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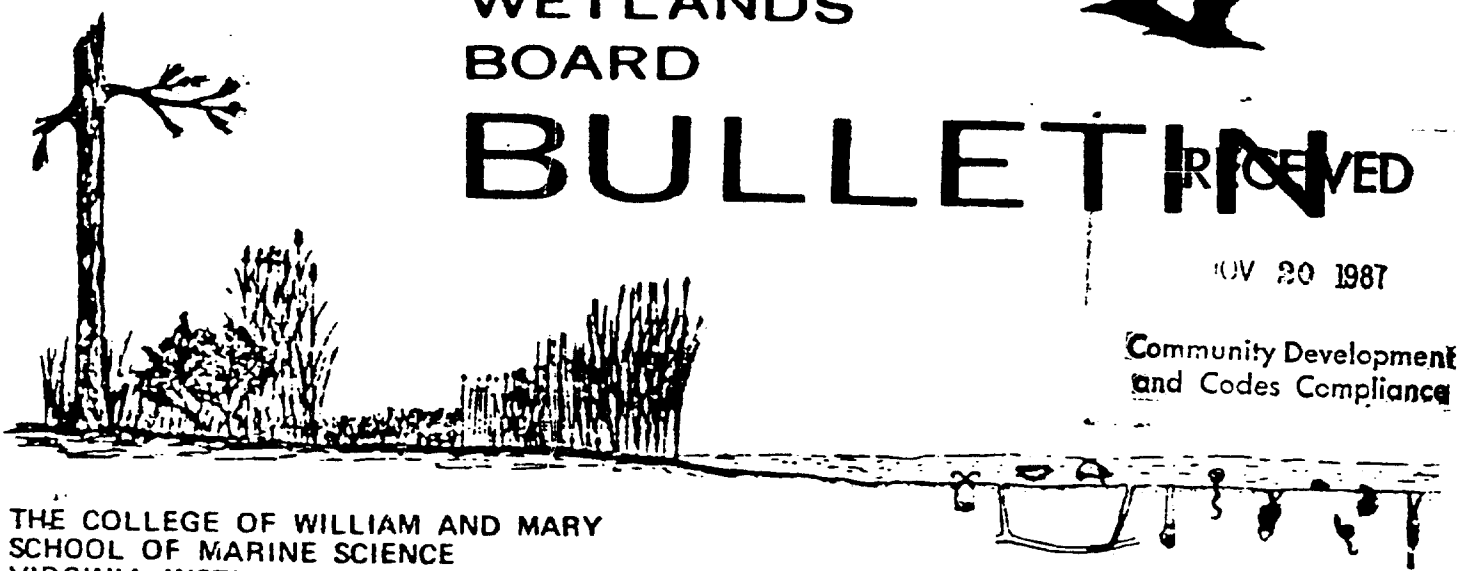


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TIDAL WETLANDS INVENTORIES

Personnel in the Wetlands Inventory Program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science will attempt to complete the unfinished inventories by 1990. Starting in 1988, revisions of those inventory reports 10 years old or older will begin. At this time, we are asking for input from wetland board members in the revision process. The updated inventories will be presented in a different format and will utilize recent aerial photography. We are now in the planning stage and invite your participation, keeping in mind that the final product will be limited by funds that are available to us.

Send your comments to:

Dr. Gene M. Silberhorn
VIMS

Gloucester Point, VA 23062

Special note: The Tidal Marsh Inventory for King William County and the Town of West Point are now available.

***** A Note From The Virginia Marine Resource Commission *****

Section 62.1-13.5(5) of the Code of Virginia requires that "All applications and maps and documents relating thereto shall be open for public inspection at the office of the recording officer of this(County, City, or town)." The recording officer of all counties, cities and towns is the Clerk of the Court. All documents, therefore, should be placed in the office of the Clerk of the Court for public inspection.

A recent wetlands board public hearing was deemed invalid by the County's Commonwealth's Attorney as a result of this technicality. They had placed these documents in the Planning and Zoning Office as part of their public review process.

Mr. Jay Lipscomb
VMRC-Habitat Management

***** WETLANDS TRACKING *****

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science is initiating a computer data retrieval system in an attempt to track permit applications and calculate the amount of wetlands lost and/or saved through wetlands board decisions.

In order to achieve an accurate record, we are requesting boards include in their permits the amount of wetlands impacted. The VIMS Shoreline Alteration Reports state the amount of wetlands impacted by the proposed project, however, if the Wetlands Board modifies the project it is necessary for us to know the amount of wetlands impacted after the modification.

For example, a proposed 100 foot bulkhead is to be constructed 3 feet channelward of Mean High Water and the VIMS report states that 300 square feet of nonvegetated wetlands will be lost due to project. If the Wetlands Board modifies the permit to allow construction of the bulkhead 1 foot channelward of Mean High Water, then the impacts would be reduced from 300 square feet to 100 square feet. It is necessary for us to know what the Board's modifications are and they should be included in the Board's permit.

An example from the Norfolk Wetlands Board is enclosed for your reference.

***** THIS ISSUE'S QUOTE *****

"Estuaries in general and salt marshes in particular are unusually productive places. None of the common agriculture, except possibly rice and sugar cane production, comes close to producing as much potential animal food as do the salt marshes. The agricultural crops which approach this high figure are fertilized and cultivated at great expense. The marsh is fertilized and cultivated only by the tides"

(John and Mildred Teal
Life and Death of the Salt Marsh, 1969)

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Lancaster Nature Trail created by Chesapeake Corporation is now open to the public. It is located about a mile west of the Lancaster Court House on Route 3. It provides an excellent walk with beautiful vistas of marshes of the Western Branch of the Corrotoman River.

Readers are asked to submit responsible questions concerning wetland ecology to Editor, Wetlands Board Bulletin, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Wetlands Program, Gloucester Point, VA 23062.



City of Norfolk

Wetlands Board

Application: _____

Applicants: _____

Wetlands Permit

Pursuant to Chapter 2.1 of Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and Chapter 49 of the Code of the City of Norfolk, 1979, the Wetlands Board of City of Norfolk, (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") on this _____ day of _____ 19____, hereby grants unto _____ (hereinafter referred to as the "Permittee") permission to:

Displace approximately 370 square feet of nonvegetated wetlands with the construction of approximately 92 linear feet of riprap revetment at _____ on the Elizabeth River.

in conformance with the plans and drawings dated, _____ which are attached hereto and made a part of this permit.

This permit is granted subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (1) The work authorized by this permit shall be completed by _____ after which time this permit shall become null and void. The completion date may be extended by the Board in its discretion. Any such application for extension of time shall be in writing prior to the above completion date and shall specify the reason for such extension and the expected date of completion of construction. All other conditions remain in effect unless revoked by the Board.
- (2) Except as hereinafter provided, all phases of the project shall conform in all particulars to the Permittee's application for wetlands permit.
- (3) The duly authorized agents of the Wetlands Board and Marine Resources Commission shall have the right to enter upon the premises at reasonable times, for the purposes of inspecting the work being done pursuant to this permit.
- (4) The Permittee shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations affecting the conduct of the project. The granting of this permit shall not relieve the Permittee of the responsibility of obtaining any and all other permits or authority required for the project.
- (5) The Permittee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, minimize the adverse effects of the project upon adjacent properties and wetlands and upon the natural resources of the Commonwealth.
- (6) This permit shall not be transferred without the prior written approval of the Board.
- (7) The Permittee or authorized agent shall contact the City of Norfolk's Environmental Services Division (Tel: 441-2152)-48 hours prior to commencement of any work within the wetlands area.
- (8) This permit may be revoked at any time by the Board upon the failure of the Permittee to comply with any of the terms and conditions herein.

(9) This permit is subject to the following special conditions:

1. The revetment shall encroach no further channelized than the alignment stated by Wetlands Board staff. The following measurements were taken from a seventeen (17) inch tree located on the property:

Stake #1	(s. corner)	=	29'
Stake #2	(middle)	=	51'
Stake #3	(n. corner)	=	67'

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