

Tabled Item

Eastern Shore Rural Health



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Action Memo

To: Northampton County Board of Supervisors
From: Peter Stith, AICP *PS*
Long Range Planner
Subject: Planning Commission Action on Special Use Permit (SUP) 2015-16
Date: March 2, 2016

The Northampton County Planning Commission met in regular session on March 1, 2016 with all of the commissioners in attendance. (Commissioner Chatmon arrived at 8:40 pm).

Eastern Shore Rural Health (ESRH) presented information to the Planning Commission addressing the action memo from the Board dated January 13, 2016. After the discussion with ESRH, the Planning Commission formulated the following response to the Board of Supervisors:

The questions raised by the Board of Supervisors and the public have been adequately addressed by ESRH. The Planning Commission reaffirms the initial recommendation made on January 5, 2016 based upon findings that ESRH's proposal is consistent with all applicable standards and regulations, with the Healthy Communities initiative and the Comprehensive Plan. Notwithstanding the lack of response from the Eastville Fire Chief and the town of Eastville, any outstanding issues will be addressed during the normal site plan review process.

Commissioner Chatmon made a motion to recommend the above response and with a second from Commissioner Freeze, the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The original action made by the Planning Commission with the recommended conditions on January 5, 2016 is below for your reference.

Commissioner Freeze made a motion to recommend approval of SUP 2015-16 and Commissioner Stanley seconded the motion. Commissioner Downing asked to amend the motion to include Type C opaque screening along the north boundary and to explore option 1 when they go through the subdivision process as outlined in the staff report. The amended motion passed 5-1 with Commissioner Fauber voting against.

TOWN OF EASTVILLE

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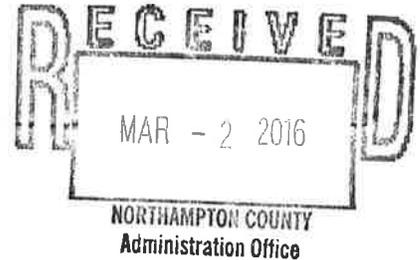
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Board of Supervisors
Northampton County, Virginia
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Ref: Eastern Shore Rural Health
Proposed site location

On behalf of the Eastville Town Council, I would like to address our concerns to the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed location of the new ES Rural Health facilities. It should be stated that the Town is not against ES Rural Health locating in Eastville, it is just the location chosen. The following represents our concerns regarding the proposed planned facility.

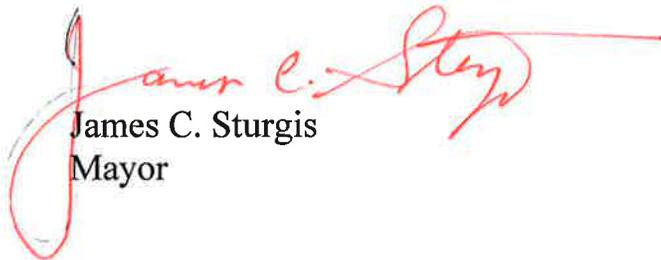
- Traffic ingress from the south would necessitate a u-turn at Willow Oak Rd due to no proposed crossover access. Additionally ingress is affected by the narrow width of the proposed entrance, and no deceleration lane especially when traffic is exiting simultaneously.
- Traffic egress also is affected by lack of a crossover as it pertains to north bound traffic, which would have to proceed to Stump Town drive and then make a u-turn. Also since there is no acceleration lane this would further affect safety in general. All of the ingress and egress issues would further be aggravated during the summer driving season as traffic increases.
- The retention ponds would pose an attractive nuisance to children. Placing them directly adjacent to a residential neighborhood promotes the possibility accidents as well as the potential for drowning.
- Infrastructure deficiencies in the areas of electrical (lack of 3 phase 220 current) and water (residential piping verses 6 inch commercial).

As stated, the above concerns does not mean that the Town is opposed to the new facility, rather, it means that the Town feels that there is another location near the Town, that not only addresses the concerns listed above but additionally offers advantages to the Town and County as well as ES Rural Health. That property is described as being east of Selma and north of Willow Oak road adjacent to the Northampton County School property. These advantages would not materialize should ES Rural Health continue to push for the current proposed location. The advantages the Town believes are listed below for your discernment and comment.

- Traffic ingress and egress is easily enhanced by the existing crossover at Margaret's Gift Shop affording direct access by north bound traffic and enhanced egress north board through the traffic light at Willow Oak.
- The adjacent mature neighborhoods and lack of children eases concerns over the attractive nuisance of the retention ponds.
- The close proximity of existing infrastructure such as electric 3 phase is available as close as 5427 Willow Oak road
- 55psi water through 6 inch mains would only require an extension (shorter run of pipe) from the existing water tower across the back of Selma lots to the alternative proposed property.
- Fire hydrants could then be run off of this non residential water main.
- The alternative proposed property enjoys a partial donation from a concerned county citizen.

As currently proposed we the Town Council would strongly recommend against approval of the current proposed southern location.

Respectfully,



James C. Sturgis
Mayor



Eastern Shore of Virginia CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2/23/2016

Ms. Jacqueline Chatmon, Chair
Northampton County Planning Commission
C/O Katherine H. Nunez, Northampton County Administrator
PO Box 66
Eastville, VA 23347

Dear Chair Chatmon,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce.

The delivery of high quality health care to our citizens is a primary responsibility of government and an essential element in efforts to promote economic development on the Eastern Shore.

For more than 40 years, Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. (ESRH) has served our community by fully understanding the unique needs of our citizens and businesses. Their experience and dedication have allowed them to adapt, create and develop programs and facilities that are unrivaled in most rural communities in the United States.

In 2007, ESRH began an effort to develop new, modern centers with professional staff representing most medical specialties. Coupled with the adoption of the latest technology this effort would greatly expand and deliver high quality services to both the insured and uninsured. In addition they have developed supportive services for those most in need to promote access to all.

The consolidation of the Bayview and Franktown Centers (both more than 25 years old) to a new facility along US 13 near Eastville, represents the final step in their efforts to develop a shore wide system for primary health care delivery. ESRH has and continues to focus first on their customer needs. In this process they have reached out to their customers, evaluated many potential sites; considering such things as the most efficient sites for service delivery, highway safety and environmental issues including both storm and wastewater treatment. The selection of the Eastville site represents the final phase of a

comprehensive and well planned model for health care and highlights the experience gathered over a 9-year effort to develop and fund capital investments of more than \$12 million dollars for other facilities on the Shore.

The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce fully supports ESRH efforts near Eastville with US 13 access. A modern, state of the art facility at this location will be accessible to those being served and will be invaluable to showcase an essential element of our community as we promote greater opportunities for our citizens thru greater economic development.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Mallette

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Chairman of the Board
Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce

CC: Northampton County Board of Supervisors

January 13, 2016

Ms. Anne H. Crabbe
Eastern Shore Rural Health Systems, Inc.
20280 Market Street
Onancock, VA 23417

Re: Special Use Permit 2015-16
Tax Map 68-A-51 and 68-A-52

Dear Ms. Crabbe:

At its meeting of January 12, 2016, the Northampton County Board of Supervisors voted to return the project to the Planning Commission to allow the Commission to "vet" the information and bring answers (to the questions posed) back to the Board. These questions include:

- (1) What is the plan for ingress/egress (traffic control and management) to the site?
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- (3) Would the placement of this facility prevent any other health care provider from locating in this area?
- (4) What is the plan for fire protection for the facility?

If you have any further questions, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

KATHERINE H. NUNEZ
County Administrator

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Northampton Community Health Center
Eastern Shore Rural Health
Supplemental Information for Special Use Permit 2015-16
February 22, 2016

The following information is provided as supplemental documents for the Eastern Shore Rural Health (ESRH)- Special Use Permit Application submitted for the proposed Northampton Community Health Center (CHC) to Northampton County in December 2015. The Special Use Permit reference number is 2015-16.

The documents included in this packet are compiled to address 1) the Northampton County Board of Supervisors questions submitted to ESRH following the Board's meeting on January 12, 2016 meeting and 2) several additional matters/questions heard by the public during the January 5, 2016 and January 12, 2016 public hearings in reference to the Special Use Application.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. **Response to Board of Supervisors Question #1**
(Includes Revised C2.0 with Ingress Lane)
2. **Response to Board of Supervisors Question #2**
3. **Response to Board of Supervisors Question #3**
4. **Response to Board of Supervisors Questions #4**
5. **Water Design and Groundwater Impacts Supplemental Summary**
6. **Wastewater Design Supplemental Summary**
7. **Responses to R.H. Myers comments as submitted during Public Hearings**



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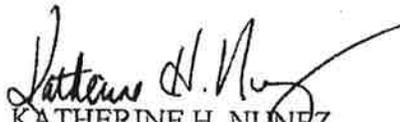
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Response to Board of Supervisors Question #1
(Includes Revised C2.0 with Ingress Lane)

1. What is the Plan for Ingress/Egress (traffic control and management) to the site?

RESPONSE TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'S LETTER DATED JANUARY 13, 2016

1. What is the plan for ingress/egress (traffic control and management) to the site?

The plan for ingress/egress to the site has been designed in accordance with VDOT standards and regulations as discussed below. The plan for traffic control and management has been determined from a Traffic Impact Study which has been reviewed and approved by VDOT as discussed below.

TRAFFIC VOLUMES:

The Eastville Community Health Center will be similar to the Atlantic Community Health Center in design and operation. Therefore, we anticipate that the volume of traffic into and out of the center will be similar to that at the Atlantic Center. Seven day, 24 hour traffic volumes were recently collected at the Atlantic site which indicate that the majority of the traffic will arrive and leave the facility between 9 AM and 3 PM. We note a morning influx of vehicles as staff arrives for duty between the hours of 7 AM and 9 AM and a similar outflow of vehicles as staff leaves between the hours of 4 PM and 6 PM. At most, 52 vehicles arrived during the highest one hour peak in the morning. Otherwise, the arrival and departure of vehicles are spread throughout the day. The 7 day/24 hour traffic count also revealed that the total number of vehicles accessing the Atlantic Center during a typical weekday was 25% lower than the national average of vehicles accessing a medical center of similar size. Please see the attached Exhibit.

BUS SERVICE:

As with the other Health Centers, Star Transit will provide bus service to and from the Eastville Community Health Center. There will not be a designated bus stop; rather, patrons may ask to be dropped off and picked up at the site. At the present time, Star Transit makes six runs northbound and southbound on US Route 13 through Eastville.

ACCESS:

Access to the Eastville Community Health Center will be via a Right-in/Right-out access on US Route 13 1,380 feet +/- south of VA Route 631, Willow Oak Road. Patrons arriving from the south will make a U-turn at the signalized intersection of VA Route 631 and US Route 13 and then make a right turn into the Center. Patrons arriving from the north will make a right turn into the Center. Patrons leaving the Center will make a right-turn out of the site and those desiring to travel south will continue through the intersection of US Route 13 and VA Route 648, Stumptown Drive. Those desiring to travel north will exit the site and make a U-turn at VA Route 648, Stumptown Drive.

A Traffic Impact Study was prepared to analyze these two intersections (VA Route 13/VA Route 631 Willow Oak Road and VA Route 13/VA Route 648, Stumptown Drive) to determine if there is sufficient road capacity to handle the additional traffic. The study concluded that there is sufficient capacity to handle the additional traffic generated by the Eastville Center. The study has been reviewed by VDOT and they are in agreement with its findings.

VDOT's Road Design Manual was consulted to determine if a full-width deceleration lane is required along US Route 13. Applying VDOT's turn lane warrants, a full-width deceleration lane is NOT required; however, VDOT has requested that it be provided to enhance safety along US Route 13. Therefore, a full-width deceleration lane consisting of a 200 foot taper and a 200 foot deceleration lane will be provided as shown on the plan.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT

As shown on the plan, a STOP sign and STOP bar will be installed on the site on the exit lane.

SAFETY

In order to determine if an existing traffic safety issue exists along US Route 13 in the vicinity of the site, three years of crash data was obtained from VDOT. According to this data, six single vehicle crashes occurred along US Route 13 between VA Route 631 (Willow Oak Road) and VA Route 648 (Stumptown Drive). Four of these crashes involved a deer and the other two involved vehicles which ran off the road. Therefore, there are no existing safety concerns along US Route 13 in the vicinity of the site.

In order to determine if a safety issue may occur due to the operation of the Eastville Community Health Center, three years of crash data was obtained from VDOT along US Route 13 in the vicinity of the Atlantic Community Health Center in Accomac County. According to this data, no vehicle crashes have occurred during the past three years along US Route 13 between VA Route 704 (Coardtwn Road) and the U-turn crossover approximately 0.7 miles north of the site.

SUMMARY

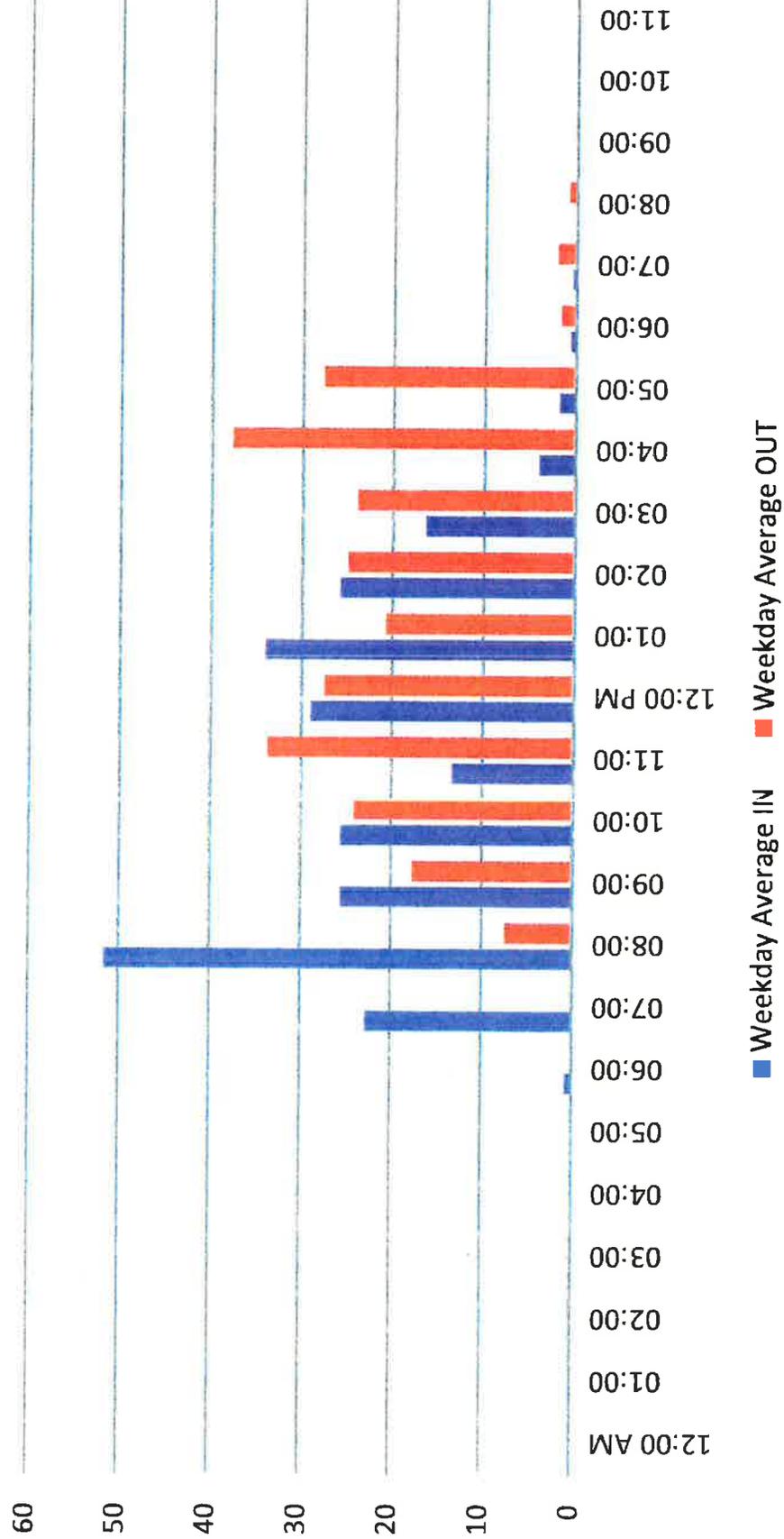
A Traffic Impact Study has been conducted to determine if there is sufficient capacity at the adjacent intersections to handle the additional traffic anticipated to be generated by the Eastville Community Health Center. This study, which analyzed traffic conditions during the peak summer months, determined that there is sufficient capacity at the study intersections. The Virginia Department of Transportation has reviewed the study and is in concurrence with its findings.

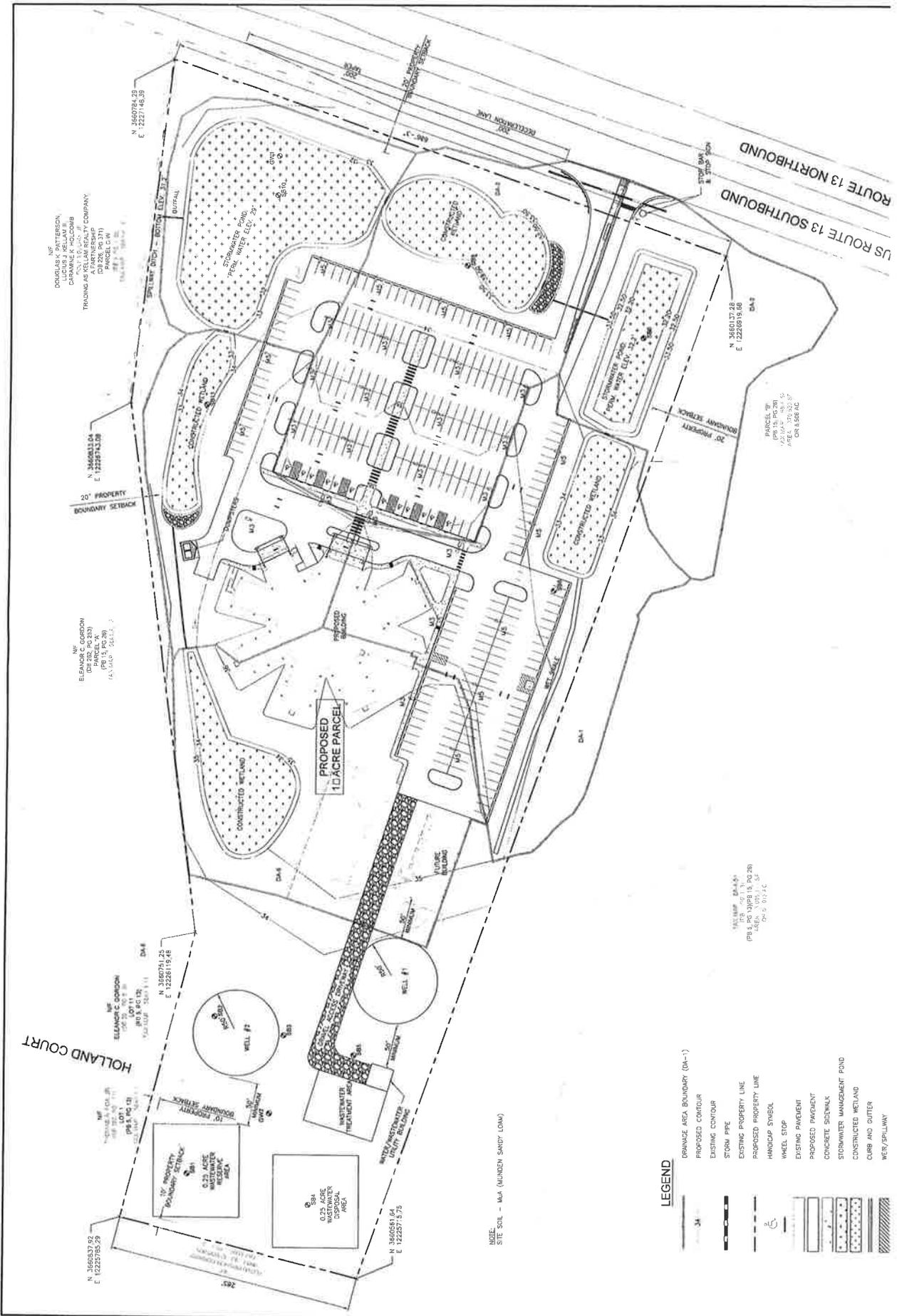
Three years of crash data was analyzed revealing that there have been only a few single vehicle crashes in the vicinity of the proposed site. Even though there is no existing safety issue along US Route 13 in the vicinity of the site, nor is there anticipated to be a safety issue along US Route 13 in the vicinity of the site, the design of the access will be such to provide enhance the safety of patrons. As mentioned above, even though not warranted, a full-width 200 foot deceleration lane, with a 200 foot taper will be provided. A STOP will be required for those exiting the site. Furthermore, the median break approximately 730 feet +/- south of the site will be removed (and the ditch restored) to preclude patrons from making a U-turn at this unprotected location.

The above comments have been reviewed by VDOT and based on these comments, they expressed no reason to neither deny access to US Route 13 nor require any other site improvements other than those discussed above.

Atlantic Community Health Center Site Traffic

(Counts conducted on 1/28/16 - 2/3/16)





NF
 DANIEL A. WATSON,
 CHARLAME K. WOODS,
 TRADING AS KELAM REALTY COMPANY,
 PARTNERSHIP
 PARCEL C (W)
 N 3460137.28
 E 1222619.66

NF
 ELANOR C. GORDON
 PARCEL A
 (P&S PG 28)
 (A 140 - 122271.43)

NF
 ELANOR C. GORDON
 LOT 11
 (P&S PG 12)
 (A 140 - 122271.43)

NF
 ELANOR C. GORDON
 LOT 12
 (P&S PG 12)
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1.0 ACRE PARCEL

NOTE: SITE SUE - MUX (MUNGEN SANDY LOAM)

LEGEND

- DRAINAGE AREA BOUNDARY (DA--)
- - - PROPOSED CONTOUR
- EXISTING CONTOUR
- STORM PIPE
- EXISTING PROPERTY LINE
- PROPOSED PROPERTY LINE
- HANDICAP SYMBOL
- WHEEL STOP
- EXISTING PAVEMENT
- PROPOSED PAVEMENT
- CONCRETE SIDEWALK
- STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POND
- CONSTRUCTED WETLAND
- CURB AND GUTTER
- WELLS (WELL#)

Response to Board of Supervisors Question #2

2. What is the plan for stormwater management on the site, i.e. the placement of any stormwater management ponds and security for same?

Northampton Community Health Center
Eastern Shore Rural Health (ESRH)
February 2016- Supplemental Information for Special Use Application
Stormwater Management Design

Response to Board of Supervisors Letter dated January 13, 2016

2. What is the plan for stormwater management on the site; i.e., the placement of any stormwater management ponds and security for same?

ESRH proposes to construct and maintain a stormwater management system which meets the most updated Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regulations. A system of wetlands and stormwater ponds will be constructed onsite in order to ensure the post- 10 year storm conditions do not exceed the pre-10 year. Therefore any storm runoff from onsite shall be maintained within the pond structures and flow offsite via an outfall pipe at a rate less than the existing site runoff flow. An additional benefit is the peak flows offsite are delayed with a pond storage system as compared to the existing site.

Per VA DEQ Stormwater Design Specifications (see attached) the stormwater pond shall be designed with safety benches to manage the contours of the pond and eliminate drop offs. Fences around the perimeter of the pond are discouraged. The Northampton facility stormwater ponds will be designed with safety benches. The ponds will have at minimum a safety bench and dependent on the final depth of pond an aquatic bench may be incorporated. Refer to the attached profile of a concept stormwater pond.

The stormwater management will be designed to treat runoff within the wetlands and allow infiltration of the rainwater back into the ground surface. As discussed within the Groundwater Recharge summary the post-stormwater discharge from the site will be less than the existing pre-stormwater discharge and therefore more stormwater will remain onsite and infiltrate to recharge the groundwater. There will be no reduction in ground water recharge.

ESRH recently permitted, constructed and now operates the same type and size stormwater management systems at the Onley Community Health Center and Accomack Community Health Center. The proposed Northampton Community facility will likewise meet all current regulations in order to obtain required permits.

Maximum Extended Detention Levels. The maximum extended detention volume associated with the T_v may not extend more than 12 inches above the wetland cell permanent pool (at least 10% of the Level 2 surface area) at its maximum water surface elevation. The maximum ED and channel protection detention levels can be up to 5 feet above the wet pond permanent pool.

Stormwater Pond Benches. The perimeter of all pool areas greater than 4 feet in depth must be surrounded by two benches, as follows:

- A **Safety Bench** is a flat bench located just outside of the perimeter of the permanent pool to allow for maintenance access and reduce safety risks. Except when the stormwater pond side slopes are 5H:1V or flatter, provide a safety bench that generally extends 8 to 15 feet outward from the normal water edge to the toe of the stormwater pond side slope. The maximum slope of the safety bench is 5%.
- An **Aquatic Bench** is a shallow area just inside the perimeter of the normal pool that promotes growth of aquatic and wetland plants. The bench also serves as a safety feature, reduces shoreline erosion, and conceals floatable trash. Incorporate an aquatic bench that generally extends up to 10 feet inward from the normal shoreline, has an irregular configuration, and extends a maximum depth of 18 inches below the normal pool water surface elevation.

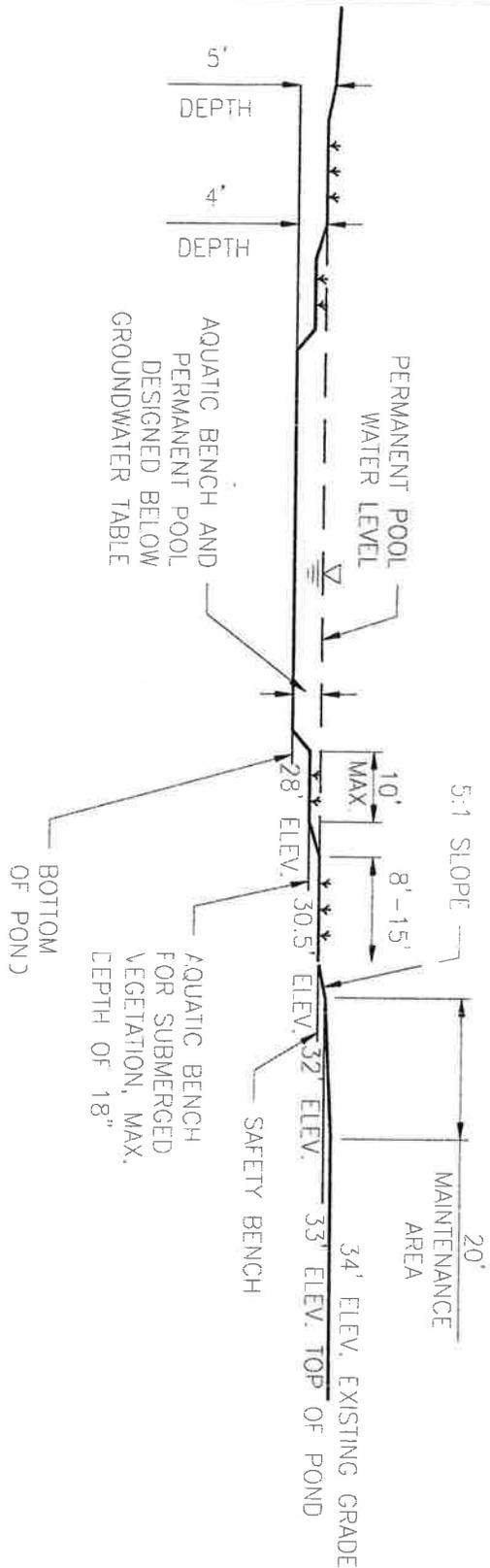
Safety Features.

- The principal spillway opening must be designed and constructed to prevent access by small children.
- End walls above pipe outfalls greater than 48 inches in diameter must be fenced to prevent a hazard.
- An emergency spillway and associated freeboard must be provided in accordance with applicable local or state dam safety requirements. The emergency spillway must be located so that downstream structures will not be impacted by spillway discharges.
- Both the safety bench and the aquatic bench should be landscaped with vegetation that hinders or prevents access to the pool.
- Warning signs prohibiting swimming should be posted.
- Fencing of the perimeter of wet ponds is discouraged. The preferred method to reduce risk is to manage the contours of the stormwater pond to eliminate drop-offs or other safety hazards. Fencing is required at or above the maximum water surface elevation in the rare situations when the pond slope is a vertical wall.

6.7. Landscaping and Planting Plan

A landscaping plan must be provided that indicates the methods used to establish and maintain vegetative coverage in the pond and its buffer. Minimum elements of a plan include the following:

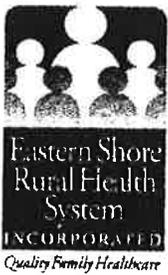
- Delineation of pondscaping zones within both the pond and buffer
- Selection of corresponding plant species
- The planting plan



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CHECKED BY : KJM				
GMB FILE : 150187				
SCALE : 1" = 25'				
DATE : FEB 2016	<p>EASTVILLE, VA</p>	<p>MAINTENANCE AREA 20'</p>	<p>DRAWING NO.</p>	

Response to Board of Supervisors Question #3

3. Would the placement of this facility prevent any other health care provider from locating in this area?



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SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM

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February 19, 2016

To whom it may concern,

ESRHS' Strategic Planning process has addressed facilities for the past 15 years. Analysis has included options to renovate or replace. The age of all our facilities, limited acreage on our existing properties, lack of facility space and exam rooms due to growth in number of new patients and their inefficient layouts have yielded replacing as opposed to renovating our facilities. Consolidation of the Franktown and Bayview Centers and building a new center has been discussed over the past few years. In January, 2015, we began our property search. At the Eastern Shore Rural Health System Inc. July, 2015 Board of Directors meeting, the members unanimously recommended the property described in the Zoning Application, 1170 feet south of the Intersection Route 13 & 631 on the southbound side of Route 13.

The criteria for selecting the property was, but not limited to: soil type, zoning, waste water management, acreage, enterprise zone storm water management, water, VDOT requirements, distance from our 2 existing centers in Cheriton and Franktown, willingness of owners to sell the property and costs. Preplanning meetings were held with Northampton Planning and Zoning staff and a presentation was made during a work session of the Planning and Zoning Commission during this research period. In addition, meetings were held with the 3 most preferred property owners or their representatives to discuss terms of selling their property. Management presented the results of an extensive search and analysis of 10 properties which yielded the selection of this parcel. In August, 2015 ESRHS entered into a contract with the owner for the parcel.

At the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting January, 2016 there was a list of questions/issues concerning the site selection

presented during the public hearing. Attached are the questions and ESRHS' answers with supporting attachments/information.

To highlight a couple clinical issues predominant to the dialogue with the Board of Supervisors:

MRI/CT Scan: ESRHS does not and will not provide these advanced diagnostics.

Emergency Medical Services: Questions continue to arise about EMS co-habiting on the proposed property. There isn't any clinical advantage for that suggestion and really not pertinent to this request for zoning.

COPN: ESRHS does not require a COPN nor would its presence in Eastville interfere with that process for an entity. (see attached documentation)

Thank you for the opportunity to revisit our request.

Sincerely,



Nancy J. Stern, CEO

Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc.

Appendix H

AMBULANCE PATIENT DESTINATION POLICY

SCOPE: This policy pertains to licensed EMS agencies providing Basic and Advanced Life Support and specialized ambulance transportation. The policy does not apply to inter-hospital transportation.

PURPOSE: To provide for a defined, consistent policy for the destination of ambulance patients consistent with quality patient care and regional medical protocol.

POLICY ELEMENTS:

1. All ambulance patients (resulting from 911-initiated or other emergency requests for assistance which result in transport) will normally be transported to the closest appropriate hospital emergency department unless redirected by the Medical Control Physician as described in the Tidewater Regional Ambulance Diversion Policy. The "closest appropriate hospital" is defined as the hospital closest to the location of the patient that can provide the level of care needed by the patient. The "Medical Control Physician" is defined as the attending emergency department physician at the hospital closest to the location of the patient. **911 initiated requests for assistance which result in patient transports** by emergency medical services (EMS) personnel are to be transported to hospital-based emergency departments only or freestanding 24-hour emergency department that meet the requirements adopted by the Operational Medical Directors Committee defined by element 3.
2. Stable patients may be transported to the patient's hospital (in case of military agencies this may include branch clinics or equivalent as determined by the Medical Control Physician) of choice if allowed by local EMS agency policies and available resources, or as directed by Medical Control Physician.
3. Patients may be transported to a free standing ED, provided that the free standing facility meets the following criteria:
 - a. Provides 24 hour operations
 - b. Staffed with ABEM / AMBO Board Certified Emergency Medical Physicians
 - c. On site Pharmacy
 - d. On site advanced imaging capabilities
 - e. On site laboratory
 - f. Ability to provide up to 23 hour observation of patients
 - g. Identify what ambulance staffing and equipment requirements exist and may be required for interfacility transfer of critical care patients (specialty care transport) and that there should be written plans for patient transfer to another hospital.
4. Patients that meet certain criteria as severe trauma patients, as defined in the Tidewater Regional Trauma Triage Plan, will normally be transported directly to a Level I or Level II Trauma Center unless redirected by the Medical Control Physician as defined in the trauma triage plan.
5. All other critical patients will be transported to the closest appropriate hospital. Critical patients are defined in the Tidewater Regional Ambulance Diversion Policy.
6. Individual EMS agencies are responsible for determining operational policies related to the most effective ambulance deployment and utilization patterns. This may include policy allowing transport of stable patients to hospitals of the patient's choice.
7. In mass casualty incident (MCI) situations, the current Tidewater Management Plan for Mass Casualty Incidents will be employed regarding patient transports. During an MCI, routine ambulance-to-hospital communication procedures are suspended. The transportation unit leader or designee will communicate patient information to the designated Lead Hospital. The Lead Hospital will relay

information to receiving hospitals as appropriate. Patient distribution will be a decision of the transportation unit leader in concert with available hospital and transportation resources.

8. Other policies and protocols related to patient transport and ambulance-to-hospital communications are defined in the Tidewater Regional Medical Protocols, current edition.

Approved by the Operational Medical Directors Committee, October 12, 1999, Revised January 11, 2006
Amended September 24, 2007

Approved by the Operational Medical Directors Committee, 2013



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February 19, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I was asked to address whether or not it would be appropriate for emergency patients to be diverted by ambulance to Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc. (ESRHS) facilities in Northampton and Accomack Counties. This would be seen to give some measure of expediency in initial treatment for emergent patients in the counties.

The ESRHS facilities are primary care offices, and are not equipped for emergency cases, other than rudimentary stabilization until EMS services arrive. As a rule, EMT's and paramedics are more equipped and prepared to deal with emergent issues than are the primary care offices. Transport of patients to ESRHS could actually delay appropriate care for the patient.

In addition, Northampton and Accomack Counties EMS Agencies are both part of Tidewater Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc. (TEMS) established by Virginia State regulation. Current TEMS protocols do not allow this type of diversion of emergent patients.

The Tidewater EMS Council has established an "Ambulance Patient Destination Policy" (See Regional Medical Protocols, 11th Edition, Revision Sept 2015). This policy states that all ambulance patients resulting from 911 initiated or other emergency requests for assistance will be taken to the closest appropriate hospital emergency department.

There is an exception for this:

Patients may be transported to a free standing ED, provided that the free standing facility meets the following criteria:

- a. provides 24 hour operations
- b. staffed with ABEM/AMBO Board Certified Emergency Medical Physicians.
- c. on site pharmacy
- d. on site advanced imaging capabilities
- e. on site laboratory
- f. ability to provide up to 23 hours observation of patients
- g. identify what ambulance staffing and equipment requirements exist and may be required for interfacility transfer of critical care patients (specialty care transport) and that there should be written plans for patient transfer to another hospital

ESRHS offices would meet none of these protocols and it would not be feasible to attempt to meet compliance

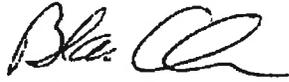
ESRHS is a Community Health Center that receives Federal funds and has a level of Federal oversight. Emergency care, such as ambulance transported 911 initiated care, would be beyond the scope of what ESRHS is permitted to do under Federal guidelines,

and would require Federal review to change scope to try to meet the standards mandated by the State of Virginia and the Tidewater Council.

In short, ESRHS offices cannot act as standalone emergency centers for Accomack and Northampton Counties.

I hope this aids in your evaluation and discussion of this topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blair Chick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "B" and "C".

Blair Chick, MD
Chief Medical Officer
Eastern Shore Rural Health Services, Inc.



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The Certificate of Public Need Program

Peter Boswell - Director

The Virginia Certificate of Public Need (COPN) program requires owners and sponsors of identified medical care facility projects to secure a COPN from the State Health Commissioner prior to initiating projects such as general acute care services, perinatal services, diagnostic imaging services, cardiac services, general surgical services, organ transplantation services, medical rehabilitation services, psychiatric/substance abuse services, mental retardation services, lithotripsy services, miscellaneous capital expenditures and nursing facility services. The program seeks to contain health care costs while ensuring financial viability and access to health care for all Virginia at a reasonable cost.

No certificate of public need may be issued unless the Commissioner has determined that a public need for the project, or portion thereof, exists and has been demonstrated. There are criteria or factors used in determining whether a public need exists. The criteria include: (i) the relationship of the project to the long term health care state plan, (ii) the need for enhanced facilities to serve the population of an area, (iii) the extent to which the project is accessible to all residents in the proposed area and the immediate economic impact and financial feasibility of the project.

Batch Calendar and Groups

The program uses a structured batching process in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of medical care facilities and services and to provide an orderly process for resolving questions about the need to construct or modify facilities or services. The application process and project review can take six to seven months to complete. The [Certificate of Public Need Rules and Regulations](#) provides specific information for filing an application.

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Nancy Stern

From: Boswell, Peter (VDH) <Peter.Boswell@vdh.virginia.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 1:28 PM
To: Nancy Stern
Subject: RE: COPN

Ms. Stern,

There would be no COPN required to build a primary care community health center unless you propose to offer any of the specific services or include any equipment that would trigger the need for COPN authorization. The development of the center also would not preclude the development any other healthcare facility or the seeking of COPN authorization to develop another healthcare facility if COPN is required. Further, emergency care facilities do not require COPN authorization but to have a CT or MRI scanner or any other COPN reviewable equipment in the facility would require COPN authorization. Also freestanding emergency facilities can only be licensed as part of a hospital. Urgent care centers on the other hand do not require a facility license.

I hope this is helpful.

Peter Boswell, Director
Division of Certificate of Public Need

From: Nancy Stern [mailto:nstern@esrh.org]
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 10:04 AM
To: Boswell, Peter (VDH)
Subject: COPN
Importance: High

Good morning Mr. Boswell,

I am emailing you regarding clarification needed by the Northampton County Board of Supervisors that Eastern Shore Rural Health System Inc. (a federally qualified community health center on the Eastern Shore of Virginia) quest to build a new state-of-the-art primary care community health center does not require a Certificate of Public Need nor does it interfere with the county's effort to submit, if they so choose, a COPN in order for the county to provide access to an emergency care facility for its citizens. Could you provide a response to me regarding this question?

Please don't hesitate to call me at 757-414-0400, ext. 117.

Many thanks,
Nancy

Nancy J Stern
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Response to Board of Supervisors Questions #4

4. What is the plan for fire protection for the facility?

Northampton Community Health Center
Eastern Shore Rural Health (ESRH)
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Fire Protection

Response to Board of Supervisors Letter dated January 13, 2016

4. What is the plan for fire protection for the facility?

ESRH is prepared to design, permit, and construct a fire protection system that is compliant with all building codes and national fire protection safety codes that are applicable to the proposed Community Health Center. ESRH has similar prototype facilities in Onley, VA and New Church, VA. The prototype upon which this building will be based met all prevailing codes at the time as will this one. Reviews by local and State Fire Marshalls that have jurisdiction in the Eastville area will be sought and accommodated.

An inquiry was made to the Eastville Fire Department to discuss fire protection matters which should be incorporated during design phase. Attached is a copy of the correspondence sent to Eastville Fire Department. We will continue to follow up with the Eastville Fire Department. The Northampton Emergency Service (EMS) Director was also contacted and they have no comments in reference to fire protection and would refer to Eastville Fire Department to provide any comments. The EMS Director did express concerns regarding the safety on the entrance from Route 13. Refer to information provided on Traffic Control and Management under the Board of Supervisor Response #1 enclosed with this packet regarding ingress/egress. Furthermore several references have been made comparing the Food Lion shopping center entrance near Cape Charles, VA to the proposed entrance into the Northampton CHC. It should be noted the ingress/egress for Food Lion shopping center is considerably different and allows traffic to cross north or south bound lanes directly in addition to multiple turn lanes allowing traffic to turn all directions directly from the intersection. The volume of traffic at the Food Lion shopping center is also estimated to be +/- three (3) times that of the Northampton CHC per documented national averages. It should be noted the proposed ingress/egress at Northampton CHC is strictly a right in and right out and does not allow any traffic to cross over the southbound lanes of Route 13.

ESRH will continue to work with the Local and County fire divisions to make sure any concerns are addressed to ensure a safe facility. Ingress and Egress locations, fire walls, fire resistant materials and other building considerations will be incorporated into the project design and construction. Final decision could be made at a later date with the understanding all fire protection safety codes will be met as was done at the other prototype facilities. This new construction will enhance the safety to the patients using the facility compared to the existing Health Centers which lack many of the new code requirements.

ESRH currently conducts yearly certified inspections with the local and State Fire Marshalls to verify the facilities safety and ensure all standards are met. In addition each facility completes monthly fire extinguisher checks and completes routine fire drills. These practices will continue to be implemented at the facility in Eastville. The distance from the closest local fire department to the existing Onley, VA facility and also the New Church, VA facility is similar to that of the proposed Eastville location. For the existing facilities the fire departments are located on the opposite side of Route 13 than the ESRH facilities but within 1.5 miles. For the Eastville location an advantage is the fire department is located on the same side of Route 13 and also is within 0.75 miles of the proposed health facility.

From: Katherine McAllister
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 10:18 AM
To: 'station17@esva911.org'
Cc: Peter A. Bozick
Subject: Proposed Northampton Community Health Center
Attachments: A1.1 REVISED CONCEPTUAL FLOOR PLAN2-A1.1 CONCEPTUAL FLOOR PLAN.PDF

Dear Chief David Eder,

We wanted to contact you regarding the Northampton Community Health Center proposed to be located near the Town of Eastville. Our firm is under contract for the architectural and civil design of the proposed 25,000 square foot health facility. We understand from public comments at the recent hearing that the local fire department may have some concerns regarding fire protection at this facility. I left a voicemail for you yesterday but wanted to also follow up via email.

Eastern Shore Rural Health is still in the early preliminary planning stages of the project and we do respectfully apologize for not contacting you sooner to get a sense of the fire protection concerns for this facility. This building will be very much like the community health centers built in Onley VA and New Church VA. Construction of those facilities meant all prevailing building codes and national fire protection safety codes at the time of construction, as will the proposed Eastville facility. The local Fire Departments inspect all the ESRH facilities on a yearly basis and the Onley and New Church departments should be familiar with the facility layouts.

When it is convenient, I would like to discuss with you fire protection issues associated with the design of the proposed Northampton Community Health Center in Eastville. We are just trying to make sure that we have all the bases covered in the design in terms of meeting all code requirements and fire safety regulations.

You can reach Peter Bozick or myself at 410-742-3115. Thank you for your time and consideration on this manner.



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**Water Design and Groundwater Impacts Supplemental
Summary**

Northampton Community Health Center
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Water Design & Groundwater Impacts

ESRH is prepared to design, permit, construct and operate a water system to serve the proposed Community Health Center to the same standards and practices as was done for the Health Centers in Onley and New Church in Accomack County. ESRH has inquired for information from the Town of Eastville (see attached letter from ESRH) and is willing to connect if it is practical and cost effective, to do so. This final decision could be made at a later date.

There are two (2) potential groundwater aquifers at the project site. The shallow surficial aquifer and the deeper confined Yorktown aquifer. Per general guidance of the Eastern Shore Ground Water Committee, the shallow surficial aquifer is dedicated to agricultural withdrawal and the deeper Yorktown aquifer is dedicated to municipal supply. ESRH proposes using the deeper Yorktown aquifer. The monthly water withdrawal is under the 300,000 gallon threshold for which a withdrawal permit is required from DEQ. According to 9VAC25-610-50 (see attachment) this project qualifies for an exclusion. The monthly water withdrawal is expected to be less than 168,000 gallons per month (max day flow of 6,000 gpd @28 working days/month). This withdrawal is half of the minimum threshold for a permit requirement and accordingly, the impact to ground water supply is not significant.

The Community Health Center site design incorporates sustainable site development concepts and in so doing will recharge the groundwater to the same extent as the existing pre-development conditions. The post-stormwater discharge from the site will be less than the existing pre-stormwater discharge and therefore more stormwater will remain onsite and infiltrate to recharge the groundwater. There will be no reduction in ground water recharge. By way of reference and support the ESRH Community Health Center in Onley was awarded the 2013 Ground Water Award by the Eastern Shore Ground Water Committee (*See attached newspaper press release*). The Groundwater award goes to institution or individual whose activities benefit the groundwater resources by implementing activities such as water conservation, recharge area protection, aquifer preservation, pollution prevention, community outreach and public education.



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February 5, 2016

Mayor James Sturgis
Town of Eastville
5248 Willow Oak Road
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Dear Mayor Sturgis,

We understand from your public comment at the recent hearing that Eastville continues to have an interest in providing water service to the proposed Northampton Community Health Center. ESRHS is still in the early preliminary planning stages of the project and would like to understand more thoroughly your interest and capability to provide water.

Based upon our other health centers, we consume approximately 2,000 gallons per typical work day. We have a design maximum demand rate of 70 – 80 gallons per minute based upon the number of connected plumbing fixtures. Some of our plumbing fixtures, including dental facilities will provide automatic flushing and accordingly will need consistent water pressure above 40-50 psi. Please keep in mind that access to water is fundamental to our day-to-day care for our patients therefore requires uninterrupted access.

It appears that our closest access to the Town of Eastville would be from Road T-1603 Holland Drive. We would be interested in receiving full information from Eastville relative to the costs, flow rates, water quality and pressures as well any other terms or conditions associated with water service.

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as practical. We are on a timeline in order to purchase this property and proceed to the next steps of this project. You may contact our engineers directly, George, Miles & Buhr, LLC (Attn: Katherine McAllister, P.E.) at 410-742-3115, if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Stern

Nancy J. Stern, CEO
Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc

Virginia Administrative Code
Title 9. Environment
Agency 25. State Water Control Board
Chapter 610. Groundwater Withdrawal Regulations

9VAC25-610-50. Exclusions.

The following do not require a groundwater withdrawal permit:

1. Withdrawals of less than 300,000 gallons per month;
2. Withdrawals associated with temporary construction dewatering that do not exceed 24 months in duration;
3. Withdrawals associated with a state-approved groundwater remediation that do not exceed 60 months in duration;
4. Withdrawals for use by a groundwater source heat pump where the discharge is reinjected into the aquifer from which it was withdrawn;
5. Withdrawals from ponds recharged by groundwater without mechanical assistance;
6. Withdrawals for the purpose of conducting geophysical investigations, including pump tests;
7. Withdrawals coincident with exploration for and extraction of coal or activities associated with coal mining regulated by the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy;
8. Withdrawals coincident with the exploration for or production of oil, gas or other minerals other than coal, unless such withdrawal adversely impacts aquifer quantity or quality or other groundwater users within a groundwater management area;
9. Withdrawals in any area not declared to be a groundwater management area;
10. Withdrawal of groundwater authorized pursuant to a special exception issued by the board; and
11. Withdrawal of groundwater discharged from free flowing springs where the natural flow of the spring has not been increased by any method.

Statutory Authority

§ 62.1-256 of the Code of Virginia.

Historical Notes

Derived from VR680-13-07 § 1.5, eff. September 22, 1993; amended, Volume 30, Issue 05, eff. January 1, 2014.

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Northampton Grades Options for New Middle School

By Ron West

In an effort to re-establish a stand-alone middle school in Northampton County, the Board of Supervisors and School Board, along with staff members, gathered Monday to examine their options.

They discussed repurposing the school administration building as a middle school, refurbishing the former middle school and re-opening it, and building a new facility.

A walk-through of the school administration building, itself a former elementary school that was closed when Occohannock and Kiptopeke elementary schools opened 20 years ago, revealed that it would need a number of additions to make it usable as a middle school. While the dozen rooms could be refurbished as classrooms and might handle students in Grades 7 and 8, space would be needed for a cafeteria, library, gym, and elective courses. While there is ample property to build an addition or install portable units, the cost to do so is more than the county has in its coffers.

The group next visited the former middle school and concluded that there are a number of problems there that would need to be addressed. The heating and AC system, plumbing, wiring and cafeteria would need to be upgraded. Portions of the structure are used by the County Extension Service and Parks and Recreation Department.

The former appointed School Board proposed to build a new middle/high school campus in Eastville to replace both schools. Cost estimates for such a facility top off at \$35 million.

It is expected that the county's borrowing power won't be sufficient to consider the amount needed for a new middle school for at least another five years. Short of conducting a referendum on a tax increase to fund a new school, there are few, if any, options to resolve the funding problem.

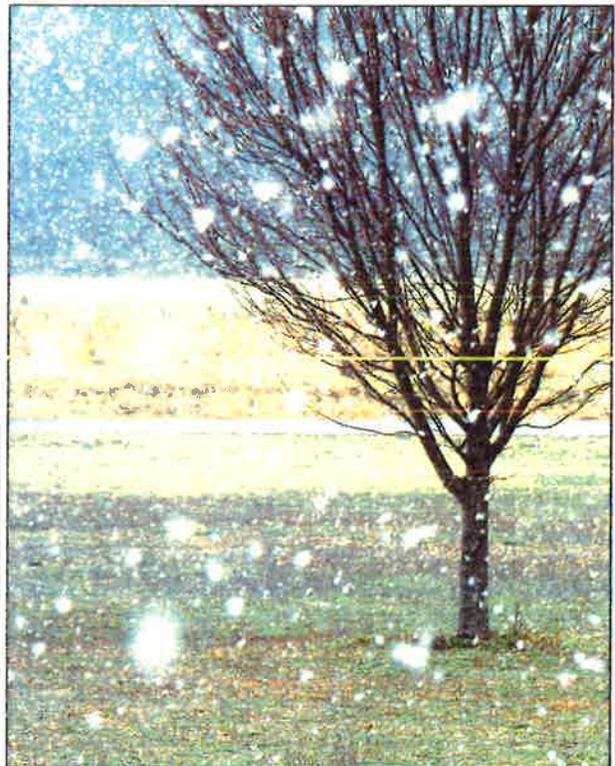
County Administrator Katie Nunez suggested that the School Board look into the possibility of constructing a new middle school, with a new high school added later. Even then, the county would be far short of the needed funding for several years.

School Board member Shannon Dunham, a graduate of Northampton High School, noted concerns over structural issues with the high school, which has seen a number of repairs in recent years.

School Board member Randy Parks spoke of the need to provide a true middle-school setting for students in Grades 6 through 8. He noted that the current "school within a school" concept at the high school is not acceptable and the county owes it to students to provide a separate facility. "The middle-school kids have been short changed for years," Parks said.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Larry LeMond suggested that the School Board consider relocating its offices to the rear portion of the former middle school and then selling the school administration building to help procure funds for a new middle school.

Following Monday's site visits and discussions, no decision was made on the best means to provide Northampton a middle school.



Have We Lost Our Spring?

Photo by Linda Cicoira

For the fourth time in as many weeks, a late winter snowfall promised to be the last of the season. While weathercasters predicted that the weekend would be more springlike — as they correctly had forecast in preceding weeks — only time will tell whether the middle of next week will bring what its predecessors have delivered: more snow.

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- a son, born to Brandy and Joe Pruitt of Chincoteague March 15
- a daughter, born to Telma Garcia of Mappsville March 16
- a son, born to Victoria Branch of Cape Charles March 17
- a son, born to Shonda Reid of Parkesley March 18
- a daughter, born to Lindsey Marshall and Adam James of Onancock March 19
- a daughter, born to Amber and Jason Kirby of Belle Haven March 19

Rural Health Wins Ground Water Award

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Ground Water Committee has awarded the 2013 Ground Water Award to the Eastern Shore Rural Health Onley Community Health Center for its commitment to stormwater runoff reduction and water conservation.

The Ground Water Committee recognized the sustainable site development concepts incorporated at the facility that provide for cleaner stormwater runoff and lower demand of ground water resources. Specifically, the facility landscape design includes a wetlands stormwater treatment system and a "Healing Garden" that utilizes native plants that require less water during the growing season. The landscape design was intended to serve as a community model for conservation and runoff reduction.

The Ground Water Committee presented the award to Eastern Shore Rural Health CEO Nancy Stern during its meeting on March 18.

The Ground Water Committee established the Ground Water Awards Pro-

gram in 2004 to publicize efforts to protect our regional ground water supply.

For more information about the award program and the Ground Wa-

ter Committee, contact Curt Smith of the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission at 787-2936 or csmith@a-npdc.org



AES Jr. Beta Headed to Nationals

Accawmacke Elementary School's Junior Beta Club of 22 fifth graders traveled to Hampton March 11 to compete in the Virginia State Beta Convention. The entire club competed in Group Talent, bringing home second place behind sister school Nandua Middle. The club also took third place in scrapbooking. Jake Ethington won first place in wood-working and Carolyn Kio received second in water colors. The Beta Club has received an invitation to represent Virginia at the National Convention in Richmond this June. Beta Club sponsors are Gwen Blake, Diana Kio, Kathy Cullen Henley and Sandra Ellenberger.



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Posted on December 10, 2015 by anpdc

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Ground Water Committee is seeking public nominations for an individual or group who is deserving of the 2015 Ground Water Award. The Virginia Ground Water Awards program seeks to recognize institutions and individuals whose activities benefit our limited ground water resources. Beneficial activities include water conservation, recharge area protection and preservation, aquifer preservation, recycling/reuse of water, pollution prevention, and public education and community outreach. Last year's recipient was Waste Watchers of the Eastern Shore for their exemplary years of voluntary service towards litter reduction, waste recycling and reuse, and education and outreach. **The Eastern Shore Rural Health Onley Community Health Center was rewarded in 2013 for their sustainable site development concepts.**

Ground Water Award winners will be invited to attend a future the Eastern Shore of Virginia Ground Water Committee meeting where they will be recognized with a certificate for their efforts towards protecting and preserving this vital resource to the Eastern Shore. They will also have their organization, institution, or individuals name engraved in a plaque recognizing winners of the award. A flyer can be found here.

All nominations must be submitted to the Eastern Shore of Virginia Ground Water Committee by January 15. Nominations must include a description of the beneficial activity and should be submitted to Curt Smith, Director of Planning at csmith@a-npdc.org or 23372 Front Street, Accomac, VA 23301.

For additional information, please contact Curt Smith at 787-2936 x114.

Wastewater Design Supplemental Summary

Northampton Community Health Center
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Wastewater Design

ESRH proposes to construct and operate a wastewater system that provides the same level of treatment and same method of disposal that is currently used at the Northampton Government Complex and Atlantic Community Health Center. Accordingly, protection of groundwater and the environment will not be compromised. The wastewater system will be designed and built to the standards and requirements of VA DEQ and VDH. Construction will not begin until a permit is obtained from VDH.

Applicant recently permitted, constructed and now operates the same type and size wastewater system at the Accomack County Health Center in New Church.

The size of the proposed site (14 acres) and the nature of the soils (loamy sand) provide adequate acreage and well-suited soils for the proposed method of disposal. The site will have adequate land available for a full replacement of the drain field, as is required by VDH regulations.

At this time Northampton County has not expressed interest to provide wastewater to the ESRH proposed property. Should Northampton County wish to extend sewer service to the proposed Community Health Center, it will be given full consideration by the applicant. The daily capacity required is 6,000 gallons per day. Per preliminary review, an estimate of the cost associated with pumping and installation of a force main from the site to the existing Northampton Government Complex is about two (2) times the cost of installing an onsite system. The applicant does not have access to easements or rights-of-way across private or public lands to be in a position to construct a sewer connection to the Northampton Government Complex wastewater system. These factors would need to be taken into consideration should the County express interest for providing wastewater services.

**Responses to R.H. Myers comments as submitted
during Public Hearings**

PLEASE ENTER THIS INTO PUBLIC RECORD FOR

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON 5 JAN 2016

Questions for Northampton Planning Commission regarding Rural Health application.

Please provide written answers with the assistance of Rural Health. Until these questions are answered satisfactorily I **cannot support** this application.

1. How will this application improve the medical services for the citizens of Northampton significantly above what exist today? **By consolidating Franktown and Bayview Community Health Centers we will be able to offer a 20,000+ square foot state-of-the-art facility that will provide potential expanded hours to include 10 hour days and Saturday hours, digital x-ray (which currently is not at either facility and consistent with what we offer at Onley and Atlantic which is for chest, limbs and extremities), expanded lab services and hours, potential telemedicine and additional providers and staff.**
2. Do the benefits of consolidation in one location through providing more and better medical services outweigh the obvious fact that citizens at both ends of the County will have to travel further to obtain these services? **Yes, ESRHS conducted a survey with our patients at Bayview and Franktown and overwhelming results indicated our patients would appreciate this building and not mind traveling the additional 6-8 additional miles from either north or south. In addition, consolidation and building a new center affords the opportunity for ESRHS to extend hours of operation, offer Saturday hours and assist in recruitment of providers to our community.**
3. What plans are part of this application for use/sale of the existing buildings in Franktown and Bayview? Could those facilities be enhanced for less money and services increased with new equipment and more staff? **ESRHS history with existing facilities after new ones have been built (Atlantic and Onley CHC) are as follows:**
 - Former Atlantic CHC: sold and now has 2-3 small businesses in that location**
 - Former Onley CHC: renovated and ESRHS Corporate Office now occupies that location**
 - Former Corporate Office in Nassawadox: sold and the current owner has placed it on the market****ESRHS has been in conversation with other community partners regarding use of Bayview and Franktown, however we would be placing these on market as we have done with our other facilities. While on the market all facilities have been maintain by our maintenance department and have remained alarmed through ADT.**
Regarding the question of enhancing existing facilities: a cost analysis has been conducted and due to the age of the buildings, limited acreage and inefficient layout, it would not be cost effective to do so.
4. Why has Rural Health not considered consolidating their proposal to include existing ambulance service operations into a joint operation that could be considered an Eastville Medical Center? **ESRHS has historically been open to ideas and suggestions to develop a "medical campus" concept which has justified purchasing addition acreage to allow for that concept however there has not been any development in that area. Note that having "ambulance service operations" does and would not imply that patients being transported by ambulance would be stopping at the proposed facility for care. It is not pertinent to this request.**

5. What guarantee would be provided with this application that the Rural Health proposed relocations would NOT prevent, in any way, another independent medical provider or medical provider associated with a hospital system NOT connected with Riverside from operating at or south of the Eastville location? **The proposed facility would not prevent, in any way, another independent medical provider or medical provider associated with a hospital system not connected with Riverside from operating at or south of the Eastville location. ESRHS does not require a COPN nor does it stand in the way of any entity desiring to submit one. (please see the attached documentation)**
6. With the aversion of Riverside Hospital System for operating its own sewage and well facilities, why is it that Rural Health is willing to do so? **ESRHS has had numerous discussions regarding "sewage and well facilities" with the county and the Town of Eastville. ESRHS has inquired about utilizing the existing system and continue to realize the challenges associated with that on behalf of both the county and ESRHS. At this writing ESRHS awaits a response to the Town of Eastville regarding their ability to provide the water requirements of the proposed facility for analysis. Since we are still in our planning stages are open to all suggestions pertaining to both these matters.**
7. Will Rural Health provide a 25 year guarantee that they will not request public sewage and well service from either Northampton County or the Town of Eastville? **No**
8. With this application, please provide a written justification that this proposal complies with the current Comprehensive Plan on all aspects regarding the site selection? **As stated at the Planning Commission meeting there are many aspects of this proposal that comply with the Comprehensive Plan and will be addressed by our architect and engineer.**
9. Access to the proposed location has no vehicle turn protection. Citizens using the facility will generally be ill and will not be attentive to driving safety as a healthy person. VDOT standards are NOT to approve left turns onto a highway such as US13 without turn signals. If Rural Health is adamant about this location, any permit should require an acknowledgement that ingress and egress to the facility from the east lane of US13 will be only by Willow Oak Road & Stumptown Rd. It should be acknowledged that the unprotected crossover 2100 feet north of Stumptown Rd will not be used and Rural Health will support its closing. **As in the past, ESRHS will comply with all VDOT requests to include but not be limited to egress and ingress requirements.**

Submitted by RH Meyers, 7615 Prettyman Cir, Exmore, VA

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Location 0 UNKNOWN **Map #** 00047/ 08 00/ 0000007/ /

Par Rec # 13213 **Owner** LYNN, RUSSELL A & HABERMAN, LINDA A

Assessment \$500,000 **PID** 12319

Building Count 1 **Description** LOT 7 YEARDLEY POINT FARM""

Lot Type Waterfront/Lot (395000 - 52000)

Current Value

Assessment					
Valuation Year	Building	Extra Features	Outbuildings	Land	Total
2014	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000

Owner of Record

Owner LYNN, RUSSELL A & HABERMAN, LINDA A **Sale Price** \$577,500

Care Of **Instrument #** LR11 879

Address PO BOX 2655 **Book & Page** 0/0

AQUEBOGUE, NY 11931 **Sale Date** 05/23/2011

Sale Type Q

Ownership History

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Owner	Sale Price	Instrument #	Book & Page	Sale Type	Sale Date	Plat
LYNN, RUSSELL A & HABERMAN, LINDA A	\$577,500	LR11 879	0/0	Q	05/23/2011	
JODY SCHULZ	\$0		0/0		12/30/2010	

Building Information

Building 1 : Section 1

Year Built:
Living Area: 0

Building Attributes	
Field	Description
Style	No Bldg
Model	
Grade	
Stories	

Building Layout

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Building Sub-Areas (sq ft)	Legend
No Data for Building Sub-Areas	

Foundation 1	
Exterior Wall 1	
Exterior Wall 2	
Roof Structure 1	
Roof Cover 1	
Interior Wall 1	
Interior Wall 2	
Interior Floor 1	
Fuel Type 1	
Heat Type 1	
AC Type 1	
Bedrooms	
Full Baths	
Half Baths	
Extra Fixtures	
Total Rooms	
Exterior Wall 3	
Interior Floor 2	
Interior Floor 3	
Style	
Heat Type 2	
FPL Openings	
Basement Area	
Fuel Type 2	

Extra Features

Extra Features	Legend
No Data for Extra Features	

Land

Land Use

Use Code 200V
Description SFD - Suburban - Vac
Zone
Alt Land Appr No

Land Line Valuation

Size (Acres) 1
Frontage

Outbuildings

Outbuildings	Legend
No Data for Outbuildings	

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