



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 08-19

PATRON: Martin E. Nohe, Chairman
Operations Committee
DATE: March 27, 2008

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE VIRGINIA COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TO RESEARCH SUSTAINABLE SHORELINE COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program's (CZM) focal area over the next three fiscal years is sustainable coastal community planning; and

WHEREAS, CZM is requesting proposals from planning district commissions for funding in the first fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, efforts to educate residents and reduce impacts from climate change are underway in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, to complement this ongoing effort the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) staff proposes a project to research impacts from sea level rise along Northern Virginia's tidal shorelines in support of sustainable shoreline and near-shore development, restoration, protection, and revitalization; and

WHEREAS, NVRC staff would form and facilitate a workgroup consisting of representatives from local, state, and federal governments, colleges and universities, and interested residents; and

WHEREAS, this workgroup would support the collection of relevant existing data as it relates to natural resources, land use, and other identified important characteristics along Northern Virginia's shorelines that could be impacted by rising sea level and identify information gaps; and

WHEREAS, relevant policies relating to Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas, zoning, shoreline enhancement, emergency management, and natural resource conservation, among others would be reviewed and compiled; and

WHEREAS, this effort could serve as a keystone for other local and regional entities concerned about adapting existing and future coastal communities to the shared challenges of climate change; and

WHEREAS, this project has the potential to continue over subsequent fiscal years;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission authorizes the Executive Director to submit the Sustainable Shoreline Community Management in Northern Virginia, Phase I, grant proposal requesting \$50,000, to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's CZM for consideration;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that should the Northern Virginia Regional Commission receive the proposed grant funding, the Executive Director is authorized to amend the Commission's Budget and Work Plan accordingly.

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 27, 2008.

G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer