

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/>.

Jurisdiction	Response Date	Review Name	Coastal Consistency Determination or Certification	Environmental Assessment, Impact Statement, or Impact Report	Groundwater Withdrawal Permit	VPDES Permit	VWP Permit	PSD Permit (Air Quality)	Federal funding of State Program	Superfund Remediation Application	FTA Section 5310 Funding	State Corporation Commission Application	Other
Chesterfield	11/24/2020	Winchester Forest Apts	X										
Goochland	11/13/2020	Richmond Country Club				X							
Hanover	11/4/2020	Doswell Water Treatment Plant				X							
Virginia	11/13/2020	PPG Year 4							X				
Virginia	11/24/2020	Nationwide Permits and VA Conditions							X				

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Located within the Richmond Region

Winchester Forest Apartments

Chesterfield

The Richmond Better Housing Coalition proposes to use funding from Virginia Housing (formerly Virginia Housing Development Authority or VHDA) programs to construct multi-family housing. The proposed apartment community will be Universal Design (UD) compliant and consist of approximately 124 units located within seven 2- and 3-story buildings that will include 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom floor plans; 36 units will meet Virginia Housing's UD standards.

The site is bounded to the north by Drewrys Bluff Road, land owned by Chesterfield County, and single family residences; to the east by forested areas, single family residences, and multi-family housing developments, beyond which lies U.S. Route 1; to the south by forested areas, a multi-family housing development, and Alcott Road; and to the west by U.S. Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR). The site currently consists of unimproved forestland and is not connected to public utilities. Wetlands are located on the property, but development will be designed to avoid them; not impacts to wetlands or RPA should occur. PlanRVA staff received no comments from locality staff. PlanRVA staff responded with no comments about this review.

Richmond Country Club

Goochland

Richmond Country Club has applied for reissuance of its VPDES permit. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage wastewater at a rate of 3,600 gallons per day into an unnamed tributary to Tuckahoe Creek in Goochland County, in the James River watershed. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: organic matter, solids, chlorine, bacteria, ammonia, dissolved oxygen, and pH. PlanRVA staff received no comments from locality staff; PlanRVA staff responded with no comments about the proposed permit.

Doswell Water Treatment Plant

Hanover

Hanover County Department of Public Utilities has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public Doswell Water Treatment Plant. The applicant proposes to release treated industrial wastewaters at a rate of 0.430 million gallons per day into a water body. The sludge will be disposed in a landfill. The facility proposes to release the treated industrial wastewaters in the North Anna River in Hanover County in the York River Basin. PlanRVA staff received no comments from locality staff. PlanRVA staff responded with no concerns about the proposed permit.

PPG Year 4

Virginia

Virginia DEQ is requesting \$10,406,383 in federal funds to be matched with \$7,783,767 of state funds for a total cost of \$18,190,150. This funding will support Virginia's activities associated with the Clean Water Act including: water quality standards documentation and planning; water quality sampling; impaired waters and TMDL planning; administration of the VPDES permit, inspection, and enforcement program; mapping and data management; and water supply planning. PlanRVA staff received n comments from locality staff. PlanRVA staff responded with no concerns about the grant application.

Nationwide Permits and Virginia Conditions

Virginia

On September 15, 2020, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published in the Federal Register its proposal to reissue the Nationwide Permits (NWP). The Federal Register notice is the Corps' determination of Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) consistency, pursuant to Section 307(c)(1) of the CZMA for NWP activities within or affecting the coastal zone of the Commonwealth of Virginia. By the referenced Federal Register notice and confirmation by this letter, the Norfolk District requests CZMA consistency concurrence for the proposed issuance of these NWPs. The Norfolk District has determined that the activities authorized by the proposed NWPs will be undertaken in a manner consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the state's approved management program. The Norfolk District is proposing regional conditions for the proposed NWPs. The Norfolk District is proposing modification of three NWPs in Virginia where a programmatic general permit overlaps with those NWPs. PlanRVA staff received one response from Henrico County staff associated with this review expressing no concerns. PlanRVA staff responded with no concerns.