

# VIRGINIA SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHING DEVELOPMENT FUND SUMMARY PROJECT APPLICATION

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DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF EVENT: PROJECT LOCATION:

Fox Hill Boat Landing and Parking Lot City of Hampton

Improvements Directions: North (1) of Fox Hill at end of

Dandy Point Road

BRIEF PROJECT SUMMARY: (include a detailed description of activity as an attachment)

The scope of work for the Fox Hill Boat Landing and Parking Lot Improvements project includes replacing the existing courtesy piers and reconstructing the existing parking lot to better drain storm water. Improvements also include adding a floating pier for kayaks/canoes for non-motorized users.

# **EXPECTED BENEFITS: (Describe how your project directly benefits the average Virginia recreational angler)**

The renovation of the Fox Hill Landing will not only benefit Hampton Road and Virginia Beach residents, but all Virginians who enjoy saltwater fishing. This landing will continue to contribute to the area's water-based tourism and therefore support the local economy. Finally, it will fulfill Virginia Outdoor Plan and Department of Game and Inland Fisheries goals by providing recreational opportunities such as boating, fishing and enjoying wildlife.

SUMMARY COSTS: (Please attach a detailed budget including all sources of recipient funding)

# **SUMMARY COSTS**

Requested VMRC Funding: \$ 137,500

Recipient Funding: \$ 412,500

Total Costs: \$ 550,000

<sup>\*</sup>This form alone does not constitute a complete application, see application instructions or contact Alicia Nelson at 757-247-8155 or <a href="mailto:alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov">alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov</a>

# I. Need

The Fox Hill Boat Landing needs include the following: the parking lot needs to be upgraded to better drain storm water and limit the flooded area created by north easterner/hurricane type storms; there is a need for lighting improvements to improve safety in the evening and better observation to prevent unwanted activity at night; and the docks and the courtesy pier boards and substructure are degraded from weather exposure saltwater exposure and age. An enhancement to the site includes the addition of a hand launch for kayaks and canoes. Overall, the project should help improve access, public safety, and ADA compliance. Renovating and enhancing the Fox Hill Landing aligns with Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' (DGIF) mission to provide opportunities for Virginians to enjoy outdoor recreation such as boating, fishing, and viewing wildlife.

# II. Objective

The primary objective is to obtain funding for the renovation construction of Fox Hill Landing. Construction includes removal of three existing wood piers (50-100' long x 6' wide), and construction of three new 8' wide wood piling piers. A new culvert will be installed at the entrance and a trench drain along one edge of the parking lot will improve stormwater management and reduce potential soil erosion. A 10'x10' floating dock for hand launching kayaks and canoes will be added to the site.

- July 2015 Receive notice of award from VMRC and bid for construction
- August 2015 Complete contracting paperwork
- Fall 2015 (after Labor Day) Construction for 90 Days (must be out of water by February 1<sup>st</sup> for anadromous fish spawning)

# III. Expected Results or Benefits

The Fox Hill Landing is on the Back River in the Fox Hill section of the City of Hampton which feeds into the Chesapeake Bay. This is one of the busiest boat launch sites in Virginia and one of Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' largest boat landings. According to the DGIF Regional Boating Access Manager for this region, this is a popular landing due to its access to excellent fishing.

Updates to the Fox Hill Landing will enhance recreational fishing opportunities for all of Virginia's saltwater license holders. Virginia recreational anglers use this landing for easy boat access to fishing areas such as Bluefish Rock artificial reef and the Grandview-Buckroe coastal area. DGIF fishing biologists say this area provides excellent recreational opportunities for various saltwater species.

The Hampton Roads/Virginia Beach area is one of the most visited tourism areas in the state; according to the 2013 Virginia Outdoors Plan, "domestic travel to the region generated more than \$4 billion in 2011" and the biggest draw to the area is water-based attractions and recreation (10.257). The Outdoor plan also shows that access for non-motorized boating and public access to state waters for fishing have increased in priority for outdoor recreation, therefore, adding the hand launch for kayaks and canoes helps to achieve one of the plan's goals (10.255). While there is not a fishing pier at Fox Hill Landing, there is increased access to saltwater fishing via motorized and non-motorized boats.

The amount of saltwater licenses (Resident Individual Saltwater Fishing, Resident 10-Day Saltwater Fishing, Resident Saltwater Boat Sport Fishing, and the following Saltwater Recreational Use Licenses: Fish Dip Net, Five Crab Pots, Crab Trotline, 300 Ft Gill Net, and Two Eel Pots) that were sold in Fox Hill Landing's surrounding counties for 2014 was 29,886 and the revenue that was earned totaled \$743,657 (see Table 1). For all Virginia residents, including those in the surrounding counties, 67,900 saltwater licenses were sold for a total of \$1.7 million in revenue (see Table 2). The percentage of licenses from

the surrounding counties is 44%, therefore, 56% of saltwater licenses are purchased by Virginia residents outside of the surrounding area. These customers, therefore, are most likely visitors to the area and help to support the local economies through tourism. In 2014, 20,666 saltwater licenses (Non-Resident Individual Saltwater Fishing, Non-Resident 10-Day Saltwater Fishing, Non-Resident Saltwater Boat Sport Fishing) were purchased by Non-Virginia Residents, therefore a large portion of the revenue \$283,698 is from outside of the state which supports our state's economy (see Table 3). This information comes from DGIF's license sales database.

Table 1. Surrounding Counties' Revenue for Saltwater Fishing Licenses			
			Sold
Fiscal Year	<b>Customer County</b>	Revenue	Number*
2014	Essex County	\$13,051.50	447
	Gloucester County	\$58,597.00	2,055
	James City County	\$32,566.50	1,295
	King & Queen County	\$7,473.00	267
	King William County	\$18,301.50	593
	Mathews County	\$25,847.50	808
	Middlesex County	\$34,178.00	999
	York County	\$44,038.50	1,534
	City of Chesapeake	\$89,133.00	3,634
	City of Hampton	\$77,663.00	3,415
	City of Norfolk	\$79,751.50	3,640
	City of Portsmouth	\$36,562.50	1,631
	City of Virginia Beach	\$226,267.50	9,558
	City of Williamsburg	\$226.00	10
Total		\$743,657.00	29,886

Table 2. Virginia Revenue for Saltwater Fishing Licenses			
			Sold
Fiscal Year	<b>Customer County</b>	Revenue	Number*
2014	All Virginia Residents	\$1,707,487.00	67,900

<sup>\*</sup>The following licenses are included in the total: Resident Individual Saltwater Fishing, Resident 10-Day Saltwater Fishing, Resident Saltwater Boat Sport Fishing, and the following Saltwater Recreational Use Licenses: Fish Dip Net, Five Crab Pots, Crab Trotline, 300 Ft Gill Net, and Two Eel Pots

Table 3. Non-Virginia Residents Revenue for Saltwater Fishing Licenses			
Fiscal Year	Non-Virginia Residents	Revenue	Sold Number**
2014	\$283,698.00	\$283,698.00	20,666

<sup>\*\*</sup>Total for Non-Virginia Residents for the following licenses: Non-Resident Individual Saltwater Fishing, Non-Resident 10-Day Saltwater Fishing, Non-Resident Saltwater Boat Sport Fishing

# IV. Approach

The requested funding will be used toward the construction costs of the Fox Hill Landing and Parking Lot Improvements. DGIF began working on the design, riparian zone investigations and VMRC permitting in Fall 2014. Hurt & Proffitt (H&P), a land surveying and civil engineering company, was selected to prepare the construction documents, prepare the environmental permit applications to VMRC issued by the US Army Corp of Engineers, and they will assist DGIF with the bidding phase which is anticipated to begin this summer, dependent on grant funding.

In January 2015, DGIF met with the City of Hampton Department of Public Works to discuss the impact the drainage renovations would have on the entrance to the site since the changes would impact the city-owned road connecting to the entrance. The meeting also informed the City about changes to the layout, the amount of parking, lighting, and additions to the site, such as the hand launch which includes a gangway to a floating pier.

Signage that will give appropriate credit to Virginia Saltwater Recreational Development Fund will be included in the project.

# **Project Schedule:**

- Fall 2014 Design and riparian zone investigations completed
- Winter 2015 Consulted with the City of Hampton Public Works Department
- Spring 2015 Design completed and VMRC permits received
- July 2015 Receive notice of award from VMRC and bid for construction
- August 2015 Complete contracting paperwork
- Fall 2015 (after Labor Day) Construction for 90 Days (must be out of water by February 1<sup>st</sup> for anadromous fish spawning)

# V. Location

The site of Fox Hill Landing is on DGIF-owned property in the City of Hampton. It is on the Back River, located at the end of Dandy Point Road.

# VI. Estimated Costs

Construction costs are based on site plan designs completed by Hurt & Proffitt.

Demolition	\$30,000
Light-duty Concrete Pavement	\$1,400
Heavy-duty Concrete Pavement	\$10,500
Paved Ditch	\$13,850
Asphalt Overlay	\$195,365
Pavement Marking	\$5,365
Fencing	\$3,000
Drainage and Erosion & Settlement	\$5,000
Floating Dock and Gangway	\$30,000
Piling	\$67,920
Piers	\$187,600
Total cost	\$550,000

Requesting from VMRC: \$137,500 DGIF Matching Funds: \$412,500

Person authorized to obligate applicant to the proposed project and confirm the applicant's	
financial commitment	
Signature Signature	Director of Capital Programs
Dater June 12,2015	
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Source: VDEQ Hydrologic Unit Explorer GIS (2014), NTS

Location/ Watershed Map

Figure 1

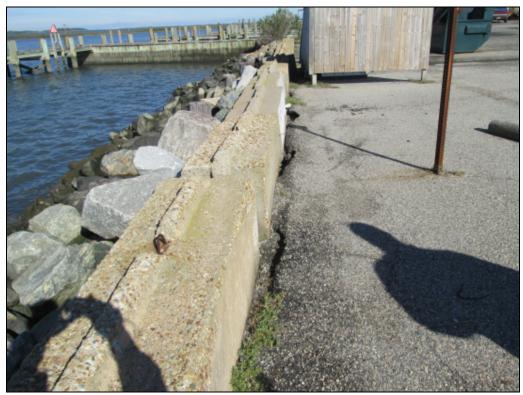




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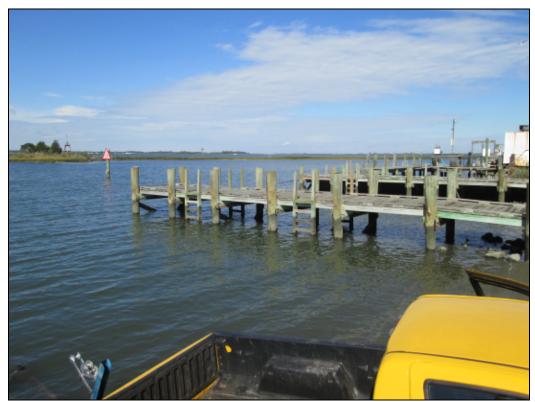
Site Boundary Map Figure 4



Photograph 1 – Riprap-armored shoreline, and southernmost pier - view northeast



Photograph 2 – Existing boat launches and three piers - view north



Photograph 3 – Central pier (foreground) and northernmost pier (background) - view northeast



Photograph 4 – Dandy Point Road and site entrance/parking (to right) - view southeast

# FOX HILL LANDING SITE IMPROVEMENTS VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES

CITY OF HAMPTON, VIRGINIA PROJECT CODE #403-18106-CO-0939







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# OWNER INFORMATION:

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# NORTHWEST BRANCH OF BACK RIVER

# SHEET INDEX

C1.0 COVER SHEET **C2.0 DEMOLITION PLAN** 

C3.0 SITE PLAN

C4.0 DETAILS

# EXISTING LEGEND

# PROPOSED LEGEND

FF FINISHED FLOOR **HP HIGH POINT** 

LP LOW POINT

MG MATCH GRADE

P PAVEMENT

TC TOP OF CURB SW SIDEWALK

**ASPHALT PAVEMENT OVERLAY** 

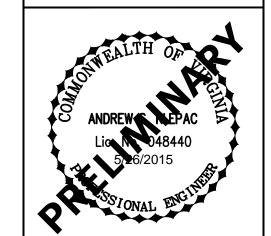
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