



NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: Town of Saxis P.O. Box 156 Saxis, VA 23427	PROJECT LEADER (name, phone, e-mail): Mr. Charles Tull, Mayor						
PRIORITY AREA OF CONCERN: Existing Saxis Fishing Pier	PROJECT LOCATION: Town of Saxis						
DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROJECT: Saxis Fishing Pier Expansion Project							
PROJECT SUMMARY: <p>The Town of Saxis received a 1998 award of funds from the Virginia Recreational Fishing Development Fund to construct a public fishing pier that has been a huge success. The Town is now applying for funds to expand the pier an additional 200 LF towards the channel of Pocomoke Sound, with a 100 LF tee at the end.</p>							
EXPECTED BENEFITS: <p>Expanding the existing Saxis Fishing Pier will increase its capacity to handle larger numbers of users during the busy fishing seasons and during special events. The expansion will extend the pier closer to the channel of Pocomoke Sound, resulting in better catches of a wider variety of fish that inhabit the Pocomoke Sound and Chesapeake Bay. The increased usage from the enhanced facility will result in greater numbers of persons purchasing a Salt Water Recreational Fishing License.</p>							
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January 9, 2007

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

RE: Recreational Fishing Development Fund

Dear Ms. Davis:

Thanks for the opportunity to discuss the Saxis Pier project with your Board last night. I hope the presentation was well received.

When we submitted the budget included in the 1999 application for the first phase of the Saxis Pier, we used a construction cost estimate of \$350.00 per LF. After the work was competitively bid, the actual cost of constructing the pier was \$394.00 per LF.

I am enclosing a revised budget for the 2006 application. The total numbers have not changed, but the estimated construction cost is now shown as 300 LF of dock at \$466.60 per LF. That represents an increase of 18% from the actual cost of the first phase of the project to help offset the increase in construction cost over the past few years. Of course we can't know the real costs until the work is bid, but I believe we're in the ballpark.

Thanks for your help, and please let me know if there is anything else you need.

Sincerely,

David F. Annis
Director of Housing Production

Enclosures

cc: Charles Tull

**SAXIS PIER EXPANSION PROJECT
ESTIMATED BUDGET
January 9, 2007
Revision #1**

Activities	TOTAL BUDGET	VMRC BUDGET	MATCH BUDGET Town of Saxis
A. ADMINISTRATION @ 8% of Construction			
A-NPDC	11,560.00	8,670.00	2,890.00
Subtotal	11,560.00	8,670.00	2,890.00
B. ENGINEERING			
Engineering/Design @ 9.4% of Const.	13,582.00	10,187.00	3,395.00
Engineering/Const. Mgmt @ 4.5%	6,500.00	4,875.00	1,625.00
Subtotal	20,082.00	15,062.00	5,020.00
C. CONSTRUCTION			
Construction of Pier:			
300 LF of pier @ \$466.60 per LF	140,000.00	105,000.00	35,000.00
Lighting	4,500.00	3,375.00	1,125.00
Subtotal	144,500.00	108,375.00	36,125.00
D. CONTINGENCY			
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00
NOTE: Totals for Construction (C+D)	144,500.00	108,375.00	36,125.00
TOTAL FOR ALL ACTIVITIES	176,142.00	132,107.00	44,035.00

Town of Saxis

Saxis Fishing Pier Expansion Project Proposal



**Virginia Marine Resources Commission
Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund**

December 2006

Technical Assistance Provided by:

SAXIS FISHING PIER EXPANSION PROJECT PROPOSAL

1. NEED

Many small towns on the Eastern Shore of Virginia have abandoned hopes of attracting large retail or manufacturing businesses to their areas, and are now looking at tourism as a means of sustaining their tax base and providing local jobs. Since it was constructed in 2000, the Saxis Fishing Pier has had huge success in attracting tourist to Saxis who would otherwise never visit the area. Extending the existing pier an additional 200 feet towards the channel of Pocomoke Sound would provide access to much better fishing grounds, and increase the pier's number of users. Currently there are only two other public fishing piers that access the Chesapeake Bay on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, both are located in Northampton County, over 65 miles from Saxis. The expansion of the Saxis Fishing Pier would provide access to better fishing grounds not only for tourist, but also for many local anglers who have regularly used the facility since its opening 6 years ago. The entire facility will be fully handicap accessible, including handicap parking spaces located next to the entrance to the pier.

The Eastern Shore Anglers Club sponsors an annual event that uses the Saxis Pier to help introduce children to fishing. Last year over 100 kids took part in the event which crowded the pier past its capacity. Most good days you will find 15 or more persons using the existing fishing pier. Anglers as far away as Baltimore, Maryland regularly travel to Saxis to use the facility. By extending the pier an additional 200 feet towards the channel, anglers will have a much greater chance of catching more of a variety of the fish that inhabit the Pocomoke Sound and Chesapeake Bay, including striped bass, spot, croaker, trout, channel bass, black drum, flounder and bluefish.

2. OBJECTIVE

The Saxis Fishing Pier Expansion Project will extend the existing pier by an additional 200 feet, with a 100 feet "T" at the end. The facility will be free to the public, open 24 hours a day, and will include lighting that will allow night fishing. Handicap accessible toilet facilities will be placed in the parking area with easy access to the pier entrance. The project engineer will be asked to design safety ladders that could be used in the event someone falls off the pier. The ladders will be designed to discourage their use except in emergencies. Diving off of the pier, and swimming around the pier will be prohibited. Since boat docking will be

prohibited, the safely ladders will be designed in a manor that will make it difficult to access the pier from a boat.

The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission will provide the Town with grant administration assistance. The process of procuring an engineer will began as soon as the Town receives the notice of award. Assuming the grant agreement is executed in July of 2007, the Town could be ready to enter into a construction contract by September of 2007. The construction of the pier expansion could be completed within 90 days of contract signing.

3. EXPECTED RESULTS OR BENEFITS

The results of this proposal would be a greatly enhanced fishing facility that would accommodate a higher number of persons, and attract more users by providing access to better fishing grounds. The facility will be free to the public, and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Town of Saxis will provide all required maintenance to the pier, including the parking areas. The Town also provides a handicap friendly on-site toilet, and lighting for night fishing. The only expense to users of the pier will be the cost of the Salt Water Recreational Fishing Licenses.

4. APPROACH

Once the Town of Saxis receives the VMRC notice of award, the process of procuring an engineer will begin. The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC) will provide administrative assistance to the Town by preparing a request for proposals, issuing the required public notices, and helping assemble an engineering ranking committee. Additional administrative services will include managing the grant, securing construction permits, and working with the contractor and engineer to process change orders and requests for payments. Once an engineer is under contract, the Town and the A-NPDC will oversee the engineer's design of the facility, the bidding process, and the contracting. The construction of the extension would begin in September of 2007, and should be completed within 90 days.

5. LOCATION

The Town of Saxis is located in Accomack County, at the northern part of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, fronting on the Chesapeake Bay. The Eastern Shore of Virginia is a 70-mile long peninsula located in the eastern most part of Virginia,

connected to the Tidewater area by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Although the Eastern Shore has over 70 miles of coast line fronting the Chesapeake, there currently exist only 2 other fishing piers available to the public, both in Northampton County. The Town is adjacent to the Saxis Wildlife Management Area.

The existing pier is located at the southern end of Saxis Road, U.S. Route 695, fronting Pocomoke Sound and the Chesapeake Bay. The extension will run 200 feet from the end of the existing pier, towards the channel of Pocomoke Sound.

6. ESTIMATED COSTS

The total estimated cost of the Saxis Pier Expansion Project is \$176,142.00.

Sources

VMRC

Salt Water Recreational Fishing Development Fund:	\$132,107.00
Town of Saxis	<u>44,035.00</u>
	\$176,142.00

Uses

Construction of pier: 350 LF of pier @ \$400 per LF =	\$140,000.00
Lighting:	4,500.00
Engineering / Design @ 9.4% of construction cost:	13,582.00
Engineering / Construction Management @ 4.5%	6,500.00
Administration @ 8% of construction cost:	<u>11,560.00</u>
	\$176,142.00

Engineering / Design includes basic engineering services that will include preliminary and final designs of the pier expansion, preparation of the bid documents, review of the bids and award of the construction contract.

Engineering / Construction Management includes regular inspections during the construction phase, review and approval of contractor submittals for materials and method of construction, review and approval of any change orders, review and approval of all pay request, final inspection and certification of completion.

Administration includes procurement of a project engineer in compliance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act, securing all zoning and construction permits, preparing regular budget updates and reports to the funding agencies, processing the project engineers and contractors pay requests, preparing all grant reports and close-out documents.

The Saxis Fishing Pier Expansion Project Proposal is hereby submitted on behalf of the Town of Saxis by:

Charles Tull, Mayor

Date