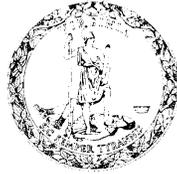


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June 13, 2007

Mr. James B. Oliver, Jr.
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Re: City of Portsmouth's Erosion and Sediment Control Program

Dear Mr. Oliver:

In response to information presented to the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board by the Department of Conservation and Recreation staff, the Board approved the following motion:

"The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board commends the City of Portsmouth for successfully improving the City's Erosion and Sediment Control Program to become fully consistent with the requirements of the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Law and Regulations, thereby providing better protection for Virginia's soil and water resources."

We congratulate the City of Portsmouth on this substantial accomplishment and recognize the City's efforts to proactively protect Virginia's soil and water resources through implementation of effective erosion and sediment control.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph H. Maroon".

Joseph H. Maroon
Director

c: Cindy Linkenhoker, Erosion Control Program Administrator
Fran Geissler, Albemarle, Chowan and Coastal Regional Manager
Eric R. Capps, Erosion and Sediment Control Program Manager