

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/>.

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Located within the Richmond Region

Cosby Center

Chesterfield

The Applicant is actively pursuing a Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Section 401 Individual Permit and an Army Corps of Engineers (COE) Section 404 Individual Permit to support the development of the Project. The purpose of the proposed Project is to provide the surrounding community with mixed-use development, including approximately fourteen (14) buildings to house a mix of retail stores, office space and dining options, plus parking areas, pedestrian paths, and outdoor seating. Additional parcel improvements associated with the Project include installation of appurtenant utilities, including sanitary sewer, water, and a stormwater conveyance system throughout, as well as roadway improvements along Hull Street and Cosby Road. Approximately 1.11 acres (48,283 square feet) of palustrine forested (PFO) wetlands, 0.36 (15,856 square feet) of palustrine emergent (PEM) wetlands, 0.85 acres (37,071 square feet) of palustrine open water (POW), 0.09 acres of palustrine scrub-shrub (PSS) wetlands and 64 linear feet of ephemeral (R6) stream channel will be permanently impacted. Compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts to WOUS will be achieved through the purchase of off-site mitigation credits using standard mitigation ratios from a Wetland and Stream Mitigation Bank that is approved for use in the Appomattox watershed. PlanRVA staff received no comments from locality staff. PlanRVA staff responded with no comments about the proposed project.

New Kent County Airport

New Kent

The Assessment addresses both airfield and airspace infrastructure projects that collectively enhance W96's ability to improve safety, meet FAA design criteria, and achieve the County's development goals. The Proposed Action includes aviation easement acquisition, the mitigation of tree obstructions to the protected airspace surfaces associated with Runways 11 and 29, and hangar construction to accommodate the current and anticipated demand at W96. These projects are anticipated to occur within the next five years. PlanRVA staff received no comments from locality staff. PlanRVA staff responded with no concerns about the projects proposed in the Assessment.

Located outside - but potentially impacting - the Richmond Region

Cabin Point and Glebe Harbor

Westmoreland

Virginia American Water has applied for a modified Existing User permit for the Cabin Point and Glebe Harbor Subdivision in Westmoreland County, Virginia. The permit allows the applicant to withdraw an average of 48,822 gallons per day. The modification of the permit would allow a switch of which multi-aquifer screened production well is to be replaced during this permit term versus the next permit term and to extend the due date for the well abandonment and aquifer testing from October 1, 2023 to January 4, 2025. The groundwater withdrawal supports a non-municipal public water supply. The withdrawal will utilize the Piney Point aquifer at a depth between 144 and 206 feet below land surface; the Aquia aquifer at a depth between 338-470 feet below land surface; and the Potomac aquifer at a depth between 505 to 718 feet below land surface at the withdrawal location. PlanRVA staff received no comments from locality staff. PlanRVA staff responded with no comments about the proposed permit.