

**VIRGINIA SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHING DEVELOPMENT  
FUND  
SUMMARY PROJECT APPLICATION\***



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<b>PRIORITY AREA OF CONCERN:</b>  Improved public access to recreational saltwater fishing.	<b>PROJECT LOCATION:</b>  Bennetts Creek Bennetts Creek Park 3000 Bennetts Creek Park Road

**DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROJECT:**

Bennett's Creek Park Fishing Pier Replacement

**PROJECT SUMMARY:**

The City of Suffolk requests additional funding to replace a 30 year old fishing pier at Bennett's Creek Park. Total cost of the project is approximately \$135,000. The City proposes to invest \$60,000 of current funding to remove an existing antiquated structure and to partially reconstruct it. Phase 1 includes an ADA compliant concrete walkway, a six-foot wide gangway pier and 10 x 30-foot fishing platform. Phase 2 would expand the platform an additional 95 feet and add benches. Phase 2 will cost approximately \$75,000.

**EXPECTED BENEFITS:**

Reconstruction of a popular fishing pier will improve shoreline access for fishing, crabbing and nature watching, accommodate people with disabilities, and provide better fishing access to deeper water near the channel and along the shoreline. The new pier will also be built at a higher elevation to avoid periodic flooding during unusually high tides.

**COSTS:**

<b>VMRC Funding:</b>	\$75,000
<b>Recipient Funding:</b>	\$60,000
<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>\$135,000</b>

**Detailed budget must be included with proposal.**



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April 5, 2011

Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
RFAB Grant Program – Sonya Davis  
2600 Washington Avenue – Third Floor  
Newport News, VA 23607

Re: Grant Request for Bennetts Creek Park Fishing Pier

Dear Ms. Davis:

Enclosed please find our request for grant assistance from the Virginia Recreational Saltwater Fishing Fund.

Bennetts Creek fishing pier is a very important amenity in one of Suffolk's most important regional parks. Over the past few years, the City has continued to upgrade existing facilities in the park. The fishing pier, which was built many years ago, will be replaced in order to provide a safe and handicap accessible place for saltwater fishing. It is one of only two public fishing piers in Suffolk with saltwater access.

With our present funding, we can only rebuild 30 feet of the fishing platform. With funding assistance, we will be able to construct an additional 95 feet of platform and provide saltwater fishing opportunities for many more residents.

Thank you for your consideration of our application.

Sincerely,

Lakita Frazier  
Director of Parks and Recreation

## City of Suffolk Application Attachment - Bennetts Creek Fishing Pier

- I. Needs addressed by project – The new pier replaces an antiquated facility used for fishing for the past 30 years, and provides an opportunity for land based anglers to catch a variety of fish including striped bass, croaker, spot, catfish and crabs. The pier will address accessibility issues including providing access for individuals in wheelchairs.
- II. Objectives - The City is using funding from its current capital improvement program to move forward with phase 1 of the project this spring. Additional funding is sought for phase 2. Major objectives include:
  - o Demolition of existing pier – May 2011
  - o Beginning Phase 1 of project – May 2011
  - o Completing Phase 1 of project – July 2011
  - o Award of additional funding for Phase 2 – September 2011
  - o Beginning Phase 2 of project – November 2011
  - o Completing Phase 2 of project – February 2012
- III. Expected Benefits - Benefits of a new pier include providing land based, saltwater fishing opportunities for residents of Suffolk and of other nearby localities. The existing pier was use by an estimated 3,750 fisherman last year. It is anticipated that the new pier will accommodate a greater number including those with accessibility issues that were unable to use the previous pier.
- IV. Approach
  - a. Apply for funding for Phase 2 of project – April 2011
  - b. Seck environmental permits for project – April 2011
  - c. Solicit bids for private contractor to construct Phase 1 of project – April 2011
  - d. Remove existing pier – May 2011
  - e. Private contractor begins construction of Phase 1 of project – May 2011
  - f. Private contractor completes Phase 1 of project – July 2011
  - g. Award of additional funding for Phase 2 – September 2011
  - h. Beginning Phase 2 of project – November 2011
  - i. Completing Phase 2 of project – February 2012

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- V. Location – The fishing pier would be constructed at Bennetts Creek Park, 3000 Bennetts Creek Park Road, in Suffolk. The park is a 50-acre regional park facility with the following amenities:

- Boat Ramp
- Restrooms
- Parking Lot
- Picnic Shelters
- Playground & skate spot
- Tennis courts
- Disk golf course
- Nature trail



### VI. Estimated Costs

• 70 linear feet of sidewalk	\$ 5,000 (City)
• Demolition of existing pier	\$ 10,000 (City)
• Phase 1 - 75 feet of 6-foot wide gangway pier With a fishing platform 10 by 30 feet	\$ 45,000 (City)
• Phase 2 – Extend fishing platform 10 by 95 feet and install five benches	\$ 75,000 (Grant)
Total Cost	\$135,000

### VII. Specifications for BCP Fishing Pier – March 2011

1. Demolition of an existing pier structure from end of concrete walk to end of pier.
2. Construction of a wood pier in accordance with the general dimensions and design shown on the attached preliminary plan prepared by Woolpert Inc., dated July 1, 2009 as noted by Staff. However, with the modifications and/or clarifications noted as follows:
  - The first phase of the project will include only the gangway pier and the first 25 feet of the fishing platform.
  - The gangway pier must be approximately 6 feet in width with a clear path width of no less than 5 feet.
  - The existing concrete ramp will be demolished by others. A new concrete ramp will be constructed in the same place but at a higher elevation to meet the ADA slope requirement of 1:20 (5%). (The access ramp shown on the preliminary plan will not be constructed.)

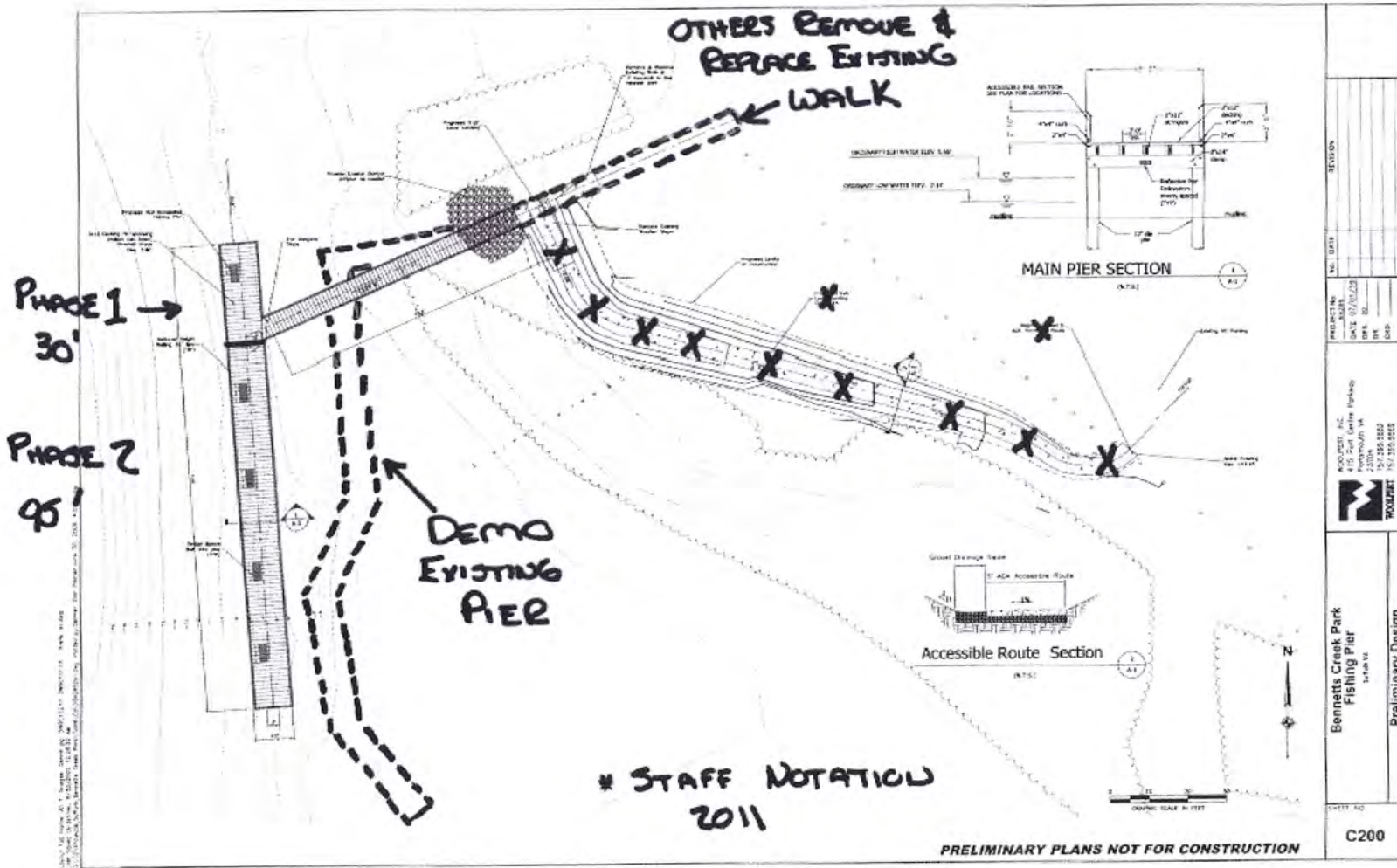
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- The height of the new fishing pier must be raised so that the ramp to the pier does not exceed the slope of 1:20 (5%).
  - 25% of the railing height of the 10 foot wide platform will be a maximum of 34 inches. The railing height of the gangway will be 42 inches.
  - Piling diameter is 12 inches and length is what is necessary for 50/50 penetration.
  - To meet ADA requirements, no cross slopes may exceed a 2% grade.
  - To meet ADA requirements, edge protection must be provided as detailed on the plan.
  - To meet ADA requirements, the bottom rail must allow for at least 9 inches of toe clearance.
  - Top cap of all railings will be angled.
  - 3"x10" marine grade treated lumber will be used for stringers and decking boards.
  - Railing material will use 4"x4" posts and 2"x 6" treated material.
  - 3"x14" treated timber clamps with reflective pier delineators.
  - Hot dipped galvanized bolts must be used to fasten all headers and stringers.
  - An alternative decking board to the specified 3"x12" would be a 3"x 8" #1 dressed board. Decking boards must be fastened with countersunk, galvanized, 5" lag bolts.
  - Stainless steel screws must be used to fasten all railing boards.
  - A bench will not be required in Phase 1.
3. Contractor must have a Class A or B contractor's license for the State of Virginia, obtain required building permit and assist the City with their wetlands permit application.

VIII. Specification Drawing – (See attached)

IX. Pictures of Existing Pier – (See attached)

# Specification Drawing



# Existing Pier (South)





# Existing Pier (East)



# Existing Pier (West)



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