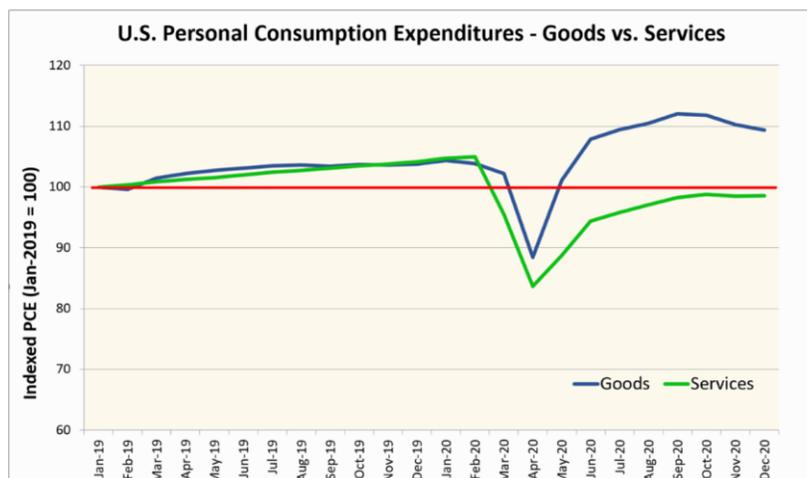




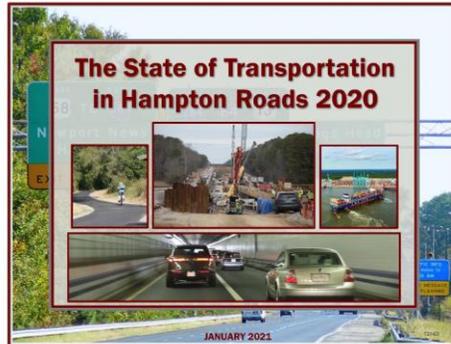
### ***Hampton Roads Economic Monthly: Getting Personal with Consumption Expenditures***

The U.S. economy is continuing its recovery from the shock of the COVID-19 pandemic, notching 4% growth in GDP for the 4th quarter of 2020 (seasonally adjusted annualized rate). Consumer spending accounts for the lion's share of gross product; at the close of 2020 over two-thirds of GDP was derived from consumer spending. Since consumption is a human behavior, what are consumers spending their money on during this recession, and do their emotions have any effect on the continued economic recovery?



## ***HRTPO Releases Updated Analysis of COVID-19's Impact on Regional Transportation***

HRTPO has recently released the 2020 version of the State of Transportation in Hampton Roads report. The State of Transportation report details the current status and recent trends for all facets of the transportation system in Hampton Roads, including air, rail, water, and highways. The State of Transportation 2020 Update also includes an analysis of the impacts of COVID-19 on the regional transportation system.



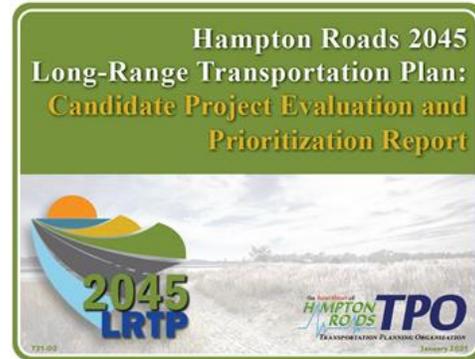
## ***New Tool to Learn About Building First Floor Elevations***

HRPDC staff recently launched a new *Esri Story Map on HRGEO.org* that provides an interactive summary of the organization's multi-year effort to develop building first floor elevation data. First floor elevations (FFE) are important for identifying individual structures and areas of communities that are most at risk of flood damage. FFE data ultimately supports flood mitigation planning and evaluating solutions for communities and individual structures, such as installing flood vents or elevating homes.



## ***2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan: Candidate Project Evaluation and Prioritization Report***

A core function of the HRTPO, the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Hampton Roads area, is to develop and maintain a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP is a blueprint for planned transportation improvements over a 20-year planning horizon based on the vision and goals of the region. Since 2016, HRTPO staff has been coordinating with regional stakeholders and the public to update the LRTP to the horizon year of 2045.



## ***Team Up to Clean Up the Street Where You Live!***

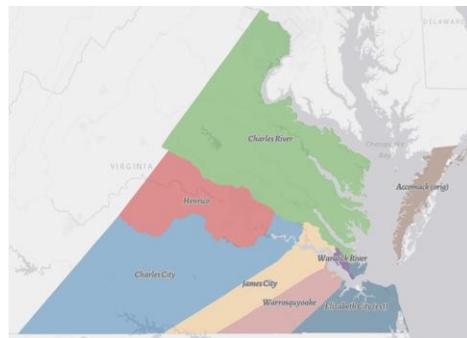
Spending time outdoors is one of the safest, socially-distanced activities one can do these days. With this in mind, askHRgreen.org and Keep Virginia Beautiful invite Hampton Roads neighbors to step outside, March 26-27, and join the Great American Cleanup by grabbing a trash bag and clearing litter from their community.



## ***February Map of the Month: Historic County Boundaries of Hampton Roads***

Have you ever heard of Warrosquoake County? Did you know there used to be a City of Warwick, City of Nansemond, and City of South Norfolk?

There are currently 17 member localities of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission but in 1634, the colony of Virginia consisted of just eight original "shires," five of which were in what is now considered Hampton Roads.





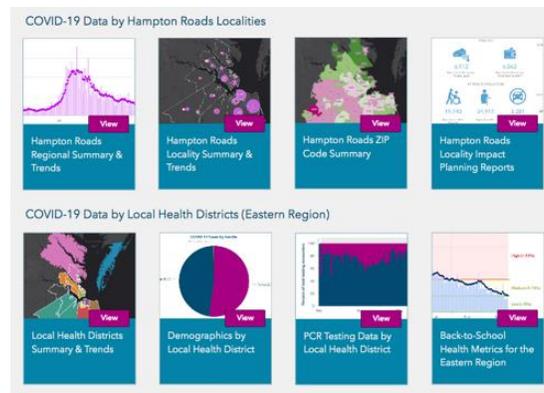
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### ***Hampton Roads COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub***

Visit the COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub to get the latest information on COVID-19 in Hampton Roads.



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### **HRPDC/HRTPO In the News**

*Hampton Roads Planning District Commission requests Northam's help increasing rate of vaccinations* (WVEC, January 22, 2021)

*HRPDC sends letter to Northam expressing concerns on lack of COVID-19 vaccinations* (WAVY, January 22, 2021)

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## **Public Comment Opportunities**

*Public Notice:HRTPO Hosts a Regional Connectors Study Virtual Open House*

*Public Notice:Portsmouth-Chesapeake Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Virtual Public Meeting*

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## **Upcoming Meetings**



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