



Executive Director's Report for the
Fort Monroe Authority Board of Trustees Meeting
Bay Breeze Conference Center
June 18, 2015

Operations Report

Main Gate and North Gate Bridge Inspections

The Authority is required to perform bridge inspections no less than every two years. The inspections on the East Gate and Postern Gate were completed last year (which gave rise to the Postern Gate bridge repair). Kimley-Horn performed the bridge inspections in May and is preparing the final inspection reports. Based on a preliminary meeting held earlier this month, all 4 bridges are structurally sound but the Main Gate bridge will require an extensive list of repairs to spalled concrete and exposed rebar. The Authority has asked Kimley-Horn to prepare a preliminary engineering report to investigate the cost of the repairs compared to the cost of replacing the Main Gate bridge.

FY15 VDOT Maintenance Project Update

Pembroke Construction has completed a significant amount of the FY15 VDOT Scope of Work.

- The majority of the fifty-five ADA compliant sidewalks ramps along Fenwick, Ingalls, Patch and Bernard Roads have been completed.
- The replacement of twenty-eight existing traffic light signal heads at the Main Entrance and three vehicular entrances to the fortress is expected to start the week of June 8th.
- The replacement of four existing pedestrian signal heads at the North Gate and East Gate entrances is expected to start the week of June 8th.
- The design for the flume/spillway on Mellen Street at the property entrance to reduce ponding during rain events has been completed. The installation of the flume/spillway is expected to commence during the week of June 8th.

The Pembroke contract also includes unit price costs for repairing concrete sidewalks, patching potholes in asphalt and concrete pavement, and sealing cracks in asphalt pavement. Some pothole repair has already been completed. Once the flume/spillway project is completed the Authority will utilize the balance of the FY15 funds on these types of repairs. All work will be completed by June 30th.

Maintenance Reserve (MR) Project Update

The Fort Monroe Authority continues to work with the Department of General Services (DGS), Ballou Justice Upton Architects and Clark Nexsen Engineers on the design work and construction for the maintenance-reserve funded capital projects.

1. Work is substantially complete on the fire hydrant replacement project (CIP # 3-009). Punch-list items remain to be completed.

2. Work is coming to a conclusion on the large, multi-specialty project that includes elevated tankless water heaters (CIP # 8-001), elevated electrical systems improvements (CIP # 8-002) and improved sump pumps (CIP # 8-003) in 28 basements near the marina, together with structural repointing of mortar and roof repairs on buildings 100 (CIP # 8-009) and 83 (CIP # 8-006). Overall, the project is substantially complete. A number of punch list items remain.
3. Construction continues on the MRF sewer pipe and manhole repair project (CIP # 4-001) that includes the repair of sanitary sewer pipes and manhole structures at 16 separate sites across the property. The contractor on this project has a prior project commitment after June. Due to the delays on certain review and permitting processes, the contractor has requested to pull off the job and to return once their upcoming project commitment is completed towards the end of the calendar year. With only one area left to complete, the Authority has requested that the last area be removed from the contract scope and the contract closed out. The deleted scope may be added to a future sewer repair project.
4. Work continues on the pump station upgrade project (CIP # 4-005). The contractor is installing the last of the pump station antennas. Once the cabling is run to the new antenna on the water tank the system will be tested and turned over to the Authority.
5. Clark Nexsen has been working on the design for the replacement of pump station 180 (CIP # 4-002). Based on the status of the project, the Authority has requested that Clark Nexsen turn over all current design data and plans to the Authority. The Authority has requested that DGS close out this project even though the plans were not completed.

The FMA desires to close out all the existing projects being managed by DGS. Once all the project accounting is complete, the Authority and DGS will identify the remaining balance of the \$6.5 million in Maintenance Reserve funding provided by the state budgets in FY12, FY13 and FY14. The Authority will work with DGS and DPB to develop a process for the Authority to manage the projects to be completed with the balance of the MR funding.

VBPA \$22.5 Million Bond Program

On April 22nd the Authority attended a meeting in Richmond with members of the Department of General Services (DGS), the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) and the Treasury Department to discuss the program for implementing projects to be funded with the \$22.5 million of VPBA bond funding. At that meeting it was agreed that the Authority would contract for its own Project Manager, hire its own architecture and engineering firms and contract for its own construction. After the meeting the Authority prepared a list of minutes documenting the discussions. The list has been circulated to DGS and DPB for review. In the meantime, the Authority has issued a RFQ for Project Management services. Seventeen qualified proposals were received and the Authority is evaluating the proposals. Once the contract Project Manager is embedded at Fort Monroe, the Authority will issue a RFQ for architecture and engineering services for the design of the capital projects in the CIP plan approved by the Board of Trustees at the December meeting.

Building 83 Office Renovations

Work continues on the renovation of Building 83 as the new administrative office for the Authority. As the work is nearing completion, the Authority has scheduled its relocation to Building 83 for the weekend of June 27-28. As of June 29th, the Authority new mailing address will be 20 Ingalls Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651.

Real Estate Activity Report

Commercial Division

Commercial leasing activity continues to perform as predicted in previous *proforma* models, achieving or exceeding 20,000 square feet of annual net absorption. With occupancy of Category 1 assets at 90%, we will soon exhaust our deliverable commercial space and run the risk of failing to capture existing market demand. This is not an unforeseen problem and steps have been taken to avoid the situation. Specifically, we have commenced improvement planning on Category 2 assets with the intent to increase the deliverable Category 1 space. Additional details on those planning efforts as well as a summary of all commercial property arranged by category can be found in the pages that follow.

Significant Projects

Building 171: As previously reported, the lease with the YMCA has been executed and the Fort Monroe YMCA held its official grand opening on May 30, 2015.

Building 134: Building 134 is part of the TRADOC complex and houses the central heating and cooling plant for the entire complex. As previously reported to the Board, the heating & cooling plant is plagued by significant deficiencies including numerous pipe failures, improper pipe support structures; rusted and inoperable isolation valves and functional obsolescence, which will cost approximately \$150,000 to repair. The needed repair work began in April and is scheduled to proceed through June. The project is currently on schedule and on budget.

Building 37: As previously reported to the Board, a heating coil in Building 37 ruptured earlier this year resulting in the catastrophic release of steam and hot water into the building, which dispersed liquefied lead based paint throughout the ground floor of the building. We immediately implemented our standard operating procedures set out in the Lead, Asbestos and Mold Program ("LAMP") and remediated the lead paint and moisture exposure. However, during the remediation, damaged insulation in the mechanical room was discovered to be secured with asbestos containing mastic. We will now need to contract with a third party environmental cleanup provider to remove the asbestos containing material. This work is currently being priced and will begin this month.

Building 100: This represents the first of the Category 2 assets that is undergoing improvements in an effort to increase our marketable portfolio. The current layout of the building, along with its limited bathroom count and configuration, makes leasing the building challenging at best. We have engaged an architect to prepare construction drawings that would improve the bathroom layout and increase leasable office space for future tenants. The construction drawings have been completed and submitted to the Bureau of Capital Outlay Management (BCOM) for a courtesy review on January 13, 2015, approval is pending.

Building 80: Construction work for the conversion of Building 80 to multi-family housing has begun. Construction crews have commenced demolition this week, following receipt of a building permit from BCOM. A revised project schedule has not yet been prepared but project completion is estimated to be near the end of the third quarter of 2015.

Building 83: Construction work began on January 6, 2015 with an estimated completion date of May 5, 2015. The project has encountered several unexpected discoveries, which have caused the construction to fall behind schedule. The revised project completion date is June 14, 2015, with the FMA completing its move to the new office on June 29, 2015. Building 83 will serve as the new main office for FMA staff and is designed to accommodate some public activities.

Building 27A: Minor improvements to this building have begun and are scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2015. Building 27A will be the new office for the Real Estate Department's leasing team and property management group. The move to this building was necessitated by the need for additional, more efficient office space and offers the added benefits of freeing up visible, lease-ready office space in Building 73, while relocating staff to a difficult to lease building. The main shortcoming of building 27A is a lack of visibility, a trait most office tenants find undesirable. As our leasing office tends to be a destination location with little spontaneous tenant sourcing, the lack of visibility will not be an impediment to the leasing or property management staff.

Commercial Financial Summary

As of April 30, 2015, there was a net operating deficit of (\$219,726) for the month. This represents an unfavorable budget variance of (\$74,933). The unfavorable budget variance was largely a result of unforeseen fire life safety expenses and electrical repairs that were recorded during the month. Year-to-date net operating income was (\$2,179,406), which represents an unfavorable variance of (\$501,000). While the commercial division continues to operate at a deficit, we are experiencing ever increasing rental revenue from commercial leasing and we expect that trend to continue.

Residential Division

Residential occupancy currently sits at 98% with 161 units leased out of 163 available. What is noteworthy of that statistic is that the 2 vacancies that we currently have are a result of new unit delivery as opposed to market attrition. Since the last Board meeting, major repairs have been completed on three previously "down" units, thus making them available for lease. One of the three newly delivered units has been leased, leaving only 2 vacant units on the market.

Significant Projects

Units 167A, 167B & 61A: These homes were the first of the “down” units in which major repairs were undertaken. All of the repairs necessary to market these homes for lease have been completed and two of the homes are now vacant and available. With the addition of these units, our deliverable unit count has increased to 163.

Unit 61B: Much of the necessary repair work to bring this home online has been completed; however there remains significant repairs to the ceiling that require consultation with the Department of Historic Resources (DHR). Once consultation is complete, the work will be completed in short order and we expect the home to be available for the summer.

Unit 19: This is the latest down unit in which repairs have commenced. The home suffered significant water damage as a result of a leaking two-pipe, HVAC system. The system is antiquated and the work necessary to bring this unit online includes the design and installation of a modern HVAC system as well as significant ceiling and floor repairs necessitated by the failure of the old HVAC. We have engaged A&E services to design the new system and upon receipt of plan approval from BCOM and DHR, work will commence with a target completion date of September 2015.

Exterior Painting Project: The name of this project is a bit of a misnomer as we have discovered that many of the residential units suffer from significant wood deterioration. So much so, that it is impossible to simply paint the exterior of a home without budgeting and planning for substantial wood repair and replacement. All of the homes in our inventory are part of this project with those in the worst condition receiving top priority. Building 93 was the first home painted under this initiative and we have received multiple bids for the next home on the list, which is Building 123. Work on Building 123 will commence in June and we estimate that it will take 60 days to complete.

Residential Financial Summary

As of April 30, 2015, the residential division reported \$2,176,403 in net rental revenue year to date, which represents a 9% increase from FY14. Notable in the previous figures is the fact that we achieved an increase in revenue without increasing rent to our tenants. The net revenue increase is due in large part to a significant reduction in lease concessions, which decreased nearly 40% from FY14. Year-to-date net operating income was \$572,802, which represents a 15% increase from FY14. Demand for rental housing remains strong and we continue to enjoy upward rent pressure. Our central location in Hampton Roads and our unique mix of history and unparalleled scenery makes Fort Monroe a very desirable place to live.

Special Events Report

For the second year, the *Bodacious Boardwalk Bazaar* took place at Fort Monroe. In addition to the 250 vendors, entertainers and exhibitors, a wine-tasting festival and beer garden were added to the program. High winds and rain forced the organizer to cancel the first day of operation but great weather brought over 8,000 visitors out on the second and third days. This event generated just under \$13,000 in revenue for the Fort Monroe Authority and the Fort Monroe Foundation received \$4,000 from the wine festival proceeds and a \$5,000 donation from the Bodacious Bazaar organizer.

On Friday, June 5 the US Army Training and Doctrine Command Band returned to Fort Monroe for the first time since 2011 to kick-off the 2015 *Music by the Bay Concert Series*. Over 350 people were in attendance for this very special performance. The rest of the concerts will take place on Thursday evenings in June, July and August. In addition to the Thursday concerts, a special bonus concert featuring the Langley Winds will be in the Fort Monroe Theater on Saturday, June 13. All concerts begin at 7:00 pm.

Fourth at the Fort will be held on Saturday, July 4 from 6:00 to 9:30 pm. The patriotic celebration includes free family-friendly activities, food vendors and a concert by the US Navy Fleets Forces Band, Four Star Edition. The spectacular fireworks will once again be launched from atop the ramparts at 9:15 pm.

The 90th Hampton Cup Regatta will return on Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9. They will use the same basic footprint along Mill Creek as they have in the past.

The Fort Monroe Ghost Walk will have more stories to tell on Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24. On Saturday, December 12, the Mistletoe Homes Tour will feature four historic homes decorated for the holidays and open house locations at other special points of interest.

In addition to the public special events at Fort Monroe, there are many private events. So far, for the 2015 season there are 16 weddings booked at Continental Park and 53 picnics booked at Shelter 5. Due to the high demand for holding private events at Fort Monroe, the Outlook Beach Picnic Area was added to the list of rental sites on May 11. There have been 4 rentals at Outlook Beach.

The Fort Monroe Theater is now being managed by the Special Events Department. It is currently used for church services, concerts, graduation ceremonies and plays. A new permit application can be found on the Fort Monroe Authority website.

Casemate Museum Update

Tours:

Attendance in April 2015 was 3931, up 5% (an increase of 209 guests) from April 2014. Attendance for May 2015 was 4307, up 27% (an increase of 904 guests) from May 2015.

Tours of note during April and May included 21 students from Marquette High School in Wisconsin, two seminars from the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, and a group of Civil War History students from Muskingum University in Ohio. Additionally, the Museum hosted 110 students from Commonwealth Challenge Youth Academy, a publicly-funded, military-style secondary school in Virginia Beach operated by the National Guard.

Volunteers and Interns:

In April, the Museum recorded 167.25 volunteer hours, an increase of 56% from last April. In May, the Museum recorded 197 volunteers, an increase of hours 104% from last May.

Volunteers participated in events and tours and also worked as greeters welcoming the public to the Museum. Partner groups that participated in the Contraband Commemoration Event Series generated an additional 524.25 volunteer hours.

The Casemate Museum Education and Volunteer Coordinator collaborated with Old Point Comfort Yacht Club (OPCYC) and the City of Hampton to arrange a volunteer/staff trip to historic Fort Wool, Fort Monroe's sister fort situated in Hampton Roads, between Hampton and Norfolk. OPCYC provided boat transport to the island for a guided tour led by Mike Cobb, retired curator of the Hampton History Museum. This professional development opportunity will help staff and volunteers better honor and share the history of both fortifications.

FMA welcomed a corps of six college volunteer interns who will be assisting the Museum and communications staff throughout the summer. They represent the following educational institutions: Virginia State University, Hampton University, Christopher Newport University, Old Dominion University, and Saint Bonaventure University. Their areas of study include: History, Philosophy, Political Science, Journalism, Graphic Design, and Website/Graphic Design.

Outreach:

On Saturday April 11, 2015, the Casemate Museum hosted a welcome reception for Bertram Hayes-Davis, great-great grandson to Jefferson Davis. The objective of the event was to commemorate and continue to preserve the history of Fort Monroe. The Fort Monroe Authority, the Casemate Museum Foundation, and the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Monroe sponsored the event.

On Saturday April 18, 2015, Museum staff served as judges at the Virginia History Day competition at Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia.

The Casemate Museum Historian developed a presentation to share research findings from recent trips to the National Archives in support of the Casemate Museum Historic Structures Report (HSR). During April and May, the Historian spoke at Warwick Forest Retirement home in Newport News, the Chamberlin, and the Virginia Peninsula chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, reaching a total of well over 200 people.

On May 12, 2015, Mark St. John Erickson of the *Daily Press* interviewed the Director of the Casemate Museum and the Historian. Mr. Erickson produced an article and online video featuring the Casemate Museum focusing on the sesquicentennial anniversary of the arrival of captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis at Fort Monroe.

On May 20, 2015, the Director of the Casemate Museum presented at the monthly Sierra Club meeting in Hampton. Mr. Reed was invited to speak about the changing landscape of Fort Monroe, particularly focusing on US Army fill and land reclamation projects during the 20th century and sites that were formally wetlands.

Partnerships:

Casemate Museum staff attended the Tidewater Museum Emergency Support Team (MEST) Inaugural meeting at Hampton University on April 30, 2015. MEST includes local museums, historic houses, archives, libraries and other cultural preservation groups. Participants discussed their current state of disaster planning, opportunities for mutual assistance, and other topics.

Museum staff met with Hampton University History Class 399 for a professional development field trip to see “behind the scenes” of the Casemate Museum and learn about museum careers. Museum staff met with the students, reviewed their resumes, and outlined what a typical day is like working at a museum.

The Casemate Museum Education and Volunteer Coordinator met with supervisors from Alternatives, Inc., a youth development organization headquartered at Fort Monroe. The Casemate Museum is partnering to support the “Gator Academy” summer programming, which supports personal development and academic excellence through enrichment activities. This partnership is the beginning of a fruitful relationship between the two organizations.

The Casemate Museum and Fort Monroe National Monument sponsored an evening *Freedom Concert* in Continental Park attended by 131 people as part of the Contraband Commemoration Event Series. Performers included Legacy of the Weyanoke, Music Mosaic, and Middleton Academy of Dance. Musical and dance selections invoked remembrance of the Contraband Decision and examined the themes of freedom, perseverance, and strength in overcoming bondage.

Additionally, the Museum coordinated with Fort Monroe National Monument to host living history tours and family activities to commemorate the 154th Anniversary of the Contraband Decision. The living history walking tours hosted 157 guests and 347 guests attended the Casemate Museum and activities, which included programs by the Hampton History Museum, the New York 99th, and Tidewater Maritime Living History Association living history groups. As part of the commemoration, the Casemate Museum, Fort Monroe National Monument, and partner organizations Sankofa Project, Contraband Historical Society, Legacy of Weyanoke, and Robert Smalls Squadron presented a Contraband Commemoration Ceremony in Cannon Park. The program included a ritual libation, living-history vignette, chorale procession, poetic tribute, and candle-lit vigil to remember of the events that culminated in the Contraband Decision at Fort Monroe on May 24, 1861 and reflect on their historical influence.

Other notable partnership activities during April & May included:

The Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Heart Association hosted their top donors for an after-hours reception in the Casemate Museum.

The Casemate Museum participated in the Hampton Convention and Visitors' Bureau Star Ambassador Tours designed to give front-line hospitality staff first-hand experience at the City's top tourism sites.

The Casemate Museum Historian attended the American Friends of Lafayette (AFL) annual meeting in Yorktown. Mr. Kelly was invited by the AFL to present information about the plans for *Lafayette Returns!*, a Fort Monroe Foundation event that will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015, honoring Lafayette's visit to Fort Monroe in 1824. During the weekend Mr. Kelly made connections with the Alliance Francaise of Hampton Roads, Lafayette College, and Members of the French Army & Navy stationed in Norfolk as members of NATO

Archive Management / Collection:

During the week of May 22, 2015 the Casemate Historian conducted research at the National Archives in Philadelphia, PA in support of the Historic Structures Report (HSR). James Lee of the National Park Service joined Mr. Kelly and together they reviewed Engineering Records, Ordnance Records, and Fort Monroe daily reports from 1817-1870. Over 250 digital images of historic documents were captured. The images are currently being cataloged and organized and select documents will be transcribed and then provided to the NPS for inclusion in the final HSR document.

Museum Staff met with Joe Rainer, Chief of Museums and Historical Property for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, to examine and provide a record of the Museum's reproduction uniforms and accoutrements.

A large donation was received consisting of two uniform coats, a shirt, several patches & devices, and some photos of a WWII soldier who trained at Fort Monroe with the artillery.

A donation was made of objects found (dug) in 2003 near the Chamberlin. Objects include several pieces of Chamberlin china, silver serving and teaspoons along with other miscellaneous objects. Of special interest is an intact Old Point Pharmacy bottle.

Museum staff worked with the curator of the Museum of the Albermarle in obtaining photos of the Chapel of the Centurion's Tiffany window for an exhibit they are producing on Tiffany windows.

Communications Report

Media clips since the last Board meeting are attached.

Historic Preservation Report

Properties

As reported in May, a chimney stack was reconstructed at Building 100. Masonry rework was needed after the repair, and the masons completed those tasks May 28. Recent project plans reviewed along with Operations and Real Estate departments include the following locations: buildings 8, 27A, 83, and 171 and site work for the Metro Fiber project and for Fort Monroe roads and bridges. The gutters replacement project progressed to an RFP and a pre-proposal meeting.

The FMHPO was consulted on the adaptive reuse of Building 12. While not a contributing property to the Fort Monroe National Historic Landmark (NHL) District, Building 12 was built in 1915 and is a notable feature in the 'Western Wherry' area.

A project to install heating and cooling systems into Building 19 is also currently in preplanning.

Archaeological Management (sitewide)

The Heritage Assets Department reviews dig permit applications to determine if proposed work has potential to affect identified or unidentified archaeological deposits. Recent and historical (pre-FMA) findings are being entered into the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) database, the Virginia Cultural Resource Information System (V-CRIS). DHR is further considering an FMA application for an annual state lands permit for work around Fort Monroe utilities. This permit would be the first of its kind in Virginia.

Casemate Museum

FMA signed the agreement May 20 between NPS Historic Architecture, Conservation and Engineering Center (HACE) in Lowell, Massachusetts and NPS FOMR for a Historic Structure Report (HSR) investigation of historic fort casements from the Casemate Museum galleries through the former Fort Monroe Officers' Club. The project is funded with OEA funds. The agreement terms provide for FMA actively procuring and performing tasks in support of the investigation. Among other activities, excavation of two terreplein (aka ramparts) drains over the Museum are planned for late Summer/early Fall 2015. The FMA and NPS will have and use the opportunities during the work and at the conclusion of the project to educate the public about the fort's unique construction.

Army

BRAC environmental remediation program continues, with the updated plan to be returned and additional carve-outs to be coordinated with EDC parcels.

Munitions Event

The Army, FMA, Hampton Fire Department, and Langley Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) responded to a munition discovered June 8, 2015 near the Post Exchange. The munition is presumed to have been encountered during a recent repair of a broken water line.



NPS

Building 17 (aka Lee's Quarters) Leaking Underground Storage Tank: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) continues leading this response for equipment on Commonwealth property to be deeded to NPS FOMR. After Diesel Range Organic (DRO) compounds above allowable limits were found around the tank, DEQ, FMA and NPS jointly prepared a plan to close the tank in place, test and monitor for a full closure. DEQ's contractor performed the closure and placed five (5) monitoring wells May 11-12. The onsite readings suggest the source of contamination was a spill(s) and not a breached tank as originally suspected. This is an area of known archaeological deposits and FMA's archaeologist was present to monitor the well boring activities. The FMHPO will circulate for comment a draft archaeological monitoring report required by the DHR permit amongst NPS and DEQ before submission to DHR.

USGS

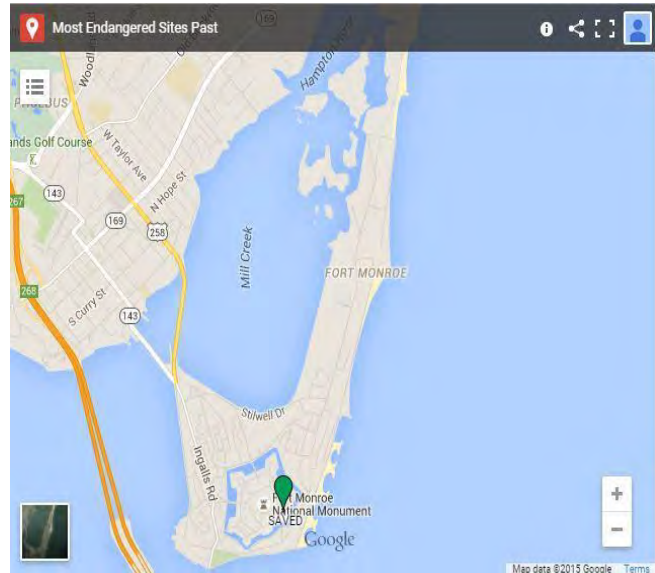
Tide Gage

The USGS will have two agreements for a Fort Monroe tide gage station at the Navy Pier: 1) between USGS and US Army Corps of Engineers to install the tide gage on US Army lands at the edge of Parcel 2 and the Buildings 204 & 205 environmental carve-out 2) between USGS and FMA for long-term placement, use and operation of the tide gage. The gage is funded by Congressional appropriations for Hurricane Sandy response and will provide long-term water level data and real-time warnings of storm surges at Fort Monroe's most vulnerable shoreline location. This will aid protection of at-risk properties in the Fort Monroe National Historic Landmark District.

Administration

The FMHPO is working with DHR and NPS to resolve issues from DHR comments on the *Fort Monroe Historic Preservation Manual and Design Standards* received in February, May, and June. Meetings were held with DHR on May 12 and 15 and NPS on June 3 to discuss those recent comments.

The FMHPO attended the 2015 Virginia Historic Preservation Symposium June 1 at Bacon's Castle in Surry. Fort Monroe was presented as a successful historic preservation case study, in contrast to losses and endangered historic sites across the Commonwealth. The Preservation Virginia website provides current and historical information about preservation issues and historic sites that have been on the Endangered Sites list. Fort Monroe was listed in 2007 – the current status is 'SAVED.'



Environmental Management

Heritage Department staff participated in the EPA and DEQ Stormwater Management Forum for MS4 permittees in May.

The ineffective drain near the Mellen Street entrance to Fort Monroe will be improved beginning June 10. This site requires an onsite archaeological assessment to avoid potential buried deposits.

FMA's programmatic activities under the Municipal Separate Stormwater System (MS4) program include education, outreach and public participation. A recent example was FMA's participation June 6 as Chesapeake Bay Foundation's 2015 Clean the Bay Day signature site. Sixty-nine (69) people, including Boy Scouts, active military, FMF volunteers, and FMA employees picked up the following: 7475 pounds (4225 pounds of bagged debris in 169 total bags and 3250 pounds of non-bagged debris, including a 3000 pound telephone pole). Approximately twenty (20) Boy Scouts joined FMA Environmental Coordinator Sam Henderson in marking 20 storm drains with "Only Rain Down the Drain." Kudos to Sam Henderson and FMA Volunteer Coordinator Joan Baker for collaborating to make a great 2015 Clean the Bay Day at Fort Monroe!



FMA has a goal of exemplary natural and cultural resource stewardship and will provide environmental awareness and management training for all FMA and contract employees beginning June 2015.

Upcoming

The 'First Africans' state highway historical marker near Engineer Pier will be replaced, along with a companion sign near Jamestown. The Fort Monroe marker dedication ceremony is scheduled for August 20, coinciding with an FMA Board meeting and an evening concert.

FMA public works contractor will be touching up the paint on other historical markers around the property as part of their administration VDOT-funded roads maintenance.