

VIRGINIA SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHING DEVELOPMENT FUND SUMMARY PROJECT APPLICATION*

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: Middlesex County Board of Supervisors P. O. Box 428 Saluda, Virginia 23149	PROJECT LEADER (name, phone, e-mail): Charles M. Culley, Jr., County Administrator 804-758-4330 countyadmin@co.middlesex.va.us						
PRIORITY AREA OF CONCERN: “Dog-leg turn” at entrance of Jackson Creek Channel	PROJECT LOCATION: Jackson Creek, Deltaville, Virginia						
DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROJECT: Phase 1 Dredge – Jackson Creek							
PROJECT SUMMARY: Repair a section of the Jackson Creek Federal Navigation Channel by dredging the dog leg turn closest to Mill Creek to a depth of approximately -8’ MLLW, plus 1’ required over-depth and 1’ allowable over-depth (total -10’ MLLW). An added bottom width of 40’ shall be obtained throughout the 200’ span (total 80’ across). Quantities dredged will be approximately 2300 cubic yards of fine sand.							
EXPECTED BENEFITS: Re-open the channel, allowing entrance to Jackson Creek by the recreational and commercial boaters that use the creek. This is an urgent situation, not a maintenance procedure.							
COSTS: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">VMRC Funding:</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">\$78,750.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recipient Funding:</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">\$26,250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Costs:</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">\$105,000.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Detailed budget must be included with proposal.</p>		VMRC Funding:	\$78,750.00	Recipient Funding:	\$26,250.00	Total Costs:	\$105,000.00
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*This form alone does not constitute a complete application, see application instructions or contact Sonya Davis at 757-247-8155 or sonya.davis@rc.virginia.gov

Charles M. Culley, Jr.
County Administrator

Marcia Jones
Assistant Administrator



County of Middlesex
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

March 25, 2011

Sonya Davis
Virginia Marine Resources Commission
RFAB Grant Program
2600 Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Newport News, VA 23607

Re: RFAB Grant Application

Dear Ms. Davis:

Attached please find Middlesex County's Project Proposal and request for funding from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund in the amount of \$78,750.00 to partially fund an emergency dredging of a section of the Jackson Creek channel. The complete proposal includes the following: Summary Project Application, Project Proposal, Aerial Map of the Channel, Highlighted Area to be Dredged and Letters of Support.

We look forward to a favorable response from the Commission. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Culley, Jr.', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles M. Culley, Jr.
County Administrator

Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Middlesex County Board of Supervisors Phase 1 - Jackson Creek Dredging

I. Need

The Jackson Creek channel is a Federal Navigation Channel that was last dredged with federal funding in 1970. The channel, normally 60' - 80' wide, with a depth of 9+ feet has filled at one point leaving a draw of less than 1'. A Coast Guard channel marker has been shifted, further reducing the navigable area of the channel by approximately 75%. While this has always been a challenging channel to navigate, it is now impossible for two boats to pass, and many boats, of tourists, locals and commercial watermen, have been and continue to run aground.

Not only is Jackson Creek known as the "repair capital of the Chesapeake", it is also home to hundreds of pleasure boaters and recreational and commercial watermen. Word is spreading among the boating community that the channel is not passable and people are leaving and giving up their slips. The County and local businesses that survive on the boating community cannot afford to lose this valuable resource.

II. Objective

Assist in funding an emergency repair dredging of this location to open the channel.

III. Expected Results or Benefits:

Removal of approximately 2300 cubic yards of material will open the channel to allow boats to safely navigate the channel. This will allow unimpeded access by the thousands of boaters using Jackson Creek for their recreational and commercial fishing and boating needs in the Piankatank

River, Chesapeake Bay and beyond. Boaters are not only local residents, but also come from across the state, nation and world.

IV. Approach

The County has been working with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority to study other dredging needs in the County. The Corps has developed the preliminary survey and will obtain core samples necessary for further permitting.

This project would be considered as Phase 1, a short term, emergency solution for this particular problem location. A Joint Permit Application has been submitted to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission for removing the dredge material by either manual or hydraulic dredge. The material would then be de-watered and placed in an approved upland spoil site, outside of any RPA or wetland areas. The property owned by the County and currently used as a spoil site from the Broad Creek dredging project has been approved as a suitable resting place for this material. The County will solicit bids for the dredging project through the public procurement process.

V. Location

This project will take place at the mouth of Jackson Creek Channel, Deltaville, Virginia.

VI. Estimated Cost

Costs include permitting applications and actual dredge and placement of spoils.

\$100,000.00	Estimated permitting and project cost
<u>+ \$5,000.00</u>	<u>+ 5% contingency</u>
\$105,000.00	Total Project Cost
<u>\$26,250.00</u>	25% Local Match Requirement is exceeded by value of County spoil site (total land value \$33,600.00)
\$78,750.00	Requested VRFDF

Map

Jackson Creek Channel
Middlesex County



Minor Roads



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Major_Roads

Other

Limited Access Highway

Highway

Local Roads

Ramps

Minor Roads



Virginia Counties

Va Counties

Middlesex County



FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB

LOCATED ON FISHING BAY
PIANKATANK RIVER ENTRANCE

January 18, 2011

P. O. Box 29186
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23242-0186

Mr. Carlton S. Revere
Middlesex County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 428
Saluda, VA 23149

Dear Mr. Revere:

As Commodore of Fishing Bay Yacht Club, I was delighted to learn of Congressman Rob Wittman's visit to Jackson Creek on the 10th of January. The more attention focused on the deteriorating condition of the Jackson Creek Channel, the better for the community.

The worsening conditions of the channel have already begun to have an impact on our organization. We have had three long time members relinquish their slips at the club citing the condition of the channel as the reason for leaving. We currently have over 30 boats at our marina that draw between 6 and 7 feet of water. Our club will be devastated if these boat owners decide that Jackson Creek is no longer navigable. This exodus will also certainly have a negative economic impact on our local community. As many of these boats are used primarily for organized sailing, such as racing and club cruises, their owners will likely relocate to an area outside of Middlesex County. Middlesex will lose property tax revenue as well as the taxes collected on any goods and services these boat owners would have purchased in Deltaville.

Over the years, we have had many visitors come to our club from all over the Bay and the East Coast. The age of the internet and computers has enabled the many sailing clubs on the Bay to communicate with lightning speed and we have serious concerns that the word is spreading throughout the Bay that "you can't get into Jackson Creek." This impacts our ability to host the large events that bring many visitors to our club and the town of Deltaville.

We sincerely hope that the Congressman's visit will help spur on this vital project. A partial maintenance dredge in the high problem areas will go a long way toward relieving the immediate problem. Fishing Bay Yacht Club is prepared to help in any way we can to facilitate this project moving forward. Thank you for your continued efforts on this vital issue.

Very truly yours,

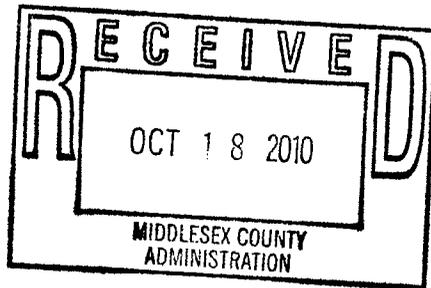
David S. Hinckle, Commodore
Fishing Bay Yacht Club

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
RICHMOND

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POST OFFICE BOX 949
GLOUCESTER, VIRGINIA 23061
NINETY-EIGHTH DISTRICT



COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:
AGRICULTURE, CHESAPEAKE AND
NATURAL RESOURCES (CHAIRMAN)
APPROPRIATIONS
COMMERCE AND LABOR

October 12, 2010

Col. Andy Backus
Army Corps of Engineers
803 Front Street
Norfolk, VA 23510

Dear Colonel Backus:

I write in support of the efforts underway to obtain maintenance dredging of Jackson Creek in Middlesex County.

Jackson Creek is an essential waterway for commercial and recreational watercraft. Its busy channel, the only navigable aquatic access for at least two marinas and one of Virginia's oldest and most active yacht clubs, serves hundreds of boats each year. The entrance channel, which has changed significantly over the years, continues to narrow.

As one who has sailed on the waterways in and around Deltaville for many years, I have first-hand knowledge of the deteriorating condition of the channel. Jackson Creek is critical to the life and economy of Deltaville, one of the brightest jewels of the Chesapeake Bay. I urge you to give serious consideration to helping our local community move forward with the dredging of the Creek.

Sincerely,

Harvey B. Morgan

HBM/jeb

cc: Virginia Marine Resources Commission
Department of environmental quality
Middlesex County Administrator ✓