



**MEETING OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION**

October 16, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

The Robert C. Gibbons Conference Room  
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia

**AGENDA**

- 6:00 p.m.**
- 1. Call GWRC Meeting to Order** – First Vice Chair, Laura Sellers
  - 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
  - 3. Determination of Quorum** – Executive Director Tim Ware
  - 4. Approval of GWRC Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
  - 5. Approval of Minutes of GWRC Meeting of September 18, 2017 (ACTION ITEM)**
  - 6. Public Involvement**  
*Comments and questions from members of the public are welcome at this time.*
  - 7. Draft Financial Report**
  - 8. Executive Director’s Report**
  - 9. Old Business**
    - a.) GO Virginia Growth and Diversity Plan – Mr. Neal Barber
  - 10. New Business**
    - a.) Approval of Resolution No. 18-02, Endorsing the GWRC Regional Hazards Mitigation Plan Update – Mr. Todd Gordon
    - b.) Regional Emergency Planning Committee Funding – Mr. Tim Ware
    - c.) 2019 GWRC Dues Structure – Mr. Tim Ware
    - d.) Other New Business*(if any)*
- 6:50 p.m.**
- 12. Adjourn GWRC Meeting**  
*Next GWRC meeting: November 20, 2017*



**5.) Approval of Minutes of GWRC Meeting of September 18, 2017**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION**

September 18, 2017  
The Robert C. Gibbons Conference Room  
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg Virginia

**MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING:** Chair – Matt Kelly, and Billy Withers, City of Fredericksburg; Caroline County: Jeff Black; King George County: Jim Howard; Spotsylvania County: Greg Benton and Paul Trampe; and Stafford County: Meg Bohmke and Laura Sellers

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ruby Brabo & Nancy Long

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Phil Brown, Mary Washington Healthcare; Jane Yaun, Rappahannock Area Community Services Board; Janel Donohue & Sarah Walsh, Rappahannock United Way; Elaine Dispenbrock, Stafford County Citizen; & Donna Krauss, Stafford County

**STAFF:** Tim Ware, Executive Director; Paul Agnello, Marti Donley & Nick Quint, FAMPO; Kate Gibson & Samantha Shoukas, CoC; and Diana Utz & Leigh Anderson, GWRC; Eldon James, Legislative Aide/GWRC

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present; which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF GWRC MEETING AGENDA:** Upon motion by Mr. Withers and seconded by Mr. Black, with all concurring, the agenda was approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF GWRC MEETING MINUTES (August 21, 2017) - (Action Item)**

Upon motion by Ms. Sellers and seconded by Mr. Black, with Ms. Bohmke, Mr. Trampe, & Mr. Withers abstaining, and all others in consensus, the minutes from the August 21st meeting were approved as submitted.

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT** - None

**DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Ware advised that the Financial Report is included in tonight's agenda packet. Mr. Ware advised that total projects are \$230,402.48. Mr. Ware stated that the year-to-date positive cash flow balance is \$200,512.73.

Mr. Withers expressed compliments to Mr. Ware for the positive financial status of the Commission. Mr. Withers stated this balance is much better than what it was several years ago. Mr. Withers expressed his thanks to Mr. Ware and the staff for making the adjustments as and when needed to have the Commission re-established on a much more positive cash flow status.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Ware stated that per request from Ms. Brabo at last month's meeting, GWRC was asked to send letters to both the governors in Maryland and Virginia in regard to the Harry Nice Bridge project. The request was to state we were in support of this project moving forward as originally planned. The most recent modifications to the project are for the project to now not include shoulder modifications and bicycle/pedestrian lanes. Mr. Ware stated that both letters are included in tonight's agenda packet and will be mailed after endorsement at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Withers stated that he will support the request; however, he does not feel that by not including shoulder widening or bicycle/pedestrian lanes that this will result in the bridge being shut down when an emergency occurs. He stated that on I-95 you may have a lane closure for emergencies but you still have 2-3 lanes and shoulders available. Mr. Withers stated that what happens here is the road is just blocked off and then re-opened once the accident has been cleared.

There was also request to change the last sentence in the next to last paragraph of the letter under the "Request" comments to the following: change "humbly" too respectfully. Upon motion by Mr. Withers and seconded by Mr. Howard, with all members concurring, the letters to the governors in both Maryland and Virginia was endorsed to mail accordingly.

Mr. Ware advised that "Go Virginia" has completed its growth and diversity plan. Mr. Ware stated that he wanted to thank Ms. Gibson for her staff efforts in getting the plan completed and submitted by the deadline. Mr. Ware stated that now that this piece of the equation has been completed, we can begin accepting projects and awarding grant funding.

Mr. Ware advised that there will be an upcoming "How to Apply" workshop held in our region on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:00 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Area Realtor's Association office. Mr. Ware advised that Ms. Gibson has sent out invitations to anyone who would want to be involved.

Lastly, Mr. Ware advised that on October 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a managing waste forum presentation by the UMW University Center.

Mr. Kelly advised that at its September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mr. Tim Ware was recognized as being the 2017 president's award recipient for the National Association of Development Organizations. Mr. Kelly stated this award is given annually to one individual who has made a valuable contribution to the organization and one who has exemplified a definite commitment towards regionalism. Mr. Kelly stated that Mr. Ware has served for more than 23 years in leadership roles in regard to regional development since 2011. The commission members gave Mr. Ware a round of applause and congratulated him on this recognition.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a.) Regional Legislative Agenda – Mr. Eldon James

Mr. James thanked the GWRC commission members and staff for providing feedback, comments and input to the draft VACo Region 7 2018 Legislative Draft that is included in tonight's agenda packet.

Mr. James stated the draft includes 5 priority items responding to direction from our last meeting. which include the following areas: Children's Services Act; Increased speed limits on selected non-limited access, multilane, divided highways; Improvement to Virginia's Smart Scale program; Viability of Cash and Off-Site Proffers; & Equal Taxing Authority. Mr. James stated that the other issues that follow are items that will come up as the legislative session moves forward.

Mr. James stated that he would like to make some comments regarding the five topics mentioned above:

Children's Services Act – since its beginning in 1992, Virginia's CSA has led the nation by consolidating funding sources and coordinating treatment services for children with severe/significant needs. This care coordination has been successful in both meeting needs for an individual child and in proving that state and local responsibilities and cost sharing does work.

Improving Virginia's Smart Scale program – the region supports 3 changes to Smart Scale process: focus statewide high priority funding on regional projects instead on small local projects; mandate that average traffic counts cover all 7 days of data collection and not just data collected from Monday-Friday; & mandate that total project cost be used in the Smart Scale benefit/cost calculations in stated of the Smart Scale request cost.

Increased speed limits on selected multilane divided highways – once approved by VDOT, efforts from both Delegate Fowler and Ms. Nancy Long from Caroline County have requested this be taken out of the State Code once the safety Improvements are implemented and this request was endorsed.

Viability of Cash and Off-Site Proffers – As a result of the changes made in 2016 having a negative economic impact, the time may be right to consider impact fees as an appropriate means for supporting the capital improvement costs that are now being driven by new residential development.

Equal Taxing Authority – Mr. James advised that it is recommended that this item be completely removed as there is absolutely no interest from any member of the General Assembly for it to move forward. Mr. James stated there is no request for a bill to be even drafted, much less signed. This item can be left in but Mr. James advised that the Bill will not go any further.

Mr. Kelly asked as there will be a new candidate elected to represent the seat currently held by Delegate Howell and it appears that they are fundamentally different, he thinks there is concern about whether the region should submit all concerns or whether it should just submit what we may get versus what we may want.

Mr. Trampe recommended taking them out if there is no chance of getting an approval or having it introduced. Mr. Trampe stated that sometimes submitting less is better. Ms. Bohmke felt the legislative meetings held in Stafford County were productive. In Stafford, they have agreed to pursue items that can receive movement because submitting others that do not have support are just a waste of everyone's time. Ms. Sellers stated that she felt more information is needed on the Equal Taxing Authority so appropriate discussion/concerns etc. can be compiled and forwarded to the General Assembly.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a.) Approval of Resolution No. 18.01, Authorizing Staff to Issue a Request for Proposals to Hire On-Call General Planning Services Consultant(s) – Mr. Tim Ware

Mr. Ware advised that Resolution No. 18-01 is a request for approval of new contract periods for its on-call consultants who are tasked with providing assistance in General Planning services for GWRC and FAMPO.

Ms. Bohmke asked how much money has been expended for these services in years passed. Mr. Ware stated that the contacts are for a 3-year cycle and even though FAMPO has utilized the consultants as well but the amount that GWRC has expended has been approximately \$100,000.

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke and seconded by Mr. Black with all concurring, Resolution No. 18-01 was adopted by the George Washington Regional Commission at the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- b.) Alice Project – Ms. Sarah Walsh & Ms. Janel Donohue

Ms. Sarah Walsh & Ms. Janel Donohue with the Rappahannock United Way provided presentation on Virginia's ALICE report. ALICE is an acronym which stands for: asset, limited, income, constrained, & employed and is way of defining citizens who work consistently but earn above the federal poverty levels; however, do not earn enough to afford a basis household budget.

It was stated that when ALICE households cannot make monthly ends meet they are then forced to make difficult choices in what gets paid – i.e. forego health care, child care, car insurance, healthy foods, etc. By not including these needs it results in the health, safety and future productivity levels decreasing and insurance premiums and taxing increasing for everyone.

ALICE households vary in size and makeup and there is no typical stereo-type. In Virginia, ALICE households are those with children and those with a family member with a disability. They vary in educational levels as well as in race and ethnicity. ALICE households in Virginia live in cities, suburbs or rural areas. Over time, ALICE households move above and below the thresholds. A younger ALICE household may be able to capitalize on improving their education; however, an

older ALICE household may experience a health emergency, lose a job, or suffer from a personal crisis which will cause them to slip in to poverty. The success of local communities is directly related to the financial stability of ALICE households.

The following ALICE data for Planning District 16 is as follows:

City of Fredericksburg – Population = 27,395; # of households = 1,080; & the number of ALICE citizens = 55%

Caroline County – Population = 29,349; # of households = 10,970; & the number of ALICE citizens = 39%

King George County – Population = 24,933; # of households = 8,379; & the number of ALICE citizens = 29%

Spotsylvania County – Population = 130,475; # of households = 42,568; & the number of ALICE citizens = 47%

Stafford County – Population = 142,003; # of households = 43,887; & the number of ALICE citizens = 35%

With these figures, the question was asked: “Do you know ALICE?”. It was stated that 57% of the jobs in the State of Virginia pay less than \$20.00 per hour so it is certain that an ALICE is very well known to everyone on the committee.

Ms. Sellers stated that 39% of the citizens are within the ALICE poverty range and is there anything that determines where the children are? Ms. Sellers stated that 25% of the total population in Stafford County is children so how many of these children belong to the percentages of the families accounted for. Ms. Walsh stated that she did not have that number at today’s meeting; however, will forward this information to GWRC. Ms. Walsh also stated that an executive summary is available and stated this would be forwarded as well.

Ms. Walsh stated that the purpose of today’s presentation from the United Way is to make everyone aware of ALICE and to bring this matter to the concern of city/county decision makers when collectively supported by a region, things can be done that will support ALICE. Ms. Walsh stated that United Way is starting the process now of making the community aware and starting conversations with organizations and businesses within the region. Ms. Walsh stated that United Way is aware that the region is already helping and working to serve ALICE by providing emergency assistance, taxes, etc. but still more needs to be done regionally.

Mr. Kelly asked when the cost of living data was compiled was this taken into account by specific areas state-wide because cost of livings vary from locality to locality. Ms. Walsh stated that cost of living data was obtained per locality.

Ms. Walsh thanked the Commission for allowing them to present ALICE to the region and advised they are scheduled to make a presentation to the Stafford Board of Supervisors. Ms. Walsh stated that if any other boards are interested in an ALICE presentation to please contact her.

Mr. Kelly asked if data could be provided that shows what is being done state-wide by the United Way in regard to assisting the ALICE citizens. Ms. Walsh advised that the State UDA is already involved by talking to developers for construction of affordable housing and that businesses have been contacted requesting larger wages be applied. Mr. Kelly also asked if a list could be compiled and forwarded to GWRC indicating comparisons of how other areas within the state are assisting ALICE so PD16 can have something available to review. Ms. Walsh stated a list of this nature is being compiled now and expected to be completed soon for the State of Virginia and once this is available a copy will be sent to GWRC. Ms. Walsh advised that Virginia is the 15<sup>th</sup> state that has begun taking efforts to combat ALICE so they are still learning as well.

c.) Opioid Issue Update – Ms. Donna Krauss

Mr. Ware stated the Commission tasked him with finding out what is being done on the opioid epidemic in other areas. Mr. Ware stated that Ms. Donna Krauss from Stafford County is here today to provide an update. Ms. Krauss is the Human Services Director in Stafford County and Chairperson of the Community Collaborative organization for youth and families.

Ms. Krauss advised that Virginia data from 2016 shows the following:

- ER Visits due to overdose = 7,326
- 75% of all fatal drug overdoses involved opioids
- 1,133 opioid overdose deaths
- 2,856 narcans administrations

Ms. Krauss stated that within Planning District 16 the following data is available from 2016:

- 72 opioid overdoses
- 35% increase from last year's totals
- 94% of all drug overdoses involved opioids

Ms. Krauss stated that since 2013 fatal drug overdose has become the leading cause of unnatural death within the State of Virginia. This trend has continued to worsen and has resulted in more deaths than motor vehicle accidents or gun-related deaths.

Since 2012, Ms. Krauss advised that drug overdoses from fentanyl have sharply increased. Prior to 2013, most fentanyl-related deaths were due to illicit use of pharmaceutical produced fentanyl. Ms. Krauss stated that by 2016, most fatal fentanyl-related drug overdoses were due to illicitly produced fentanyl and not pharmaceutically produced drugs. The number of fatal fentanyl overdoses from 2015 to 2016 increased by 176.4%.

Ms. Krauss advised that drug overdose can happen to anyone and presented the following facts:

Opioids do not discriminate & effect people regardless of where they were born, how much money they have, their age, or their race/nationality.

Daily 1,756 teenagers abuse a prescription drug for the first time

Daily 8 people die from an opioid overdose

1 in 5 high school seniors report misusing a prescription drug at least once; however, only 12% of parents think alcohol or drugs present a problem in their home

9 of 10 addicts started experimenting before they turned 18

Most first time users obtain a drug from a family member or friend

Ms. Krauss relayed that on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Mary Washington Healthcare and the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board sponsored an all day workshop that was followed by a town hall event. This workshop had expert panelists to answer questions from the community. Ms. Krauss stated that more than 50 community leaders participated. The results from this workshop are to focus community efforts on 3 areas: prevention; treatment/recovery; & reduction of harm.

As a result of the workshop meeting, a group of community leaders have drafted an organizational structure that involved the formation of the Rappahannock Healthy Community Advisory Council that will provide oversight and accountability to the groups working on the 3 focus area initiatives. The Rappahannock Area Community Services Board serves as the fiscal agent and the Community Collaborative for Youth & Families' leadership team provides oversight to the work groups and reports back to the Advisory Council.

Ms. Krauss stated that in an effort to combat this growing epidemic, "Chasing the Dragon" (which is life stories of opiate addicts and a documentary that was filmed in part at the Rappahannock

Region jail) is scheduled at 5 different areas throughout PD16. The screenings are free and open to the public. All community leaders, parents, teachers and concerned citizens are invited to attend. A discussion about the crisis and what individuals and families can do to prevent a loved one from becoming an addict is held after the conclusion of the movie. The 3 remaining sites within the region are scheduled as follows:

September 28<sup>th</sup> – Brooke Point High School

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – James Monroe High School

October 16<sup>th</sup> – Rubicon Café – Salem Fields Community Church

Mr. Black stated that he appreciated the presentation made tonight but also asked if these efforts are occurring with local school boards and educators. Ms. Krauss stated this was a great recommendation and the schools/school boards will be approached. Mr. Benton stated that local sheriff departments need to be involved as well.

Mr. Kelly stated that several months ago a presentation was made from Shenandoah on their drug program. Mr. Kelly stated that he feels the information that has been presented to date has been good material but he still questions what results are being obtained from the community efforts. Mr. Kelly asked if a follow-up presentation can occur in six months that provides a “progress” report on # of citizens treated; # of success stories, etc.

d.) DC2RVA Update – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that the draft EIS was released on September 8<sup>th</sup> and a 60day public comment has begun and will conclude on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to submit comments during this time period so that all comments can be addressed in the Final EIS. Mr. Agnello stated that there have been no changes to the alternatives that were presented several months ago. For the Fredericksburg region, DRPT’s recommendations are to add a third track through the City of Fredericksburg on the existing right-of-way property. The Fredericksburg project is expected to cost \$507 m. This project will also include a new bridge crossing at the Rappahannock River which would run parallel to the existing rail bridge.

e.) Other New Business – None

**ADJOURN GWRC MEETING** – The September 18th GWRC meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 16, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted, Timothy Ware, Executive Director  
(Draft Minutes prepared by JoAnna Roberson)



**7.) Draft Financial Report**

# Balance Sheet

George Washington Regional Commission

Period From : 07/01/17 to 09/30/17

Run Date: 10/11/17  
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## Assets:

10300	Union First Market Bank Operating	21,629.15
10301	AdVANtage Vanpool Insurance	37,316.18
10400	Petty Cash	75.00
10800	Union First Market MMA	14,754.57
11100	Accounts Receivable	616,177.14
15400	Furniture,fixtures&equipment	88,160.00
<b>Total Assets:</b>		<b>\$778,112.04</b>

## Liabilities:

20000	Accounts Payable	222,079.25
21000	Payroll Liability-Leave Balances	47,311.00
27711	Loan Payable UnionBank	58,363.81
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>		<b>\$327,754.06</b>

## Projects

30000	Unrestricted Net Assets	131,887.78
31000	VDRPT 5303	1,363.38
31017	FTA 5303 FY 2017	-4,221.13
31200	FHWA PL	-8,116.01
31500	USHUD HMIS CoC	-8,641.89
31501	HMIS Conversion	-1,165.00
31503	HUD CoC Planning FY17	1,099.70
31553	VHSP CoC	-12,364.63
31600	FHWA SPR (Rural Transportation)	-5,410.05
31807	USDA Haz Mitigation	-766.53
31811	DEQ Native Plants	-1,210.00
31817	CZM Technical Assistance 2017	-6,482.00
34000	DHCD Planning	18,992.00
34003	GoVA	33,933.29
34100	VDRPT-RideShare	52,237.24
37000	Local Allocations	199,632.00
38000	HMIS User Fee	-6,238.85
38015	RRBC Internal	750.00
38016	Legislative Liaison pass thru	27,762.50
38018	AdVANtage Insurance	37,316.18
<b>Total Projects</b>		<b>\$450,357.98</b>

**Net Difference to be Reconciled** **\$0.00**

**Total Adjustment** **\$-0.05**

**Unreconciled Balance** **\$0.05**

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### Reconciling Items .....

(1)	Paid Salaries are	219,807.23	
	Timesheets show	219,807.24	
	Difference		0.01
(2)	Leave accrued this year	-0.04	
(3)	Fringe Pool is	68,880.79	
	Fringe allocated	68,880.78	
	Difference		-0.01
(4)	Indirect Pool is	114,341.00	
	Indirect Allocated	114,340.99	
	Difference		-0.01
	Total adjustments		<u><u>\$-0.05</u></u>

## Agencywide Line Item Revenues and Expenditures

George Washington Regional Commission

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Period: 07/01/2017 to 09/30/2017

Without Indirect Detail

Code & Description		Budget	Current	YTD	Un/Ovr	% Bud
<b>Revenues</b>						
45100	REV-Federal Contracts/Fees	2,125,304.00	235,108.44	459,579.47	1,665,724.53	21.62%
45200	REV-State Contracts/Fees	673,649.00	43,121.79	209,871.94	463,777.06	31.15%
45202	State Technical Assistant	75,971.00	0.00	0.00	75,971.00	0.00%
45300	REV-Local Government Contract	225,499.00	0.00	225,499.00	0.00	100.00%
45700	REV-Other Income	7,983.00	3,350.00	3,350.00	4,633.00	41.96%
47600	pass thru AdVANtage	0.00	23,155.05	99,522.65	-99,522.65	0.00%
	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>3,108,406.00</b>	<b>304,735.28</b>	<b>997,823.06</b>	<b>2,110,582.94</b>	<b>32.10%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
50000	Salaries	660,247.00	68,743.15	170,551.08	489,695.92	25.83%
50500	Fringe Benefits	243,023.00	15,929.48	50,875.61	192,147.39	20.93%
59700	Indirect Costs	489,993.00	47,758.96	114,340.99	375,652.01	23.34%
67560	Consulting Services	984,678.00	73,547.36	248,895.92	735,782.08	25.28%
81100	Supplies Expense	39,250.00	0.00	0.00	39,250.00	0.00%
81600	Equipment, Rental, & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	2,440.00	-2,440.00	0.00%
81620	Equipment Purchase	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00%
81750	Public Relations	0.00	133.58	1,075.17	-1,075.17	0.00%
81751	Van Pool Assistance	15,000.00	0.00	150.00	14,850.00	1.00%
81752	Leased Spaces	33,850.00	2,730.00	8,450.00	25,400.00	24.96%
81760	RideShare Van Subsidies/GRH	0.00	0.00	900.00	-900.00	0.00%
81770	Marketing/Educationhj	160,355.00	6,753.63	39,593.01	120,761.99	24.69%
83000	Travel/Training	4,000.00	185.52	3,033.54	966.46	75.84%
83100	Travel	20,112.00	515.55	1,342.95	18,769.05	6.68%
83200	Conference, Convention, & Meetin	34,983.00	879.52	2,800.62	32,182.38	8.01%
85000	Miscellaneous Expense	96,782.00	40.00	40.00	96,742.00	0.04%
85300	Membership Dues-Organization	0.00	560.00	1,210.00	-1,210.00	0.00%
93010	Legislative Liaison Income	0.00	0.00	-37,250.00	37,250.00	0.00%
93020	Legislative Consultant Expenses	0.00	3,581.25	9,487.50	-9,487.50	0.00%
95000	RRBC Expenses	0.00	0.00	-750.00	750.00	0.00%
97000	AdVANtage	0.00	33,272.26	124,886.52	-124,886.52	0.00%
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2,797,273.00</b>	<b>254,630.26</b>	<b>742,072.91</b>	<b>2,055,200.09</b>	<b>26.53%</b>
	<b>Agency Balance</b>	<b>311,133.00</b>	<b>50,105.02</b>	<b>255,750.15</b>		



**9a.) GO Virginia Growth and Diversity Plan**

## **PamunkeyNet**

### Enhanced Capacity Building Proposal Synopsis – GO Virginia Region 6

**IDEA and GOAL:** With the support of GO Virginia, this project will leverage the unique asset of the federally-designated Pamunkey Indian tribe and capitalize recently-completed technical study of last-mile broadband deployment options in Virginia's Middle Peninsula. The Project will create a robust and affordable broadband infrastructure across Virginia's Middle Peninsula and the George Washington Regional Commission territory, and ultimately will link with a proposed municipally-owned fiber ring in adjacent Hampton Roads.

**OUTCOMES:** The Project will result in the creation of a new business enterprise (PamunkeyNet) that will be a privately-owned wireless and fiber broadband company, immediately creating new jobs in the operational company itself. Over time, as PamunkeyNet deploys broadband solutions across the Middle Peninsula and George Washington Regional Commission footprint, new job creation will occur through advanced manufacturing business locations, small business expansion, distributed home-based employment from technology companies outside the region, and telemedicine and educational services to the home. In addition, the technology platform will provide connect major assets such as VIMS (southern tip) and the Naval Support Facility in Dahlgren (northern tip). Ultimately, by connecting PamunkeyNet with the municipally-owned fiber ring in Hampton Roads, the entire eastern region of Virginia becomes a cost-efficient, redundantly-secure footprint for business and job growth in the scientific, professional and technical services and in information technology and manufacturing.

**REGION 6 PRIORITY CLUSTERS:** Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; Information Technology; Manufacturing

**APPROACH:** Over a proposed 3-year period (with GO Virginia support for 2 years), the approach to the Project includes:

- Create a new business enterprise owned by the Pamunkey tribe
- Create a network of existing and new wireless towers throughout the Middle Peninsula and George Washington region that will have a high performance backbone between towers and local access radios on each tower to provide affordable business, residential, and institutional broadband Internet service and will provide Gigabit fiber services on the Pamunkey reservation
- Create a fiber-based Technology Corridor on Route 33 between Rappahannock Community College, the planned Telework Center, and the Middle Peninsula Regional Airport
- Design for linkage with Hampton Roads, specifically for VIMS and Rappahannock Community College, and anticipate the benefits of linkages to the south with transoceanic destinations from the MAREA landing point, as well as to the north at Ashburn.

#### **PARTNERS:**

- The Project's Lead partner is the *Pamunkey Indian Tribe*, the sole federally-designated tribe in Virginia and a conduit to currently untapped federal resources.
- The Project's Lead partner for new business financial support will be the *Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission* which manages a small business revolving loan fund
- The Project's lead partners for job training for technical skills will be *Rappahannock Community College and Germanna Community College*.
- The Project's supporting partners include the individual localities of: Essex County, Gloucester County, King & Queen County, King William County, Mathews County, Middlesex County, Caroline County, King George County, Spotsylvania County, Richmond County and Lancaster County; and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative and Northern Neck Electric Coop, each of which serves significant portions of the Region. Each of these partners has potential interest in providing financial support and/or physical infrastructure support.
- The Project's Supporting partners will be the *Middle Peninsula Alliance* and the *Fredericksburg Regional Alliance*, the regional economic development organizations.



**10a.) Approval of Resolution No. 18-02, Endorsing the GWRC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-02**

**ENDORING THE GWRC REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

**WHEREAS**, the George Washington Regional Commission (“the Commission”) is the Planning District Commission serving the City of Fredericksburg and Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford Counties, known collectively as Virginia Planning District 16, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that any existing regional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan be reviewed and updated every 5 years to maintain local governments’ eligibility for pre- and post- disaster mitigation grant funds available from FEMA, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission applied for and received grant funding from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to update the Regional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, adopted in 2012, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission submitted the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update to VDEM for State review and to be forwarded to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval to maintain local government eligibility for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funds available from FEMA, and;

**WHEREAS**, on September 25, 2017, the Commission was notified by VDEM staff that the Commission’s Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA pending local adoption, and;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the George Washington Regional Commission that the Commission endorses the GWRC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update prepared for the local governments of Planning District 16, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission urges all local governments in Planning District 16 to consider and adopt the Plan Update and continue to work through the Commission, as appropriate, on regional and local implementation actions recommended by the Plan.

Adopted by the George Washington Regional Commission at its duly called meeting of October 16, 2017 in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, a quorum being present.

October 16, 2017

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Jeffrey Black, Secretary



**FEMA**

September 25, 2017

Dr. Jeffrey D. Stern  
State Coordinator of Emergency Management  
Virginia Department of Emergency Management  
10501 Trade Court  
North Chesterfield, Virginia 23236

Dear Dr. Stern:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed our review of the George Washington Hazard Mitigation Plan, based on the standards contained in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 201, as authorized by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K). These criteria address the planning process, hazard identification and risk assessment, mitigation strategies and plan maintenance requirements.

The plan received a "satisfactory" rating for all required criteria and is approvable pending adoption. However prior to formal approval, each participating jurisdiction in George Washington Hazard Mitigation Plan is required to provide FEMA with a resolution of adoption.

We commend you for your dedication demonstrated in supporting the DMA2K, and George Washington Regional Commission's commitment to reduce future disaster losses.

If you have questions, please contact Kathryn Lipiecki, Chief, Risk Analysis Branch, at (215) 931-5655.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janice P. Barlow".

Janice P. Barlow  
Acting Director, Mitigation Division

cc: Robert Coates, State Hazard Mitigation Officer  
Tim Ware, Executive Director, George Washington Regional Commission



**10b.) Regional Emergency Planning Committee Funding**



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Matthew Kelly  
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Timothy Ware  
*Executive Director*

Date : October 16, 2017  
To : GWRC Board  
From : Tim Ware  
Re : Regional Emergency Planning Committee Funding

In 2014 the George Washington Regional Emergency Planning Committee was formed. The purpose of the George Washington Regional Emergency Planning Committee (GW-REPC) is to:

- Develop, maintain and update a regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan for the George Washington PDC Region. This includes procedures for regulated facilities to provide information to the GW- REPC and member local governments in accordance with SARA Title III and notifications of accidental releases of hazardous chemicals.
- To establish procedures for receiving and processing requests from the public for information about and/or copies of emergency response plans, material safety data sheets and chemical inventory forms.
- To devise, observe and critique regional emergency operations exercises annually.
- To educate the public about risks from accidental and routine releases of chemicals and work with facilities to minimize such risks within the region.
- To encourage hazardous materials training of public and quasi-public personnel within the region.

The GW-REPC is now in place and a budget has been created for FY 2019. The REPC budget calls for grant funding which is being explored as well as a local match. It is requested that all member jurisdiction of the GW-REPC be assessed per allocation formula established at \$0.6433 per capita for a total of \$20,000 as part of the GWRC budget process. The group will explore ways to make the GW-REPC sustainable in the coming years. The allocation is as follows:



	<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>Dues @ \$0.6433/CAPITA</u>
Caroline County	29,704	\$ 1,683
King George County	24,724	\$ 1,401
Spotsylvania County	129,668	\$ 7,345
Stafford County	141,915	\$ 8,040
Fredericksburg City	<u>27,025</u>	<u>\$ 1,531</u>
<b>TOTAL REGION</b>	<b>353,036</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>



GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
BUDGET  
FY/2019

**REVENUES**

Grant Revenue	\$ 30,000
Local Match	20,000
In-Kind Contribution	3,475
Total	\$ 53,475

**EXPENDITURES**

Emergency Management Planner	\$ 20,000
Public Information Awareness	500
Training	500
Exercise Design	500
Special Event Food/Refreshments	500
Licensing Agreement for Tier II Software	19,775
Website Development and maintenance	500
Conference Association Dues	1,000
Printing	200
Exercise Planning Activity	10,000
Total	\$ 53,475



**10c.) 2019 GWRC Dues Structure**



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From: Tim Ware  
Subject: 2019 Local Dues Structure

As GWRC is preparing for the FY 2019 budget season it is time to set the annual dues structure for the coming year. During the FY 2018 budget process, dues were set as \$0.6433 per capita. Staff recommends funding at this level for the coming year. Under this funding formula and utilizing the 2016 population estimates from the Weldon Cooper Center the following scenario would be in place if local contributions remained at \$0.6433 per capita:

	<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>Dues @ \$0.6433/CAPITA</u>
Caroline County	29,704	\$ 19,109
King George County	24,724	\$ 15,905
Spotsylvania County	129,668	\$ 83,415
Stafford County	141,915	\$ 91,294
Fredericksburg City	<u>27,025</u>	<u>\$ 17,385</u>
<b>TOTAL REGION</b>	<b>353,036</b>	<b>\$ 227,108</b>

In addition, it is requested that an assessment for the newly created Regional Emergency Planning Committee for a total of \$20,000. Total assessment plus per capita will be \$247,108.

