



## Hampton Roads Localities Working Together to Stop the Spread of COVID-19 in the Region

### ***"It's in Our Hands" Information Campaign Promotes Behaviors to Stop the Spread of COVID-19***

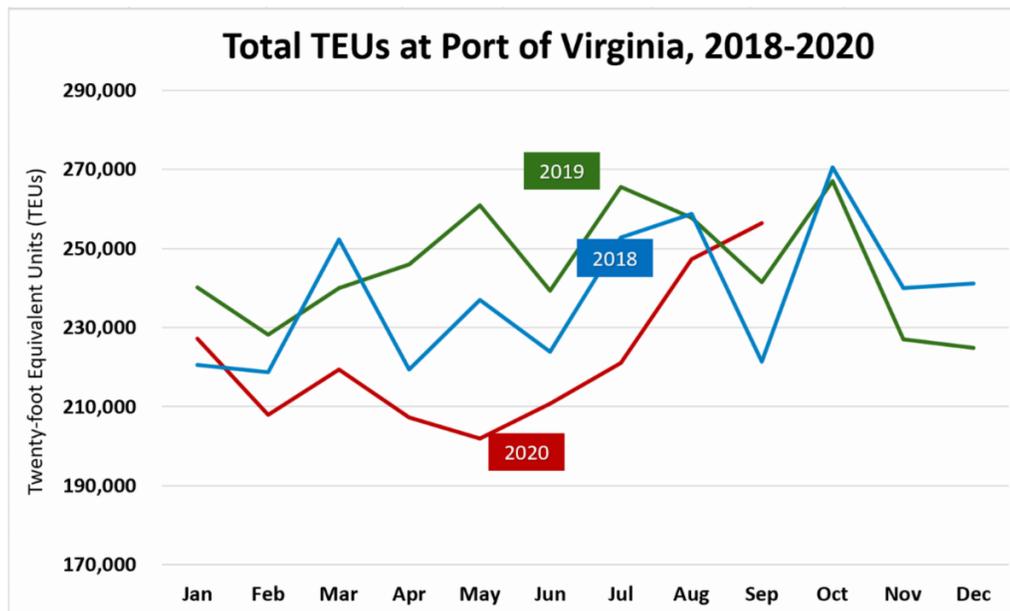
The 17 localities that comprise the Hampton Roads region, coordinated by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC), have come together to produce and launch a public information campaign, "It's in Our Hands," to promote behaviors to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Hampton Roads.



## Hampton Roads Economic Monthly

## ***Trade Volume Picks Up, Strongest September Ever at Port***

The harbors of Hampton Roads have a long history of laying the bedrock for our region's economy. Today, The Port of Virginia continues to be an economic pillar for the region. Our naturally deep, ice-free harbor, modern terminals, and world-class service attract huge ships and millions of cargo containers filled with goods valued in the billions each year. The management and movement of these containers and their contents are crucial drivers of jobs and business investment across the region and the Commonwealth.



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## **HRT Gains Dedicated Funding/Electric Buses to Keep Hampton Roads Moving**

## ***Hampton Roads to Benefit from New Transportation Funding Law and Virginia's First Zero-Emission Electric Buses***

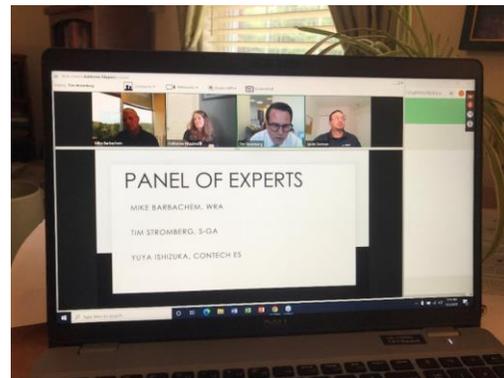


On September 18, 2020, Governor Northam ceremonially signed a new law that provides, for the first time, dedicated funding for Hampton Roads Transit (HRT), and also celebrated the launch of Virginia's first public transit buses that are all-electric and produce zero emissions.

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## **HRPDC Hosts Best Management Practices for Urban Stormwater Workshop**

### ***Water Resources Department Hosts Workshop on Best Management Practices for Urban Stormwater***



An HRPDC Water Quality Technical Workgroup meeting was held as a workshop in partnership with consultant, Contech Engineered Solutions, to discuss the history, concerns, and future of manufactured treatment devices (MTDs) in the coastal plain.

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## **Small Groups Make Big Environmental Impact**

## ***2020 Great American Cleanup!***

Nearly 650 volunteers stepped up to organize and/or participate in a community cleanup on September 18-19. In typical 2020 fashion, the scheduled cleanup dates were hit with rain and flooding from the remnants of Hurricane Sally and some had to be postponed, but volunteers persevered and completed their cleanups throughout the end of September. The end result was over 13,500 pounds of litter removed from city streets, rural routes, neighborhood parks, and shorelines.



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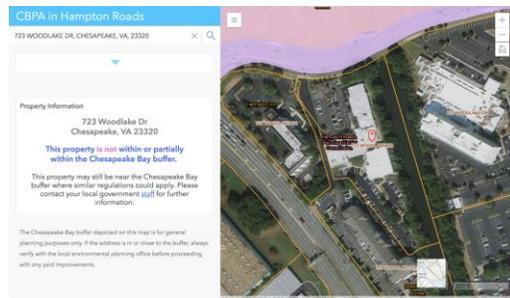
## **Helping Hampton Roads Homeowners Protect Property and Water Quality**

### ***HRPDC and askHRGreen provide outreach for homeowners to help protect their property and water quality***

HRPDC staff, in collaboration with local government representatives, developed materials and a mapping tool to help inform residents about the importance of Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (CBPA) areas. Homes along tidal creeks or rivers and the area beside the waterfront are likely protected by the CBPA.



### ***Map of the Month, October 2020 – Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act in Hampton Roads***

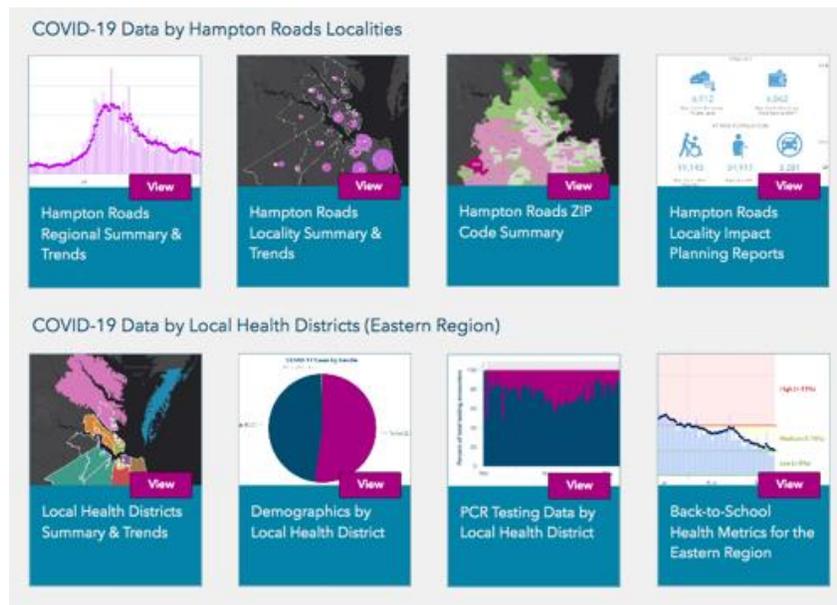


The month's map is an *interactive mapping application* designed for local homeowners to easily lookup whether or not their home is in the Chesapeake Bay "buffer" which is the area subject to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act regulations.

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

Since the Hub was first launched in April of this year, HRPDC staff has added two informational pages about the impact on the regional *economy* and *transportation*. This week, HRPDC staff is releasing an update to the Hub site by adding additional data dashboards and content, including dashboards that summarize COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths for Hampton Roads, the individual localities, and ZIP codes as well as demographic data and PCR testing data by local health district. In addition, a *Back-to-School dashboard* to monitor health metrics for in-person school decisions is included in the update.



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## **Upcoming Meetings**



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## Public Comment Opportunities

***HRPDC FY 2021 Work Program*** (Ends October 13, 2020)

***HRTPO FY 2021 Unified Planing Work Program*** (Ends October 13, 2020)

***HRTPO FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program: Proposed HREL Amendments*** (Ends October 14, 2020)

***HRTPO FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program: Proposed Amendments*** (Ends October 14, 2020)

***HRTPO 2019 CMAQ/RSTP Project Selection Process Report***  
(Ends October 14, 2020)

***Impact Of Trails And Sidewalks On Home Value:Draft Report***  
(Ends October 21, 2020)

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## HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

***'It's In Our Hands' campaign aims to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Hampton Roads*** (WVEC, October 6, 2020)

***In Full Bloom: AskHRGreen is making mini-grants available for environmental education*** (Virginian-Pilot, October 3, 2020)

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