

# Regional Update

A Report of Activities on the Eastern Shore of Virginia

August, September 2009

## **A-NPDC's Enterprise Building Has a New Look**

Energy efficiency improvements and interior reconfigurations are now complete at the A-NPDC's Enterprise Building. The entire building has been repainted, relighted with efficient fixtures and insulated.

Thermostats have been upgraded to allow control over the heating and cooling systems to minimize energy waste. Insulation was added to the attics and the two bay windows in front of the building were replaced. The new lighting is also more efficient than the lighting it replaced as well as being brighter.

General maintenance also occurred and included maintenance of the parking lot, repair of weathered exterior wood on the building, repainting and repair of the guttering system.

Major interior changes have also occurred. The traffic flow of the building has been positively altered by rearranging one office with its supply area and the kitchen. This has also contributed to greater privacy in the offices that house A-NPDC's housing services staff. Other areas have been reconfigured and past visitors will notice changes immediately upon entering the building.

One major change is not visible to visitors, the building's former basement has been permanently filled in and old fuel tanks have been responsibly drained and also filled in with concrete.

Even without all energy efficiency changes complete in August, staff has already noticed that our electricity use has declined from this time last year.

## **Wastewater Summit September 9th**

The Summit hosted by Delegate Lynwood Lewis will be held at Shore Bank Headquarters, September 9th from 10am to 5pm. The purpose of the meeting is to inform as many citizens as possible about the impact of wastewater issues on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

To achieve this purpose a panel consisting of the Virginia Departments of Health and Environmental Quality, organizations/towns that have collection and treatment systems, an engineering company, a private wastewater management company, a wastewater plant construction company, a member of the

Virginia Water Environment Association as well as several funding agencies, will give presentations.

The panelists will provide in-depth information about their experience with wastewater systems, emerging technologies, economies of scale, management of wastewater systems, costs, and options. The funding agencies will describe the grant and loan programs they manage.

The public will also be asked for input via a roundtable session. The answers provided in the roundtables will be collected and made publicly available after the Summit.

## **ESCC Workforce Training Center Complete**

The ESCC's new Business and Workforce Training Center will be officially opened in a ribbon-cutting celebration September 11. The new Business and Workforce Training Center received \$500,000 from USDA Rural Development under a Rural Business Enterprise Grant and \$1.1 million from the US Economic Development Administration. The A-NPDC prepared the grant applications for the federal funds in 2004 and assisted ESCC staff in administering the grants through spring 2009, when the grants were closed out.

Other sources of funding included \$2.347 million from the state's education bond, \$75,000

from the ESCC Foundation, \$110,000 from the Eastern Shore Regional Partnership, and \$602,000 from Accomack and Northampton counties.

Construction of the 20,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility began in late 2007 and was completed in early 2009.



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# September Calendar of Events



- Sept. 3 - Concerned Citizens of Weirwood Meeting, 5:30PM - Northampton County Public Library.
- Sept. 7 A-NPDC Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 9 - Wastewater Summit, 10:00AM - 5:00PM, Shore Bank Headquarters, Onley, Virginia.
- Sept. 10 - Continuum of Care for the Homelessness, 9:00AM Enterprise Building, Accomac.
- Sept. 15 - Broadband Bid's Due by 10:00AM. Bid Opening at 11:00AM, Enterprise Building, Accomac.
- Sept. 21- A-N Planning District Commission Mtg., Enterprise Building, 7:00PM
- Sept. 22 - Groundwater Committee Mtg., Enterprise Building, 10:30AM
- Sept. 23 A-N Regional Housing Authority Mtg., 4:00PM, Enterprise Bldg.
- Sept. 23 - Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance Meeting, 7:00PM, Enterprise Bldg., Accomac.

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