



AGENDA

October 14, 2021 -- 9:00 a.m.

James River Board Room- PlanRVA

And online via our YouTube Channel @ www.youtube.com/PlanRVA

View our complete [Public Participation Guide](https://planrva.org/wp-content/uploads/PlanRVA-Public-Participation-Guide-2021-0901.pdf) at <https://planrva.org/wp-content/uploads/PlanRVA-Public-Participation-Guide-2021-0901.pdf> for additional ways to participate.

https://planrva-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aDGH-ZGjRQSWkSs22cuWIA

1. Welcome and Introductions (Winslow)

- a. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America
- b. Roll Call of Attendees and Certification of a Quorum
- c. Public Comments

2. Consent Agenda (Winslow)

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. [Meeting Minutes \(Page/2\)](#)

3. Standing Committee and Other Reports

- a. Executive Committee & Chairman's Report (Winslow)
- b. Audit, Facilities & Finance Committee Report (Holland)
 - i. FY2021 Audit Update
- c. Public Outreach and Engagement Committee Report (Davey)
 - i. Information Item: Branding Update
- d. Executive Director's Report (Heeter)
 - i. Information Items:
 1. [Intergovernmental and Environmental Reviews \(page 5\)](#)
 2. Quarterly Progress Report

4. Other Business

Adjourn- Targeted Adjournment is 10:30 a.m.



**Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

Members Present (A = Alternate)

<u>Charles City County</u>		<u>Town of Ashland</u>		<u>Goochland County</u>	
William Coada	X	Kathy Abbott (A)	X	Susan Lascolette (A)	
Michelle Johnson (A)		Mr. Daniel McGraw		Neil Spoonhower, Chair	
Rhonda Russell (A)	X				
<u>Chesterfield County</u>		<u>City of Richmond</u>		<u>Hanover County</u>	
Kevin Carroll	X	Andreas Addison	X	Sean Davis	X
Tim Davey	X	Nolen Blackwood (A)		Canova Peterson	X
Gloria Freye	X	Jacob Giovia	X	Faye Prichard (A)	
Leslie Haley		Michael Jones (A)		Charlie Waddell	X
James Holland	X	Ann-Francis Lambert		Randy Whittaker	X
Jim Ingle	X	Stephanie Lynch			
Jesse Smith (A)	X	Dr. Cynthia Newbille	X		
Chris Winslow, Vice-Chair	X	Rodney Poole			
		Ellen Robertson (A)			
<u>Henrico County</u>		<u>New Kent County</u>		<u>Powhatan County</u>	
Gregory Baka		John Lockwood (A)		Michael Byerly	X
Thomas M. Branin		John Moyer		Bobby Hall	X
William Mackey		Patricia Paige	X		
Tyrone Nelson, Past Chair	X				
Patricia O'Bannon	X				
Daniel J. Schmitt					
Frank Thornton	X				

Others Present:

Eric Gregory, Hefty, Wiley & Gore, PC

Staff Present

Martha Heeter, Executive Director
Sidd Kumar, Public Outreach Project Coordinator
Janice Firestone, Transportation Program Coordinator
Chet Parsons, Director of Transportation



The PlanRVA Regional Commission meeting was held using electronic communication means as set forth by the Emergency Declaration set forth by the Richmond City Council in response to the continued spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. The technology used for this meeting was a web-hosted service created by Zoom. A live stream of the meeting was available through YouTube to assure open access by members of the public. All recordings are available on our [Plan RVA YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/PlanRVA) at www.youtube.com/PlanRVA.

Call to Order

Chairman Winslow called the PlanRVA Commission meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Attendance Roll Call & Certification of a Quorum

Following members standing for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and review of the statement regarding virtual meetings, Ms. Heeter took attendance by roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

Public Comment Period

With no requests from the public to address members of the Commission, Chairman Spoonhower closed the public comment period.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Dr. Newbille made a motion to approve the items included in the Consent Agenda items. Mr. Davis seconded the motion which was carried by acclamation.

Executive Committee & Chair's Report

Ms. Heeter provided a brief update of the items discussed at the 8 am Executive Committee meeting including a summary of the August work session for space planning and current activities. The Baskervill team is currently compiling all the input collected from staff and Commissioners and will be finalizing a space plan by the end of the month. Once completed, the real estate team will develop a short list of prospective properties for evaluation.

Key Imperatives- FY2022

Ms. Heeter presented the proposed FY2022 Key Imperatives developed in consultation with the committees and Executive Committee. The Executive Committee took action that morning to recommend approval of the FY2022 Key Imperatives. Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve the FY2022 Key Imperatives; Mr. Byerly seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Virginia Housing Grant

Ms. Heeter provided a brief overview of the proposed resolution recommended for approval naming Partnership for Housing Affordability as the implementation for the new housing grant awarded by Virginia Housing for \$3 million. Laura Lafayette and Jovan Burton also provided comments and addressed some questions from commissioners regarding timeline and process. Mr. Peterson made a motion to approve the resolution; Mr. Addison seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Audit, Facilities & Finance Committee Report

Mr. Holland summarized the Finance Committee's work plan and proposed schedule for FY2022 and gave a short update on the status of the FY2021 financial audit which is underway. He provided a brief overview/summary of the financial statements for June 30, 2021. Mr. Waddell made a motion to approve the financial statements; Mrs. O'Bannon seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Public Outreach & Engagement Committee Report

Mr. Davey gave a brief overview of the actions taken earlier in the morning by the Executive Committee to authorize execution of the Task Order for branding as a continuation of the Public Outreach and Engagement efforts. He also summarized the work plan and meeting schedule for FY2021. Ms. Heeter referenced the links provided in the meeting materials for the agency's newly completed Community Engagement Strategy and Implementation Plan, Social Media and Media Outreach guides. These are available to any Commissioner and staff can print and provide upon request.

Mr. Winslow noted the newly developed public participation quick guide for information. Staff will continue to make improvements to this document to make it more accessible, visual and user friendly.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Heeter gave a brief overview of some organizational/program updates including notation of the FY2021 annual report submission to the VA Department of Housing and Community Development. She also referenced the included Intergovernmental and Environmental Review summaries.

Special Program: Innovations in Local Planning

Mr. Smith shared a presentation from Chesterfield County.

Other Business

Adjourn

With no other business, Chairman Winslow adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m. upon motion from Mr. Ingle with a second by Mrs. O'Bannon.

Environmental and Intergovernmental Reviews

September 2021

In cooperation with State Agencies, PlanRVA routinely is requested to provide environmental and intergovernmental reviews. PlanRVA staff circulate the review requests among member locality staff for comments and questions prior to submitting a response to the requesting State Agency.

Located within the Richmond Region

Rogers Stadium Renovation

Chesterfield

Virginia State University proposes to renovate Rogers Stadium. The project site totals approximately 5 acres and is generally bound to the north by an athletic field, an athletic storage building, and College Avenue; to the east by a baseball field, a parking lot, and College Avenue; to the south by a parking lot, tennis courts, and College Avenue; and to the west by open green space and East River Road. The renovation includes replacing the track and the natural grass field within the track perimeter with an artificial turf field. Also, the drainage system will be improved with project implementation and tie into the existing campus stormwater management system. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide VSU with modern and upgraded athletic facilities. The intent is to reuse the existing athletic space and to not initiate new areas of ground disturbance on the VSU campus. PlanRVA staff received no comments from locality staff about this review. PlanRVA staff responded with no comments about the proposed project.

Chickahominy Falls

Hanover

CFalls, LLC has requested to modify its current Virginia Water Protection (VWP) permit for the Chickahominy Falls project. The project site is located south of Cedar Lane (Route 623), along Holly Hill Road (Route 713), and west of Washington Highway(Route 1) in Hanover County, VA. The project consists of the construction of a residential development, which includes single-family homes, townhomes, multi-family homes, utility infrastructure and stormwater management facilities. The project also consists of roadway improvements along Cedar Lane at the intersection of Holly Hill Road. The proposed modification is to add the Section VIII development to the project, which will result in additional impacts to wetlands due to the construction of residential roads, 117 residential lots, and associated infrastructure on approximately 59.85 acres. The permit will authorize permanent impacts to no more than 0.87acre palustrine forested wetland, 0.10 acre isolated forested wetland, 0.20 acre palustrine scrub-shrub wetland, 0.29acre isolated scrub-shrub wetland, 0.54 acre palustrine emergent wetland, 0.85 acre isolated emergent wetland, 210 linear feet of stream bed, 649 linear feet of jurisdictional ditch, 64 linear feet of isolated jurisdictional ditch and 0.06 acre of permanent conversion of palustrine forested wetland to palustrine emergent wetland and 28 square feet of jurisdictional state waters. Additionally, the project will result in temporary impacts to no more than 0.03acre palustrine forested wetland, 0.01 acre palustrine emergent wetland, 40 linear feet of jurisdictional ditch, and133 linear feet of stream bed. The activity proposed in the permit will affect wetlands and streams that drain to the Chickahominy River in the James River watershed. The applicant will provide compensation for permanent impacts to wetlands and streams authorized by this permit through the purchase of 4.13 wetland mitigation bank credits and 245 USM stream mitigation bank credits from a mitigation bank in the same or adjacent watershed. If sufficient wetland or stream mitigation bank credits are not available, the permit allows the permittee to purchase credits from an in-lieu-fee fund. The DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit. PlanRVA staff received no comments in response from member locality staff. PlanRVA staff responded with no comments about the proposed permit modification.

River Mill

Henrico

HHHunt River Mill, LLC has requested to modify its current Virginia Water Protection (VWP) permit for the River Mill Subdivision project. The project site is located west of Brook Road (US Route 1), east of Winfrey Road, and south of Chickahominy River in Henrico County, VA. The project consists of the construction of Phase I & II of the River Mill residential subdivision, which includes single family homes, townhomes, apartments, a clubhouse, and associated infrastructure. The permit will allow the applicant to fill surface waters, wetland and stream. The proposed modification will expand the project area, decrease the permanent forested wetland impact by 0.02 acre, and increase the permanent conversion of forested to emergent wetland by 0.01 acre. The project shall now result in permanent impacts to no more than 1.29 acres of forested wetland, including 37 linear feet of vegetated ditch, 1,829 linear feet of stream bed, temporary impacts to no more than 61 linear feet of stream bed, and the permanent conversion of no more than 0.02 acre of forested wetland to emergent wetland. A portion of these impacts were previously authorized under a VWP WP4 General Permit, which was terminated upon issuance of this individual permit. The activity proposed in the permit will affect wetlands and streams that drain to Chickahominy River in the James River watershed. The applicant will provide compensation for permanent impacts to wetlands, vegetated ditch, and streams authorized by this permit through the purchase of 2.60 wetland mitigation bank credits and 2,017 USM stream mitigation bank credits from a mitigation bank in the same or adjacent watershed. The DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit. PlanRVA staff received no comments from locality staff. PlanRVA staff responded with no comments about the proposed permit modification.

Wetlands

Region

DEQ is requesting \$667,621 in Federal funds to be matched with \$222,610 of state funds for a total project cost of \$890,231. The Goal of this project is facilitate coordination of all levels of government, educate the public, and provide protection for high value aquatic resources. Tasks for this project specifically address multiple priority elements in Virginia's approved Wetlands Plan: Monitor and assessment, Regulatory, Restoration and protection, Water quality standards for wetlands, Planning and sustainability, Outreach and education. The project focuses on supporting decision-making by enhancement of the WetCAT tool. PlanRVA staff received no comments from locality staff. PlanRVA staff responded with no concerns about the grant application.

PPG Amendment 7

Region

DEQ is requesting \$788,190 in Federal funds. This funding is for the state to assess, clean up and redevelop brownfield sites and other contaminated sites. DEQ will use the funding to continue Brownfields Individualized Outreach to communities, with focus on small rural communities. DEQ staff will support communities seeking EPA Brownfields grants, DEQ staff will also continue to reach out to eligible non-profits that are now eligible for EPA Brownfield grants. DEQ staff will also improve file storage and other internal administrative processes. DEQ will continue to integrate sustainability considerations, for example solar on brownfields. PlanRVA staff received no comments from locality staff. PlanRVA staff responded with no concerns about the grant application.

CBRAP IV

Region

DEQ is requesting \$9,846,923 in Federal funds to be matched with \$9,846,923 in non-Federal funds for a total project cost of \$19,693,846. This grant request is through the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Regulatory and Accountability Program funded by the EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office. The program funds planning and implementation of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL Watershed Implementation Plan. The work plan will begin the transition from planning to implementation, building on the momentum gained through the local engagement process. Work will include continued support for regional planning district commissions as liaison to localities and stakeholders. Work will begin through those PDCs on geographic targeting of implementation to maximize nutrient reductions and co-benefits. PlanRVA staff received no comments from locality staff. PlanRVA staff responded with no concerns about the grant application.

2021 319 Grant

Region

DEQ is requesting \$1,781,700 in Federal funds to be matched with \$1,188,000 of state funds for a total project cost of \$2,969,700. Section 319(h) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that states develop and implement nonpoint source (NPS) pollution management programs. Virginia will use NPS Project funds for on-the-ground Best Management Practices (BMP) installation and technical assistance for implementation of approved watershed plans. DEQ will also utilize a small portion of the budget for water quality monitoring in areas with current or past implementation to assess water quality improvement due to implementation efforts and to support the travel of state staff to visit BMP and project sites to assist project partners in outreach and education to increase BMP installation and implementation. PlanRVA staff received no comments from locality staff. PlanRVA staff responded with no concerns about the grant application.

The Heights at Brady Square

Richmond

The total The Heights at Brady Street project encompasses approximately 27.7 acres. The site is a mix of forested, paved, and cleared areas with moderate grades generally draining to the southeast corner of the site before ultimately outfalling to Goode Creek to the east. The proposed project includes the third and fourth phases of the overall The Heights at Brady Square development that will be permitted and constructed in four phases. Dakota Partners, Inc., along with their associates and investors, propose to use funding from Virginia Housing (VHDA; formerly Virginia Housing Development Authority) programs to redevelop the site of the former multi-family residential housing complex with new, publicly funded low-income housing. The project will also use HUD funding for Phase III, administered by Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) as Project-Based Voucher (PBV) housing subsidies through the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. The proposed project will include all the clearing and grading necessary to construct The Heights at Brady Square, Phases III and IV, which will consist of approximately 132 units located among 22 two-story buildings that will include 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom floor plans. The conceptual plan for the development also includes a community building, pedestrian walkways, emergency vehicle access, and all associated roadway and utility infrastructure. Phases III and IV of the project will disturb approximately 14.4 acres including tree cover. A portion of the site includes wetlands and RPA. The project should not directly impact these resources and required precautions as well and E&S control measures will be implemented during construction. PlanRVA staff received no comments from locality staff. PlanRVA staff responded with no comments about the proposed project.

Environmental & Intergovernmental Reviews

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Environmental reviews can include:

- **Environmental Assessments and Impact Reports** - Virginia code requires state agencies to prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for each major state project.
- **Coastal Consistency Determinations and Certifications** - Due to receipt of Federal funds or permits, proposed projects must prove consistency with the enforceable policies of Virginia's Coastal Zone Management Program.
- **Groundwater Withdrawal Permits** - PlanRVA staff receives notice of Groundwater Withdrawal Permits in the Eastern Virginia Ground Water Management Area (GWMA). The eastern portion of PlanRVA is located in the Eastern Virginia GWMA. All jurisdictions in the Eastern Virginia GWMA are notified of pending permits as part of this process, therefore PlanRVA receives review requests for projects outside of the Richmond region. For more information about the Eastern Virginia GWMA see <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterSupplyWaterQuantity/WaterWithdrawalPermittingandCompliance.aspx>.
- **Virginia Water Protection (VWP) Permits** - DEQ issues VWP Permits for activities related to the quality of surface waters in the Commonwealth including the filling, dredging, draining or excavation of wetlands, streams, or other state waters. Surface water withdrawals are also permitted through VWP permits.
- **Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permits** - DEQ issues VPDES permits to any person who discharges any pollutant into surface waters of the Commonwealth from a point source.

Intergovernmental reviews can include:

- State Agency grant applications for Federal funding, including:
 - CERCLA grant funds from US EPA (Superfund programming and site remediation)
 - Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 - Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) State Clean Diesel funds from US EPA
 - Capitalization funds for the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund for wastewater treatment facility improvements from US EPA
- FHWA Section 5310 funding for projects involving transit and mobility enhancements for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

For additional information on the reviews, please go to the following:

<https://planrva.org/environment/reviews/>.

