



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 14-19

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director
DATE: January 23, 2014

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A DYKE MARSH RESTORATION PROJECT PROPOSAL TO THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION HURRICANE SANDY COASTAL RESILIENCY COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the NVRC Sustainable Shorelines in Northern Virginia Phase II Report identified areas of Northern Virginia's tidal shoreline that are vulnerable to flooding from storm surge and sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, the NVRC Sustainable Shorelines in Northern Virginia Phase III Report identified Dyke Marsh restoration as an adaptation strategy to protect adjacent natural resources and critical infrastructure in coastal Fairfax County from storm surge and sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service was awarded a \$25 million investment from Department of the Interior's Sandy Supplemental Mitigation Funds as part of the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Appropriations Act to restore Dyke Marsh; and

WHEREAS, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation-Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grants Program released a request for proposals for support of projects that reduce communities' vulnerability to the growing risks from coastal storms, sea level rise, flooding, erosion and associated threats; and

WHEREAS, proposals that complement or leverage projects on federal lands that were funded through Department of the Interior's Sandy Supplemental Mitigation Funds are strongly encouraged; and

WHEREAS, funds are needed to design breaks along the Haul Road in Dyke Marsh to reestablish hydrologic connections and tidal flows to former swamp forest west of the Haul Road that were disconnected when the road was constructed; and

WHEREAS, NVRC will work in partnership with the National Park Service and Friends of Dyke Marsh;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to submit a proposal requesting \$200,000 to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for engineering design work related to reestablishing tidal flows in Dyke Marsh;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, should the proposal be accepted for 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 January 23, 2014.


G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer