

**MILESTONES IN ELECTED OFFICIALS' EFFORTS TO RESPOND  
TO FAILING AND INEFFICIENT WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
October 2009 - December 2010**

July and November 2009	2 Community Meetings with Funding Agencies: "Address the problems regionally"	
February 2010	Board and 5 Town Councils meet to discuss process for addressing wastewater treatment regionally; discuss Public Service Authority options with Board member from Augusta County Decisions: Board and 4 Councils determine to work together toward viable solutions (Eastville declines to join at this time)	
Feb - April	Boards / Towns appoint representatives that meet bi-weekly to reconstitute the dormant Eastern Shore Public Service Authority.	
	County solicits approval from DHCD to blend awarded planning grants to support contract with consulting Engineering firm	
	Board/Towns collectively agree to RFP for Engineering and Community Input; Board/Towns make selection of firm - Hurt & Proffitt	
	Project Management Team established to secure active community participation in wastewater solution development	
	<b>Reconstituting the PSA</b>	<b>Project Management Team</b>
May	Board provides County staff to support PSA; details for reconstitution of PSA finalized by Board / Councils	5/19 - Initial meeting held PMT Decisions: T-CUP moniker; 2 Community meetings set (northern and southern areas)
		5/26 - DHCD met with PMT to outline requirements per Planning Grants
June	6/28 - Board / Councils hold joint meetings to adopt resolutions to restructure the PSA.	6/2 - Community Forum - Nassawadox
		6/3 - Community Forum - Cheriton
		6/17 - PMT Decisions: (1) Southern Node "Option 2" selected: Tower hill & King's Creek excluded; Bayview to remain separate (has capacity remaining); Fairview to be included. (2) Northern Node: Take lines up Bayside Road; Hare Valley, Brickhouse Rd; exclude Willis Warf (3) Volunteers to solicit household surveys (4) No need to respond to "Wake Up Northampton County" blog

		<p>(5) Reasons for Project defined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Groundwater protection</li> <li>* Water quality on Bay and Sea side</li> <li>* Septage Handling</li> <li>* Need Economic Opportunities</li> <li>* Failing / expensive / no individual septic</li> </ul>
July	<p>Persons solicited for Appointment to PSA. County / Towns' paperwork submitted to PSA's attorney to develop materials for SCC submission.</p>	<p><i>Consultants advised by DHCD / DEQ – best to submit first DEQ grant for Southern node; County, Cheriton, Cape Charles officials informed and agree to proceed. Nassawadox &amp; Exmore officials informed.</i></p>
		<p><b>7/7</b> – Southern Node PER &amp; DEQ grant reviewed with PMT</p>
	<p><b>7/8</b> – Community Forum in Exmore</p>	
	<p>Katie Nunez meets with PSA nominees to review PSA reconstitution processes.</p>	<p><b>** Cheriton &amp; Cape Charles councils pass resolutions to ask County to submit application to DEQ for Southern Node.</b> <b>** Volunteer training held in Cheriton to solicit Surveys.</b> <b>** Nassawadox, Exmore, &amp; Cheriton PMT members solicit Surveys.</b></p> <p><i>DEQ Application submitted for \$10,920,746 (7/16)</i></p> <p><b>7/21</b> - Data presented to the PMT on Sole Source Aquifer Decision: Area between Brickhouse Road and southern border of Exmore be omitted.</p>
August	<p>8/24 – PSA Organizational meeting of formally reconstituted Eastern Shore Public Service Authority held. Officers elected.</p>	<p><b>8/4</b> – PMT Decisions: Pine Tree Rd cluster should be reviewed for inclusion; location of drainfield/dispersal area around New Road community should be viewed regarding impact on that community's future growth; H&amp;P to discuss decision on hospital's decision prior to completing PER. PMT members made presentations to local groups to solicit household surveys. Community Newsletter posted on website (PMT determined not to mail out re- cost.)</p>
		<p><b>8/18</b> - Discussions on potential service areas in the County outside Exmore / Nassawadox.</p>

		PMT Decision: Rogers Drive to be included.
September	<p>9/21 – Regular PSA Meeting:</p> <p>(1) Meyers/Panek reported that Riverside remains committed to helping find wastewater solution for neighboring medical providers;</p> <p>(2) Nunez reported on a meeting with Hurt &amp; Proffit and DHCD:</p> <p>a. DHCD liked splitting the northern &amp; southern nodes into two applications;</p> <p>b. The County has to be the applicant (CDBG apps);</p> <p>c. The County is opposing the \$2.5 million cap under the CDBG program, that each town should be able to apply for its maximum of \$2.5 million and pool all available funds into one project budget. DHCD did not provide an opinion as yet on this argument.</p> <p>(3) DHCD has ruled - violation of planning grant to only solve the Nassawadox / Hospital portion of the project; this must be a regional project or the County would have to repay the planning grant funds.</p> <p>(4) Nunez reported that first PER draft revealed a \$30 million cost for the northern node, &amp; should be phased.</p> <p>(5) To achieve a federal earmark for the project, the project needs to be fully supported by the locality and the agency in which federal funds would flow through (USDA or EPA), then the legislators can be asked to submit an earmark request.</p>	<p><b>9/1</b> - Revised Northern Node service area maps distributed and accepted.</p> <p><b>9/15</b> – PMT Decisions re: Northern Node:</p> <p>(1) PMT asks for data to review service areas in county around Nassawadox/Exmore</p> <p>(2) Remove line above Clam Shack up Rt 13; submit to PSA for future project;</p> <p>(3) Remove line to Pine Tree Rd; submit to PSA for future project;</p> <p>(4) When considering County areas outside of the towns proper, potential criteria could be:</p> <p>willingness of users to participate; the number of residences (potential users); impact on overall cost of the project; growth potential as contained in the comprehensive plan; timing; project priorities as contained in the PSA’s Bylaws</p> <p>(5) Range of monthly rates should fall within \$ 33 – 42 / month.</p>
October	<p>10/19 – Regular PSA meeting.</p> <p>Decisions: (1) Sewer service to the medical community remains the first priority of the PSA with an expandable facility that could</p>	<p><b>10/13</b> – Data provided per last meeting request to illustrate impact of service area decisions when including County areas outside of each town proper;</p> <p>DEQ, Rural Development, &amp; DHCD agency representatives outlined potential funding,</p>

	<p>include additional area in stages and to determine what funding may be available from RSMH and any other sources. (2) Certain bylaws revisions.</p>	<p>grant-to-loan mix potentials, brainstormed with PMT on methods to improve project affordability, including phasing projects.</p> <p><i>Southern Node Ad Hoc PMT group established to define the decisions that need to be made by all of the elected and appointed leadership to determine if this project is a “Go/No Go” project and to assist in meeting the deadlines for their respective boards/councils in making these decisions.</i></p> <p><b>10/27</b> – Revised cost comparison spreadsheet presented and discussed, again to refine comparisons of impacts of including county areas outside of towns; Educational material distributed for PMT review.</p> <p><i>DCR grant application of \$250,000 for southern node.</i></p>
November	<p>11/16 – Regular PSA meeting Updated on PMT activities, DCR grant, and discussions on options for service in the northern node. Decision: The Board members reviewed the draft bylaws and asked staff to research Article IV – Area of Operation, with the idea of having service provided to areas in Accomack County and if the Code of Virginia allows this possibility.</p>	<p>11/9 – Nunez &amp; Rowland met with Fairview leadership and residents</p> <p><b>11/17</b> – PMT discussion of ShoreLine article and inaccuracies regarding potential costs to system users; updates on southern and northern node activities.</p>
December	<p>12/21 – Regular PSA meeting Presented status of planning grant activities (Nunez &amp; H&amp;P team).</p>	<p>December PMT Meeting canceled. Notification of award of DEQ funding in the amount of \$10,920,746 received.</p> <p>12/6 – Community presentation in Fairview</p>