

**COUNTY OF YORK**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 16, 2021  
**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** Disposition of County Property



At your August 3 meeting, a presentation was given to request the Board's guidance on the disposition of the Grafton Annex (formerly Fire Station 1). The Board directed staff to begin the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to evaluate the potential options that are available for the property.

The solicitation was advertised in the Daily Press on Thursday, September 16. It will also be listed on eVA, Virginia's eProcurement Marketplace. The solicitation is attached to the memorandum. The sealed proposals are due in the Central Purchasing Office by 4:00 p.m. on November 30, 2021.

Staff will review the proposals and provide the Board with disposition options in the future.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The County of York, Virginia will received SEALED PROPOSALS in the Central Purchasing Office, 120 Alexander Hamilton Blvc., Yorktown, VA 23690, until the date and time specified below:

**RFP No. Y-10245-WL            DISPOSITION OF COUNTY PROPERTY INTERESTS**

**Proposal Due Date:            November 30, 2021 @ 4:00 PM (Prevailing Time)**

Specifications and proposal forms may be downloaded from our website at <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/571/Central-Purchasing>. If you have difficulty with the document, please call (757) 890-3683 or email [william.lindsey@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:william.lindsey@yorkcounty.gov)

Bill Lindsey, CPPO, C.P.M.  
Procurement Officer



September 15, 2021

Greater Williamsburg Partnership  
Board of Directors  
421 N. Boundary Street  
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Dear Board Members:

After careful consideration, the chief administrative officers of our communities have concluded that it is in our mutual interest to cease the operation of the Greater Williamsburg Partnership (GWP) as a sub-regional economic development agency. Effective December 1, 2021, it is our intention to begin allocating our local contributions to the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance (HREDA).

We have come to this decision based on a variety of considerations. First and foremost, after five years of independent operations, it is clear to us that the GWP does not now have, nor has any prospect for, an adequate resource base to allow it to be successful in its mission. This is despite the outstanding efforts by many community leaders. Secondly, based on our experience of recent years we observe that the Williamsburg area "brand" is already well established as a tourist destination and well known throughout the nation and the world in that context.

Given the support that we collectively provide in building the Greater Williamsburg brand for tourism promotion, there is no way that the meager resources that we have made available to the GWP could in any way reasonably establish a separate identity as an economic development destination. At the time the localities decided to create the GWP in 2015, there was concern about the status of the HREDA. However, in 2021 we find that the Hampton Roads Alliance (formerly HREDA) has different executive leadership, a more well-defined mission and much stronger private sector support. As a result, we believe that it makes sense to combine the resources of our communities that we have been providing through the GWP with the larger resource base of the Alliance, and become part of Hampton Roads as an economic entity.

The communities of James City County, Williamsburg and York County are fully involved in all of the Hampton Roads area agencies including, but not limited to, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission and the Hampton Roads Workforce Council. Given the interrelation-

ship between all the regional undertakings, the case to rejoin the region in our collective economic development program is compelling.

We believe both the sub-region and greater Hampton Roads will be strengthened by this action. The Upper Peninsula has important institutions that should be identified as part of the asset base of Hampton Roads. The rest of the region can benefit from those associations, as can our existing institutions in terms of strategic cooperation, workforce development and general collaboration.

Our localities continue to support the missions of the Business Council and Chamber of Commerce.

In closing, we want to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the current board as well as those of your predecessors who have given so much of their time and talents to build the economy of our communities. Your continued support of the many other endeavors that our localities participate in together is greatly appreciated. We recognize that there will be procedural matters that will need to be resolved as GWP activities draw to a close and we stand ready to assist.

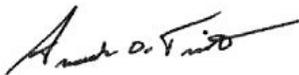
Sincerely,



Neil A. Morgan  
York County Administrator



Scott A. Stevens  
James City County Administrator



Andrew O. Trivette  
Williamsburg City Manager

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