

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 22-15

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

DATE: December 16, 2021

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY PHASE III WIP

WHEREAS, established in 2010, the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load, or Bay TMDL, set limits for major sources of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment pollution entering the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, to help meet these limits, the six Bay States and the District of Columbia have previously developed Watershed Implementation Plans (WIPs) that included detailed implementation steps, and are now currently planning to develop a third (Phase III) WIP; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Phase III WIP development process, Virginia has received draft planning targets that reflect refinements to the Chesapeake Bay model; and although the planning targets are different from the 2010 Bay TMDL limits, these planning targets will establish new goals for the jurisdictions to achieve to meet water quality standards; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia's Planning District Commissions (PDCs), are uniquely positioned to facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing regional problems of greater than local significance, specifically in the functional area of environmental management; and

WHEREAS, Virginia PDCs are accustomed to undertaking technical assistance grant projects. Providing coordination with local government representatives and information exchanges between local, state and federal partners including the analyses of resource management issues resulting in an informational end product such as reports, maps, data inputs and outreach tools; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, through Resolution 21-12, authorized the Executive Director to execute a contract with DEQ, which expired in December 2021, for participation in the Phase III WIP project at the allocated funding of \$58,000; and

WHEREAS, DEQ desires to continue to work with the PDCs on portions of the Phase III WIP and has made additional funds available to the Chesapeake Bay PDC's to convene locality and regional officials, staff and stakeholders; to provide input and recommendations for meeting Local Area Planning Goals established by DEQ; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract with DEQ, for participation in the Phase III WIP project at the allocated funding of not-to exceed amount of \$58,000.



CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on December 16, 2021.



ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER