

**Northumberland County Planning Commission
May 20, 2010
Minutes**

The regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Planning Commission was held on May 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse at Heathsville, VA with the following attendance:

Thomas Basker	Absent	Bill Kling	Present
Chris Cralle	Present	George Kranda	Present
Kevin Elmore	Present	Garfield Parker	Present
Alfred Fisher-Chairman	Absent	Jim Stone	Present
Ed King	Present	Charles Williams	Present

Others in attendance:
Luttrell Tadlock (Assistant County Administrator)

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Jim Stone, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Kevin Elmore gave the invocation.

RE: MINUTES- FEBRUARY 18, 2010

With a motion from Bill Kling, seconded by George Kranda, and approved by all, the February 18, 2010 minutes were approved as written. The vote was as follows:

Thomas Basker	Absent	Bill Kling	AYE
Chris Cralle	AYE	George Kranda	AYE
Kevin Elmore	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Alfred Fisher-Chairman	Absent	Jim Stone	AYE
Ed King	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE

RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT

Luttrell Tadlock gave the Board of Supervisors' Report.

RE: BLUE-GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

Stuart McKenzie, Environmental Planner with the Northern Neck Planning District Commission, discussed with the Commission what Blue-Green Infrastructure Planning encompassed. Mr. McKenzie explained that the Blue-Green Infrastructure Planning is a planning tool that allows the County to plan for those areas in the County which should remain in a natural state. There are two data layers the Commission can utilize to aid in this planning. They are: the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Virginia

Conservation Needs Land Assessment (VCLNA) GIS Model and maps and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Priority Conservation Area Maps. Mr. McKenzie concluded by reviewing the next steps. First, the data layers for the Blue-Green Infrastructure will be reviewed for Northumberland County. Second, the Commission will explore which areas might be considered for inclusion in the Blue-Green Infrastructure Plan. Finally, depending upon the feasibility of including areas of Northumberland County in the Blue-Green Infrastructure Plan, it is hoped language related to this plan can be incorporated with the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Ed King questioned if this would restrict how individuals could develop their property.

Stuart McKenzie noted it is up to the Commission as to how relaxed or stringent the language would be in the Blue-Green Infrastructure Plan.

Bill Kling noted there needs to be an eighth GIS model that shows where the County's economic development could occur vs. where these natural areas are located.

Stuart McKenzie stated he has reviewed the GIS data comparing the natural areas and the County's village areas, and the natural areas are around, not within, the village areas.

RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Luttrell Tadlock informed the Commission that staff would try to have information regarding the continuation of revising the Zoning Ordinance to the Commission by the July meeting. He asked the Commission if they wished to form a sub-committee, the Commission to meet earlier, or have more meetings to discuss the Zoning Ordinance since one meeting per month seems to prolong the process.

The Commission decided not to form a sub-committee or meet additional times, but to meet as they have in the past, once a month, to work on the Zoning.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ida Hall, Northumberland County's representative to the Tidewater RC&D Council, distributed a survey they are conducting to receive feedback to better write their master plan. She also notified the Commission of a public hearing being held at the Northumberland County Library Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. by the National Park Service to receive public comments related to the Northern Neck Natural Heritage feasibility study. Lastly, she commented that News Channel 6 has interviewed local waterman which will be aired tonight at 11:00 p.m.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

With a motion from Garfield Parker, seconded by Bill Kling, and approved by all, the meeting was adjourned. The vote was as follows:

Thomas Basker	Absent	Bill Kling	AYE
Chris Cralle	AYE	George Kranda	AYE
Kevin Elmore	AYE	Garfield Parker	AYE
Alfred Fisher-Chairman	Absent	Jim Stone	AYE
Ed King	AYE	Charles Williams	AYE