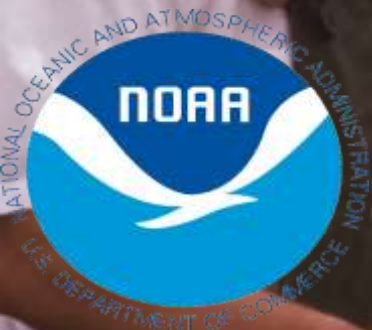


# Investing in Virginia's Working Waterfronts



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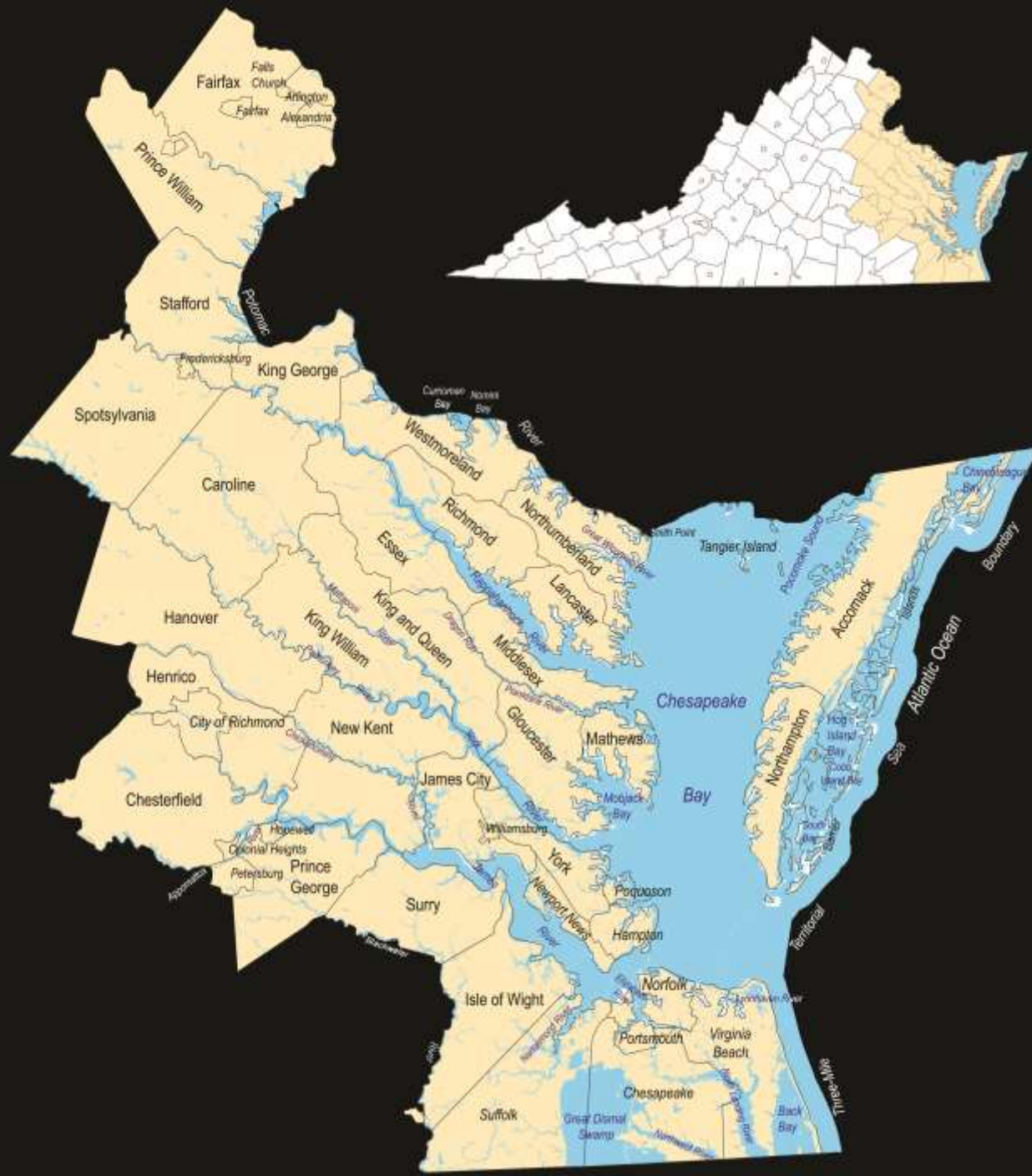


# The Virginia CZM Program

- VA CZM established in 1986 as a network of state agencies and local governments
- Funded by NOAA



# Virginia's Coastal Zone







**SUBAQUEOUS  
LANDS**  
Marine Resources  
Commission



**DUNES**  
MRC &  
Local Wetlands  
Boards



**SHORELINE  
SANITATION**  
Dept. Health

**WETLANDS**  
MRC, DEQ &  
Local Wetlands  
Boards



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**AIR  
POLLUTION**  
Dept.  
Environmental  
Quality



**LEAD AGENCY**

**FISHERIES**  
DGIF & MRC



**NONPOINT SOURCE  
WATER POLLUTION**  
DCR & Local Governments



**POINT SOURCE  
WATER  
POLLUTION**  
DEQ

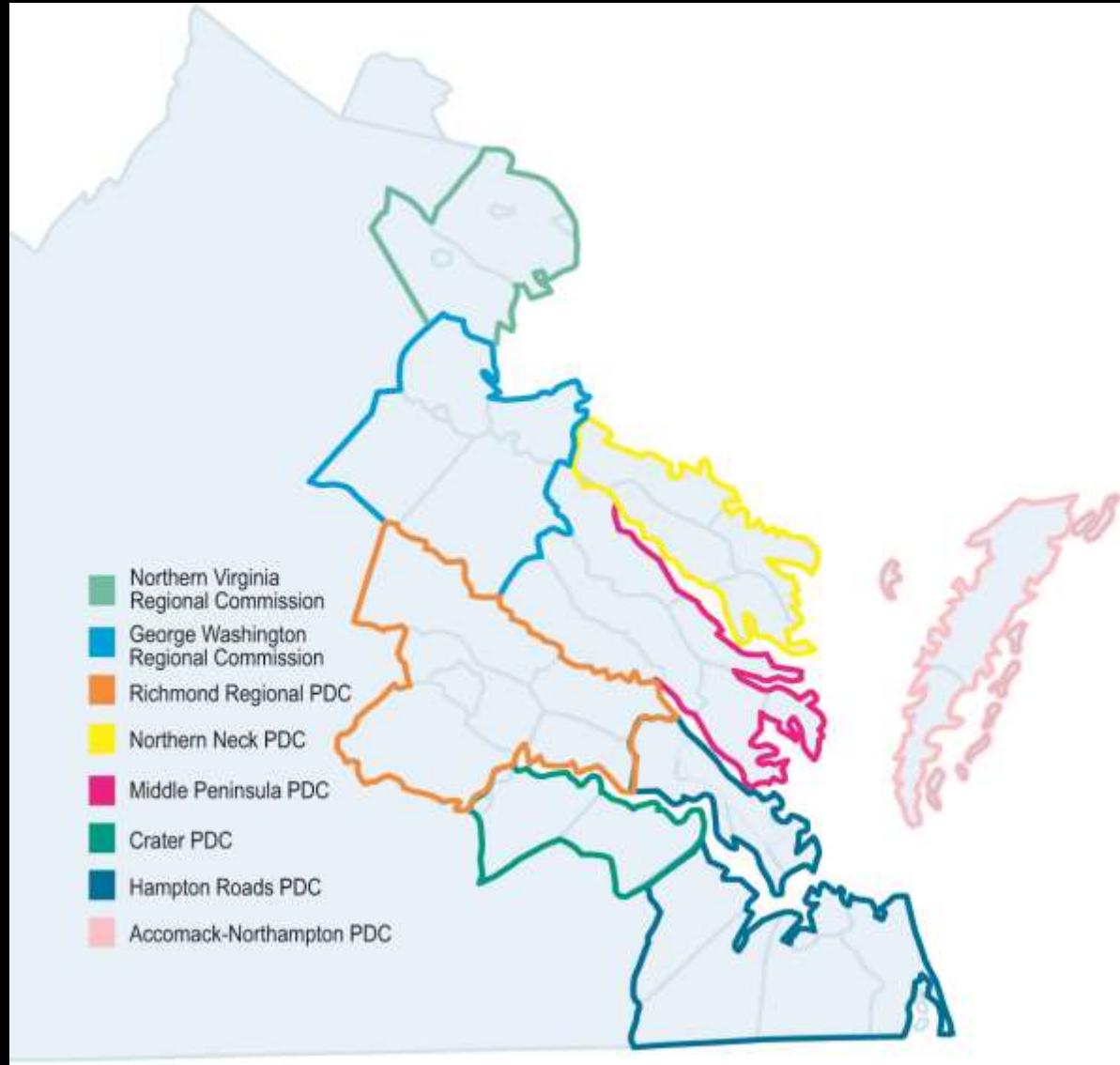


**COASTAL  
LANDS  
MANAGEMENT**  
Dept. Conservation  
& Recreation



# Regional Planning

- 8 Coastal Planning Districts



# Environmental Enhancement Program

- 5 – year commitment
- Working Waterfront Strategy
  - Develop a WW plan for Virginia
    - Inform communities
    - Develop policy tools
    - Build capacity



# Foundation for WW Strategy

## Habitat Restoration

- Oyster Heritage Program (1999 -2001)
- Seaside Heritage Program (2002 - 2008)

## Institutional Capacity

- Middle Peninsula Public Access Authority  
(2002)
- Northern Neck Public Access Authority  
(2006)

# Foundation for WW Strategy

## Policy

York River Use Conflicts study (2006)

Middle Peninsula Shallow Water Dredging  
Plan (2007)

Middle Peninsula Aquaculture and Local  
Policy Development (2008)



# Working Waterfronts Partners



# Rural Chesapeake Bay/Seaside Working Waterfront Coalition

- Establish rural WW service centers
- Research pressing issues
- Collect information about losses of WW businesses in each region
- Examine current zoning impacts
- Report findings of local need

# Rural WW Coalition Leads





# 2014 Working Waterfronts Workshop

- Expand Partners

Industry Leaders

Shellfish Growers of Virginia

Virginia Seafood Council

Virginia Waterman's Association

- Present Tools & Case Studies



Thank you!

Questions?