

Regional Update

A Monthly Report of Activities on the Eastern Shore of Virginia

March-April 2008



Indoor Plumbing Rehab Project underway; Waiting List Update Almost Complete

The Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation/Loan Program (IPR) provides 0% interest loans in cities, towns and counties of Virginia to low and moderate income (LMI) owner-occupants of substandard housing where indoor plumbing does not exist or where the existing water delivery or waste disposal system has failed. The program also provides for the general rehabilitation of these units, once the primary income, ownership and failed plumbing criteria are met.

The Accomack-Northampton Housing and Redevelopment Corporation (A-NHRC) maintains a waiting list for applicants for the program. The list is currently being updated and pri-



House lacking indoor plumbing

oritized, using a point system. Applicants whose houses lack indoor plumbing receive top priority. Points are

awarded for structural deficiencies (those posing serious, immediate threats to the health and safety of occupants), ages of household members (elderly or under 18), handicap status, and income level 50% or below. For more information on the program, to check your position on the list, or to apply, call Patti Merritt at 787-2936, ext 119.

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IPR Replacement House

Saxis Fishing Pier Expansion Receives Funding

On March 25, 2008, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission voted to approve the funding request from the Town of Saxis for \$173,151.00 to help finance the expansion of the Saxis Fishing Pier. The Virginia Recreational Fishing Development Fund grant will be supplemented with Town funds to extend the pier an additional 200 linear feet with a 100 linear foot "T" at the end.

The A-NPDC provided technical assistance with the application for funding and the permits, but the project is the result of months of hard work by Mayor Charles Tull.

Work will begin on the final designs in April. Construction of the expansion should begin by mid-summer.



Saxis Fishing Pier

A-NPDC Submits Block Grant Applications

On the 26th of March, the A-NPDC submitted 3 proposals to the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development requesting funding from the 2008 Virginia Community Development Block Grant Program. The proposals include:

- Town of Tangier Health Clinic Community Service Facility
- Town of Parksley Economic Development Infrastructure
- Town of Cape Charles Broadband Network

If funded, two of the proposals will help finance the installation of a fi-

ber-optic broadband infrastructure within the towns of Parksley and Cape Charles. The third proposal will help provide financing to develop a new health clinic on Tangier. For some time now, the Tangier Island Health Foundation has been spear-heading an effort to raise the funds required to replace the current outdated facility with a new state of the art clinic that will offer treatments and procedures that cannot be provided at the current health center.

During the next couple of months, the Department of Housing and Community Development will be reviewing and ranking the proposals against applications from across the State. The Governor's office usually announces the successful proposals sometime in June or early July.

For additional information on the Tangier Health Clinic, call David Annis at 787-2936, ext 126. For information on Parksley Economic Development and Cape Charles Broadband, call Kat Edwards, ext. 120.



Tangier Health Clinic Community Service Facility

Home-ownership Classes Continue at A-NPDC

The Accomack-Northampton Regional Housing Authority held the third Homeownership Orientation Class on Thursday, March 27. This ongoing monthly class presents an overview of the home buying process. Upon completion of an Orientation Class, attendees will follow up with a housing counselor for a one-on-one appointment to review their current financial situation and home-ownership goals. Depending on their readiness, clients will either move on to a five-part series of Growing Your Money classes or to the full-day Homeownership Workshop. The next Growing Your Money class will be held on Wednesday, April 2 at the Front Street location. The next Homeownership Orientation Class is scheduled for Thursday, April 17 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Bobbie Jo Wert and Patricia Connolly Grove provided a financial presentation to the residents of Onancock Square at their Community Center on St. Patrick's Day. Future presentations are being planned to educate the community on financial topics such as predatory lending, budgeting and spending plans, and credit issues. If you would like more information, please contact Patricia Grove at 757-787-2800, ext 124.

NEW OFFICERS FOR A-NPDC

At its meeting held on March 17, 2008, the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission elected officers for the following year. Chairperson is Gwendolyn Turner; Vice-Chairperson is Richard Tankard; Executive Committee Member is the Rev. Charles Kellam.



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