

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 2, 2018

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator 

**SUBJECT:** JLUS Opportunity

The Board is familiar with some of the Joint Land Use Studies (JLUS) that have been undertaken in our region, including those focusing on Oceana Naval Air Station, Joint Base Langley-Eustis and others. There now appears to be an opportunity to conduct such a study focusing on the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station and, perhaps, the York Coast Guard Station.

The purpose of these studies is to coordinate land use and other planning issues that impact these military facilities and the localities. Properly done, they can minimize community conflicts, reinforce good planning and, of course, ensure that our military facilities can continue their mission-critical responsibilities.

The staff and I are having preliminary consultations with the various parties needed to implement this process. In particular, the HRPDC Executive Director has indicated his staff can support this effort as they have several other such projects in the past. This is desirable from my perspective because our Planning and Development Services staff will be concurrently staffing our Comprehensive Plan update.

In addition to our staff and the PDC staff, the parties needed to coordinate this undertaking include personnel at the bases, Virginia's Veterans and Defense Affairs Office, and an element of the Defense Department known as the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA).

We believe that any hard costs associated with the process can be covered with a DOD grant. There will be a substantial commitment of staff resources.

Unless the Board objects, I will continue to develop this work plan and provide updates. At this time my expectation would be that substantial work would commence in the summer of 2019.

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 3, 2018

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Yorktown Beach



I wanted to make you aware, if you are not already, of a recent event at the Yorktown Beach. Earlier this week, staff was alerted via social media to a foot injury sustained by a beach visitor. With public safety our number one concern, Brian Fuller, Director of Community Services, and his staff took immediate action. As part of a training program, York County Department of Fire and Life Safety's Dive team investigated the area and found a large oyster bed next to the pier. Immediately, signs were made and are now installed alerting visitors to the discovery.



Because of the nature of the York River, oysters and rocks are inevitable. County staff members are now working with VIMS to determine ways to protect the oyster bed and cordon it off to ensure the public's safety.

The County's response was shared via social media and as of today has reached thousands of people on multiple sites, garnering numerous comments of appreciation and commendation including one from the person who sustained the injury. There is a copy of the original post and response in this week's media report.

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