



Working Draft Agenda 2/22/2012
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**8th Mid-Atlantic Regional
Planning Roundtable**

***Real World Challenges: Water, Energy and Transportation
Intergovernmental Planning to Solve Complex Problems***

March 30, 2012 – Arlington, Virginia

For: *Planners and Elected and Appointed Officials, Business Persons and Citizens*

Co-sponsored by: *Regional and Intergovernmental Planning Division, American Planning Association (APA) and APA Chapters participating Mid-Atlantic Regional Councils and the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC)*

Hosted by: *Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) and the Virginia Tech Department of Urban Affairs – National Capital Region*

Location: *Virginia Tech Research Center, 2nd Floor, East and West Falls Church Rooms
900 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia 22203, Phone: (571) 858-3030*

Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00` - Introduction - Bob Leiter, Chair, APA Regional and Intergovernmental Planning Division
Welcome – Jay Fisette, Arlington County Board Member
G. Mark Gibb, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Regional Commission

9:15 -10:30 - Panel 1 – Energy Challenges: Increasing Efficiency, Managing Cost, Supporting Economic Growth, Engaging Citizens and Employers - Locally and Regionally

This panel will show ways to incorporate energy issues into local planning processes through adoption of community energy plans. These plans assess the amount of energy our communities are using today and set goals to reduce energy and related environmental impacts and increase energy security. The panel will share lessons from Northern Virginia and the US Department of Energy's Community Energy Strategic Planning Academy.

Moderator – Dale Medearis, Senior Environmental Planner, NVRC

- 1) NVRC Regional Energy Strategy and Community Energy Planning in Northern Virginia – Stephen Walz, Northern Virginia Regional Commission**
- 2) Arlington Community Energy Plan; Integrating with the County Comprehensive Plan – Rich Dooley, Project Manager, Community Energy Plan, Arlington County Department of Environmental Services**

- 3) *U.S DOE/National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Community Energy Strategic Planning Academy – Sarah Zaleski, Project Officer, Office of Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program, US Department of Energy, Washington DC*
- 4) *Discussion*

10:30 – 10:45 – Break

10:45 -Noon - Panel 2 - The Challenges of Water Management and Coastal Mitigation: The Dutch and American Experiences

Brack Bentley, former Town Manager, Vienna and Front Royal, Virginia put the fundamental water problem for public managers this way: “Water - there’s either too much, or not enough, and in the wrong place.” This panel addresses collaborative approaches used for low-lying/sea-level communities that manage both storm water drainage and external storm surge intrusion. Government, the private sector and the research community need to work side by side to develop new technologies, strategies and policies that meet today’s water challenges, utilizing all relevant experience to deal with extreme weather events. Case studies at the international, national and regional levels will be presented, including lessons from the Dutch [Delta Programme](#) as are being applied in New Orleans and Florida. Work is underway at both the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments regional scale and that of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, all within the Mid-Atlantic’s Chesapeake Bay watershed which is under influence of the Atlantic Ocean and its seasonal storms.

Moderator – Aimee Vosper, ASLA, PLA, Director, Planning and Environmental Services, NVRC

1) Delta Programme Water Management Knowledge for U.S. Coastal Areas –

- a) Dale Morris, Dutch Embassy
- b) Pex Langenberg, Senior Dutch representative from the Netherlands Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management

2) Adaptation Planning - Water Resources and Coastal Protection - Increasing community resiliency to risks of extreme weather events at regional scales.

- a) Laura Grape, Senior Environmental Planner, Northern Virginia Regional Commission
- b) Maia Davis, Environmental Planner IV, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

3) Discussion

Noon – 12:45 – Lunch and Networking Time

12:45 -2 pm Panel 3 – Transportation Challenges – How can transportation planning be integrated from the local level to regional to state? The Virginia solution.

The Office of the Secretary of Transportation is responsible for eight agencies effecting transportation in the commonwealth. The [Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment](#) was created in 2002 to encourage the coordination of multimodal and intermodal planning across these various transportation modes. A 2035 VTrans policy plan was developed through a multimodal Transportation Working Group with representatives from the Transportation Secretariat. In addition, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) developed the [2035 Virginia Surface Transportation Plan \(VSTP\)](#), which provides long-term multimodal transportation suggestions for the commonwealth. The plan provides information for potential long-term project development and investment based on the goals identified in VTrans2035, Virginia’s statewide multimodal transportation policy plan. The Surface Transportation Plan received the APA Virginia Chapter – 2011 State Planning Innovation Award.

Included in the VSTP are recommendations from 20 Regional Rural Long Range Plans that identify needs based upon goals and objectives established by each region using a unique process with local stakeholders.

Introduction – Tom Christoffel, AICP, FeRSA – Regional/Greater Community Development News

- 1) **Moderator** - Marsha Fiol, State Transportation Planner, Virginia Department of Transportation
- 2) **2035 VTrans, the Commonwealth of Virginia's statewide long-range multi-modal transportation plan** - Dironna Belton, Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment
- 3) **2035 Virginia Surface Transportation Plan** - Brad Shelton, AICP, Senior Policy and Planning Analyst, Virginia Department of Transportation, and Amy Inman, Manager of Transit Planning, Department of Rail and Public Transportation
- 4) **Regional Long Range Plan Development** - Elijah Sharp, Regional Transportation Planner, New River Valley Planning District Commission (Blacksburg-Radford)
- 5) *Discussion*

2:00-2:15 -- Break

2:15 to 3:30 - Panel 4 – Integrated Planning Working Regionally in the Mid-Atlantic

Panel members will report on key challenges for their localities and the program responses of their agencies.

Moderator – Lee Schoenecker, AICP, Past Chair, Regional and Intergovernmental Planning Division

- 1) **Maryland Department of Planning**
Richard E. Hall, AICP, Secretary Maryland Department of Planning
- 2) **Baltimore Metropolitan Council**
Michael Kelly, General Counsel and Government Relations
- 3) **Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission**
Mary Bell, PP, Manager of Demographics and Economic Analysis
- 4) **Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments**
Paul DesJardin, Director of the Department of Community Planning and Services
- 5) **Hampton Roads Planning District Commission**
John Carlock, Deputy Executive Director

3:30 to 3:45 – Closing Session – Future steps – discussion - Adjourn

4:00 Post Conference Networking Social in Downtown Ballston with dinner option.

Let the Friday traffic dissipate and make the most out of your visit to Arlington County-NoVA.

Cost/Registration

There is no cost for attendance due to coverage of expenses by the co-sponsors listed above.

Pre-registration required. Use registration form which follows.

AICP Credits - Proposed count – 5.0

Meeting Location

Virginia Tech Research Center, 2nd Floor, East and West Falls Church Rooms
900 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia 22203

Directions: <http://www.ncr.vt.edu/Arlington/Directions.html>

The closest Metro station – about a 5-minute walk – is the Ballston-MU Metro Station (orange line). Exit the station and head west on Fairfax Dr., then turn left onto N. Glebe Road. The building is mid-block.

On-site parking is available in the building. The rate is \$10 for a full day. (confirm)

Nearby hotels – Holiday Inn, Comfort Inn, Westin, Hilton

Registration form follows

Prior Roundtables

Mid-Atlantic Regional Transportation Planning Coordination Roundtable
October 21, 2005 – Lord Fairfax Community College, Middletown, Virginia

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Roundtable - II
February 17, 2006 - 400 N. Capitol St, NW, Hall of the States - Washington, D.C.

**The U.S. Mid-Atlantic Super-Region -
Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Roundtable – III**
December 8, 2006 - Baltimore Metropolitan Council – Baltimore, Maryland

4TH Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Roundtable
Taking Smart Growth to the Regional Level - 3.0 - Region to Region Cooperation
November 9, 2007 - George Washington Regional Commission
University of Mary Washington, N.S. Campus - Fredericksburg, Virginia

5th Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Roundtable
Multi-Regional, Multi-State Solutions: Transportation, Land Use and Environmental
November 7, 2008 - Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

6th Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Roundtable
**Smart and Sustainable – Local & Regional, State and Multi-State - How will planning contribute to
achieving these goals of the citizenry?**
September 30 – October 1, 2009 - Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG)
Frederick, Maryland

7th Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Roundtable
Sustainable Regions: States and Localities Working Regionally in the Mid-Atlantic
September 30 – October 1, 2010 – WILMAPCO - Wilmington Area Planning Council
Wilmington, Delaware

Start up support 2006-7: *Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO), National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)*

Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Areas



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A confirmation email will be received.

Northern Virginia Regional Commission: 703-642-0700 (Voice) • 703-642-5077 (FAX)

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Box Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian required
Networking Social 4 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe <input type="checkbox"/> No