chairs Penny Gross, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Victor Angry, Prince William County Board of Supervisors
  - NVRC Champion Award – Dr. William D. Rowe, Jr.

- **10:10 – 10:20 AM MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCY REVIEW PROJECT UPDATE**
  - Christopher Landgraf, NVRC

- **10:20 – 10:25 AM WORKFORCE UPDATE – First Transitioning Military, Military Spouse, and Veteran’s Community Alliance**
  - Mike Batts, VP Fairfax County Economic Development Authority

- **10:25 - 10:30 AM DEI UPDATE**
  - Aimee Stoddard, Everymind

- **10:30 – 10:45 REGIONAL FAIR HOUSING PLAN**
  - Hilary S. Chapman, Housing Program Manager, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

- **10:45 – 11:15 MILITARY BASE COMMANDER RESPONSE ON BALANCING THE MISSION REQUIREMENTS AND IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT**
  - COL. Joseph Messina, Garrison Commander Fort Belvoir
  - COL. David Bowling, Base Commander, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall
  - Col. Michael L. Brooks, Commanding Officer, MCI National Capital Region Marine Corps Base Quantico
  - Colonel, Joerg Drania, GS

- **11:15 – 11:45 AM COUNTY HOUSING POLICIES**
  - Mr. Tom Fleetwood, HCD Dir. Housing and Community Development, Fairfax County
  - Mr. Richard Tucker, Housing Arlington Coordinator, Arlington County
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Joan S. Duckett, Director Office of Housing and Community Development, Prince William County

- 11:45 – 11:55 AM DISCUSSION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND IMPACTS ON MILITARY

- 11:55 – 12:00 PM ACTION ITEMS AND PROPOSED SCHEDULE
  o Co-chairs

**ACTION ITEMS**

- COL Messina requested that military job openings on USAJobs be included on the WorkinNorthernvirginia.org website. As an example, Fort Belvoir needs childcare and security officers to work at the gates. Also include links to IC community jobs if possible.

- Co-Chair Gross requested that metrics reporting on transitioning military be included at May and September CMFFP meetings.

- Supervisor Lusk requested that metrics include a comparison between departing military salaries and starting private sector salaries and total compensation (if available).

- Invite Maureen Sintich, DNP, MBA, RN, WHNP-BC, NEA-BC who serves as Inova's Chief Nurse Executive (CNE) and Executive Vice President to speak at the next TMCA meeting to cover what hospitals are doing to employ veterans and how to improve access to mental health for the military and their families.

- Invite Terri Feely, Inova's Chief People Officer, to the next TCMA meeting to address what Inova is doing to recruit veterans for healthcare employment

- Include a military health representative at the State level on the DEI Working Group to look at increasing access to mental health care for the military and their families

- In May, prepare a Proclamation for the NVRC Board for passage specific to EO 9981, 9980, and the 75th anniversary of the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act

- Follow-up on Protective Class for Military to better understand what that means.

- Dr. Rowe recommended creating a resource for the military to navigate the regional housing market

- Provide and update on the Virginia Assembly bills related to military and veterans at the next CMFFP meeting

- Invite First Lady to address Child Care and Workforce issues

- Provide an update on Ad-Hoc committee efforts to recognize the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9981

Further updates included:

- ADC Conference held in Crystal City on March 6, 7, and 8, 2023 themed “One Community”
NVRC Champion Award to Dr. William D. Rowe, Jr. for his contributions to Northern Virginia and ADC

- NVRC receives Champion for two years in a row
- Senator Kaine was ADC guest speaker and spent time with the Northern Virginia delegation

Remaining Schedule for 2023 is as follows:

- 18 May – Theme: MIRR & Workforce
- 20 July
- 21 September
- 16 November

Commissioner Gross invited everyone to attend the next Community and Military Partnership meeting on May 18, 2023, 10am-12pm in person/hybrid.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gross moved approval of the Commission meeting minutes of February 23, 2023. The motion was seconded and carried. Commissioner Rishell abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Chapman adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr. 
Executive Director

Approved by: John T. Chapman
Chairman