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Hampton Roads 2025 Regional Legislative Agenda

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) and the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) represent the 17 local governments and over 1.8 million residents of the Hampton Roads region. We have unanimously endorsed the following 2025 Regional Legislative Agenda for the Hampton Roads region and are pleased to present these priorities to our State and Federal partners for consideration.

The 2025 Hampton Roads Regional Legislative Agenda is presented in two sections. The first is a listing of Regional Legislative Priority Items that the HRPDC and HRTPO will actively advocate to advance. The second section contains a listing of Regional Position Statements – these are items that we will monitor and support or oppose as appropriate.

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2025 Regional
Legislative Agenda

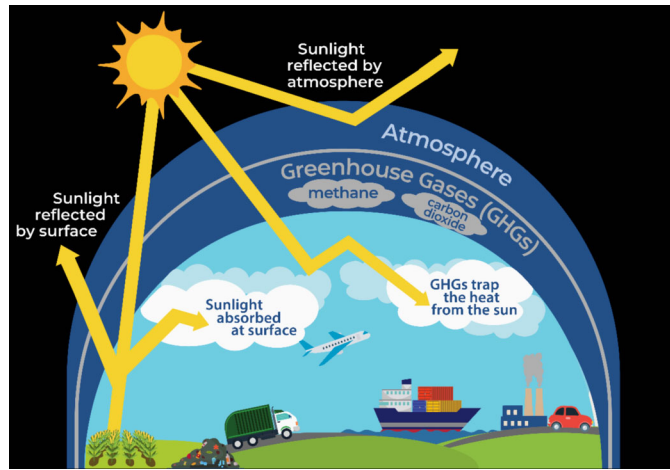


Your Voice Matters: Help Shape Hampton Roads' Climate Action Plan!

Did you know Hampton Roads is crafting its first-ever region-wide Climate Action Plan? This plan will outline strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create a more sustainable future for our community. However, to make the plan

successful and representative of the needs of Hampton Roads stakeholders, we need your input!

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Hampton Roads 2025 Economic Forecast

The Hampton Roads 2025 Economic Forecast is a review of current economic trends and a staff assessment of what the region can expect for the coming year. The HRPDC forecast is often used for planning purposes by staff from member jurisdictions as well as other regional organizations. Ms. Nikki Johnson, HRPDC Regional Economist, presented the Hampton Roads 2025 Economic Forecast to the Commission.



[**View Ms. Johnson's Video Presentation to the HRPDC**](#)
[**View the 2025 Economic Forecast Slides**](#)

Did you know?

For some families in Hampton Roads, keeping the water running can be as critical as putting food on the table. Make a difference with just a small act of kindness.



Sudden challenges like illness, injury, or the loss of a loved one can leave families struggling to make ends meet. No one should have to choose between essential services, like water, and other critical needs.

That's where the ***Help 2 Others (H2O) Program*** steps in. For 25 years, H2O has provided vital support to Hampton Roads residents facing unexpected financial hardship. This unique program, a partnership among the Hampton Roads Planning

District Commission (HRPDC), HRSD, and The Salvation Army, offers one-time financial assistance of up to \$500 to help families cover their water and wastewater utility bills.

The H2O Program invites you to participate in the **Adopt a Drop campaign** to help local families in need. Your gift—whether \$10, \$20, or \$50—might seem small, but to a family in crisis, it can mean access to clean water and sanitation. And giving is simple: donations can be made via Facebook, PayPal, Venmo, credit card, or by check.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, every dollar donated to Hampton Roads Help 2 Others is tax-deductible and goes directly toward assisting families in our community. Thanks to the collaboration among HRPDC, HRSD, and The Salvation Army, 100% of contributions are used to pay water and wastewater bills for those in need, ensuring that your generosity makes the greatest impact.

Every donation, no matter the size, helps ensure local families can keep their water running. Your kindness could be the drop that overflows the bucket with hope for someone in need.

Join us in spreading hope by adopting a drop. Together, we can make a difference—one drop at a time.

THREE WAYS TO ADOPT A DROP AND DONATE



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THANK YOU!

HELP 2 OTHERS
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Public Comment Opportunities

Join Us to Learn About Hampton Road's Regional Climate Action Plan



Informational Webinar

When: January 22, 2024

What time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- Includes presentation and Q&A.
- Recording will be provided on the HRPDC website.

Registration information is coming soon! To stay up to date on the webinar and registration, visit hrpdcva.gov/climate

Join us for a virtual conversation about how you can help shape the region's first Climate Action Plan. The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) was awarded a grant by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop a Climate Action Plan for the Hampton Roads region to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that can contribute to climate change. At the webinar, we will share our progress on planning efforts and ways you can be involved!

For more information about HRPDC's Climate Action Plan: visit hrpdcva.gov/climate.

If you require assistance or additional accommodations to participate please contact Quan McLaurin at qmclaurin@hrpdcva.gov or call 757-420-8300.

HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

Hampton Roads leaders endorse stricter infrastructure design standards to adapt to climate change (WHRO, January 17, 2025)

Tax increase proposed to help fund road improvements (WAVY, January 16, 2025)

Water Assistance Program Helps Struggling Families Pay Water Bill (WTKR, January 13, 2025)


Transportation officials seek funding to ease delays at railroad crossings in Hampton Roads (Virginian-Pilot, January 12, 2025)

Smith, Chriscoe to lead Gloucester board in '25 (Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal, January 08, 2025)

IW supervisors name Rosie chairman, Jefferson vice chairman (Smithfield Times, January 08, 2025)

Williamsburg leaders to prioritize funding for regional Trail757 project (Virginia Gazette, December 24, 2024)

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