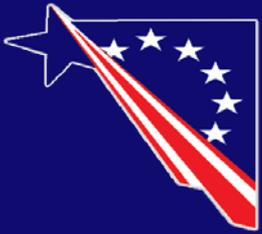
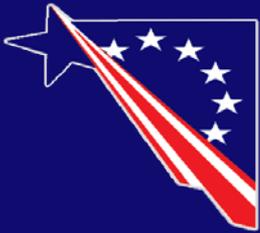


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Wetlands Board
Report to
Board of Supervisors
January 17, 2017**



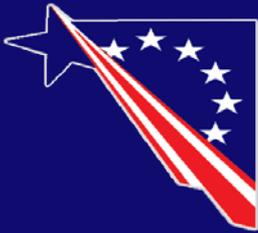
Mission Statement

“To preserve the wetlands and to prevent their despoliation and destruction and to accommodate necessary economic development in a manner consistent with wetlands preservation”

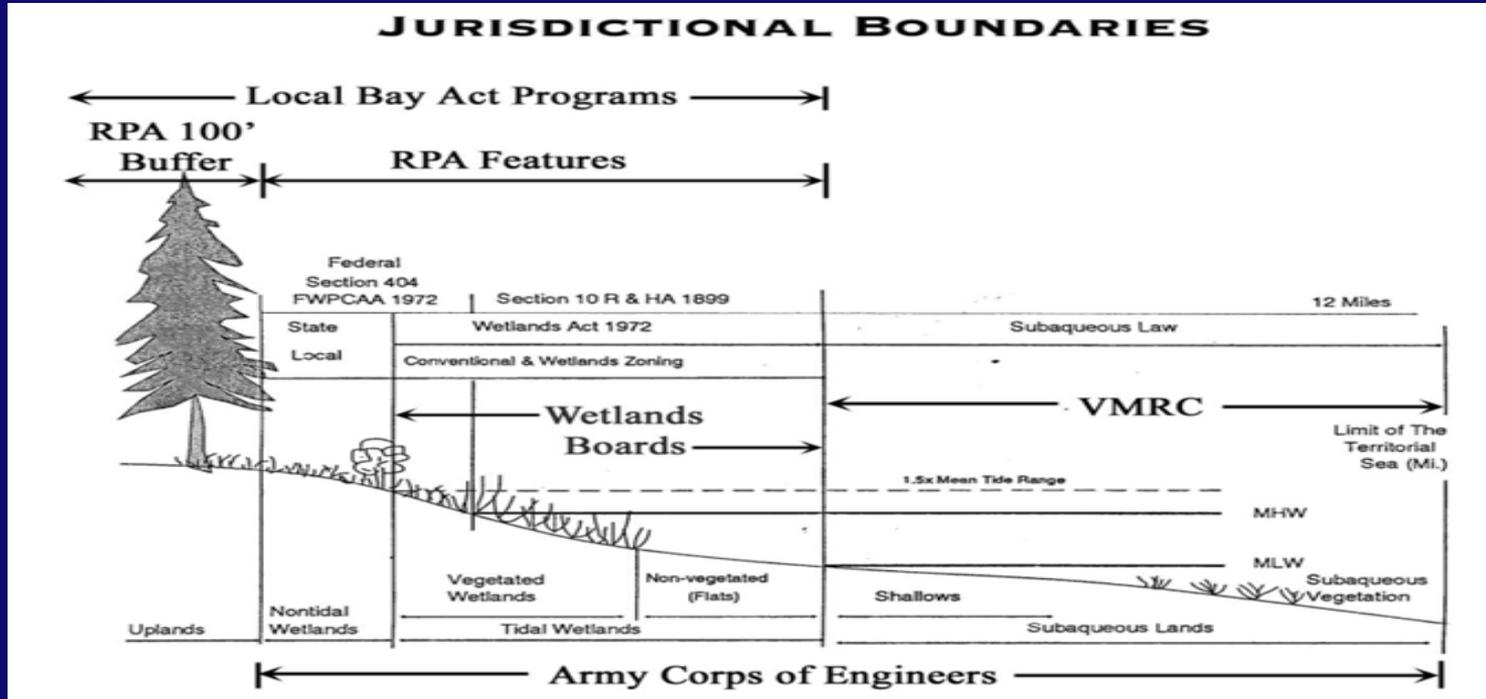


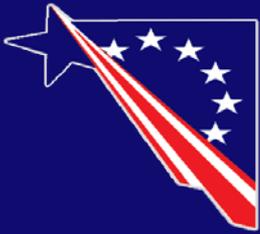
Tidal Wetlands

- The Wetlands Board is a REGULATORY board that administers the Virginia Tidal Wetlands Act.
- The Wetlands Board has been in existence in York County since 1972.
- In the event a locality chooses not to authorize a local Wetlands Board, the permitting of wetlands development falls directly to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.
- The jurisdiction of the Board is TIDAL WETLANDS which exist between Mean Low Water and 1-1/2 times the tidal range.

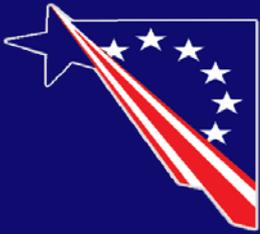


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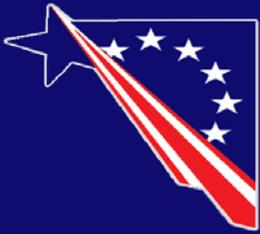


Tidal wetlands extend from the mudline to the saltbush line
York County



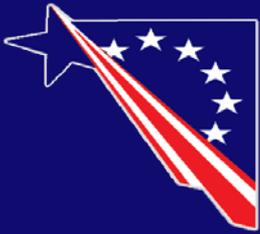
The Wetlands Board is charged with issuing permits for the use and development of tidal wetlands and with balancing the needs of the property owners with the protection of wetlands



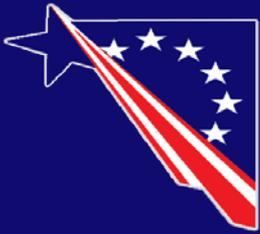


Wetlands Decisions & Review

- Virginia is a “no net loss of wetlands” State. The Wetlands Board’s goal is to avoid and minimize impacts to wetlands and to encourage the use of living shorelines to prevent erosion and accommodate sea level rise
- Decisions made and permits issued by the Wetlands Board are subject to review and appeal by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission



**The Wetlands Board
consists of five full-time
members and two
alternates serving five-
year terms.**



Composition:

Chair: Eric Ancarrow

Vice Chair: Jeff Frye

Diane Short

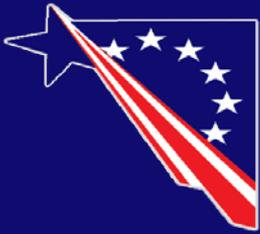
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Noel West

Alternates

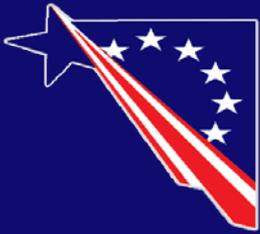
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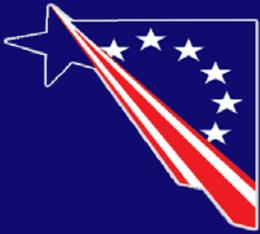
Snapshot

- In 2016 - 62 applications were submitted for construction along the shoreline or in wetlands
- 9 Permits were issued
- 2 Violations were investigated and resolved
- Riprap revetments, bulkheads, dredging, marsh toe sills and other shoreline construction activities require a wetlands permit.
- Commercial Piers
- Private piers and boathouses are statutorily permitted wetlands activities and do not require a permit from the Wetlands Board.



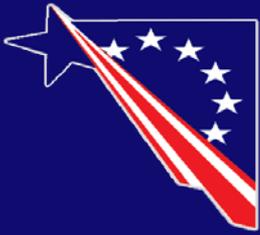
Wetlands Process

- JPA (Joint Permit Application) is submitted to the responsible jurisdictions (VMRC, Army Corp, YC).
- Site visits are conducted once application is received.
 - Initial site visit conducted by Anna Drake, agent, homeowner and VMRC
 - Follow up site visit includes up to 2 members of the Wetlands Board
- Adjacent property owners are notified
- Application is advertised in either the Yorktown Crier or Daily Press for 1 day each week for 2 weeks prior to the public hearing.
- Public Hearings are conducted in the Public Works building the second Thursday of each month.
- Once application is approved there is a 10 day appeal process for any interested parties (YC, VMRC, Citizens)



Living Shorelines

- In 2015, Virginia issued a General Permit to encourage the design and implementation of living shorelines.
- The first living shoreline general permit was issued in York County.

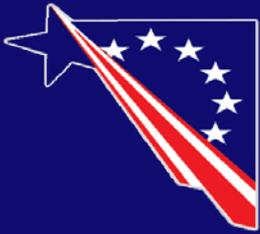


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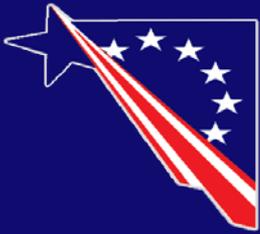


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