



**E-UPDATE**

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**Hampton Roads Economic Monthly**

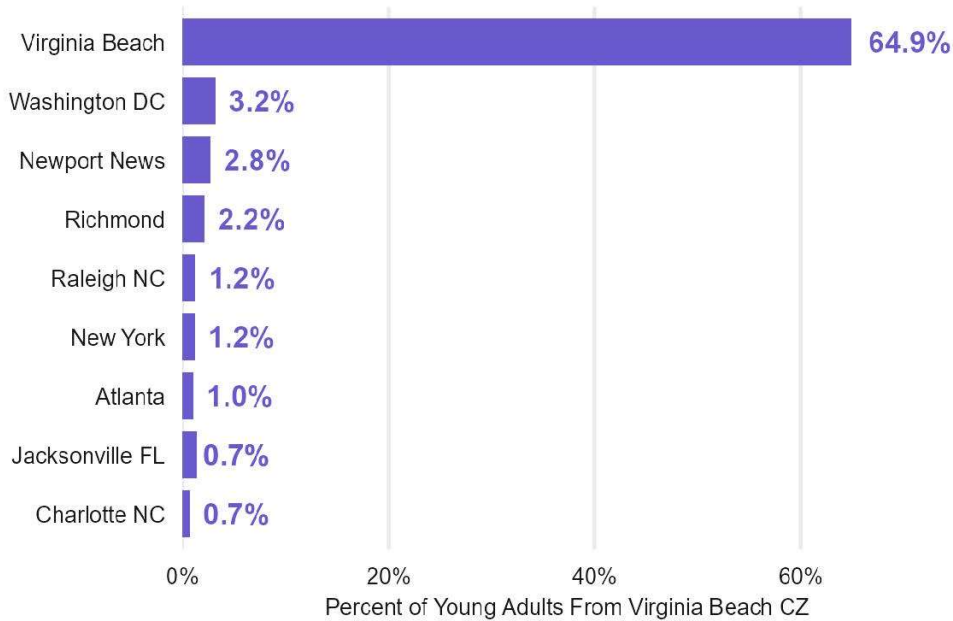
***Migration Patterns of Young Adults***

In previous articles, we explored the issue of net domestic out-migration and its impact on population growth in the Hampton Roads region. Over the past decade, Hampton Roads has consistently lost more residents to other parts of the country than it has gained. As birth rates decline and deaths increase due to an aging population, domestic migration has become a significant driver of population growth trends across metro areas.

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**Figure 1: Young Adult Migration From Virginia Beach CZ**

Top 10 Commuting Zone Destinations



***Map of the Month July: Solar Projects in Hampton Roads***

Over the last decade, sources of renewable energy like solar and wind have become widespread throughout the mid-Atlantic region. Since the introduction of the 2020

Virginia Clean Economy Act and other federal incentive programs, utility-scale solar has quickly been on the rise, developed in Virginia's agricultural and forested landscapes.

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## ***Do the Math Before Flooding Occurs***

Early predictions are calling for an extremely active 2024 Atlantic hurricane season. Take before bad weather arrives. Get Flood Fluent!

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## **Procurement Opportunities**

***Parking Lot Water Quality Retrofit*** (Submissions due at 1pm on July 23, 2024)

## **Public Comment Opportunities**

***HRTPO SMART SCALE Guidebook -Proposed Update*** (Comments received through July 17, 2024)

***HRTPO FY 2024-2027 TIP Amendments -July 2024*** (Comments received through July 17, 2024)

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***Congestion Management & Air Quality (CMAQ) Transportation Project Ideas*** (Downloads a Word file for completion and submission. *For more info on CMAQ visit the HRTPO webpage.* Submissions accepted through August 1, 2024)



## Public Comment Opportunities From Our Community Partners

**What:** The **Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program** is hosting a *Community Open Forum* to collect input from Virginians to help shape the first "*Virginia Ocean Plan*". *How and where do you interact with the Ocean? What ocean uses are important to you? What issues or concerns should we be considering?* This cafe style event will allow attendees to move through a series of staffed tables/exhibits to learn about the plan process and provide input at their own pace. During and afterwards attendees can enjoy several aquarium exhibits.

**Where:** *Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center*, 717 General Booth Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. *Google Map link*. Free parking!

**When:** **August 15, 2024 from 6:30 PM-9:30 PM.** Attendees can come at any point during that time frame.

**How:** Attendees are encouraged to *register using this link* for planning purposes. However, registration is NOT necessary.

**What Else?** This event is free and open to the public and is kid friendly with activities, giveaways, and access to select aquarium exhibits. Can't make this event? Go to the *DEQ Website* to see other ways to provide input including taking a survey, attending a virtual "townhall meeting", or sending us an email, voicemail, or text.

## HRPDC/HRTPO In the News

*Business notes for the week of July 8* (Virginian-Pilot, July 8, 2024)

*EPA Awards askHRgreen.org \$1.9M to Help Hampton Roads Residents 'Start Smart, Recycle Right'* (WYDaily, July 6, 2024)

*Amtrak ridership numbers in Hampton Roads are skyrocketing* (WTKR, June 28, 2024)

*Outer Banks Chamber supports the inclusion of the I-87 Corridor project in the 2050 Hampton Roads Long-Range Transportation Plan* (OBX Today, June 12, 2024)

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**The PDC/TPO E-UPDATE will take a break in August and will return in September.**

## Upcoming Meetings



**Just a reminder that the HRPDC and HRTPO do not meet during the months of August and**

# September. After the July meetings, the next meetings will be in October.

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