

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 13-20

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AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR A REGIONAL CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE PLAN TO VIRGINIA COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration provide planning district commissions the opportunity to address one or more of the five topics prioritized by the Virginia Coastal Policy Team (CPT): water quality, coastal resiliency, working waterfronts, habitat restoration, and public access; and

WHEREAS, NVRC is proposing to build upon the efforts of the Native Plant Campaign and the Conservation Corridors Project in a regional conservation landscaping effort that would demonstrate an on-the-ground application of these two projects by analyzing the spatial data developed during the Conservation Corridors Project to select a turf or hardscape area within one of the corridors identified as high priority and restore the habitat using native plants and the principles of conservation landscaping; and

WHEREAS, NVRC proposes to host a hands-on technical workshop to educate landscape industry professionals and the general public about conservation-based landscaping practices using native plants, an issue that was identified during the Collaborative Summit to Protect Water Quality held in Williamsburg in February 2013; and

WHEREAS, the selection of the site and installation of the demonstration landscape will provide a model for maintaining the balance between conservation and development interests in the Northern Virginia coastal region; and

WHEREAS, NVRC and its partners will contribute \$10,579 in indirect and in-kind match for this opportunity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be authorized to apply for competitive planning district commission funding in the amount of \$33,645 for the "Regional Conservation Landscaping" project and execute all necessary documentation to receive the grant funding.



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 June 27, 2013.

G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer