



**SHORE DRIVE COMMUNITY COALITION**  
**P.O. Box 51592**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23455**

August 5, 2018

Lynnhaven Municipal Wharf Permit Application NAO-2007-03405

Dear Ms. Floyd,

On behalf of the Shore Drive Community Coalition (SDCC), an organization of 15 civic groups along Shore Drive in Virginia Beach, the following letter is being submitted in opposition to Permit Application NAO-2007-03405 requesting the temporary Lynnhaven Municipal Wharf (LMW) remain as a permanent structure. SDCC requests the permit be denied based on the City of Virginia Beach's proposed use of the permanent LMW as a dredge material transfer station (DMTS) for their neighborhood dredging program. The use of the LMW as a DTMS will result in safety concerns for visitors using the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and Beach Facility and may also have adverse environmental impacts to oyster farms located in the Lynnhaven inlet.

The following details are being submitted to support prohibiting the site as a DMTS.

- The City of Virginia Beach has two DMTS sites (Thalia and Pep Boys) located in commercial areas adjacent to Virginia Beach Boulevard for use in their neighborhood dredging program. These sites can support future projects located at the mouth of the eastern and western branches of the Lynnhaven.
- The Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and Beach Facility spoils area already supports hydraulic dredging of beach quality sand from the Lynnhaven Inlet. Adding an unknown amount of industrial truck traffic from DMTS operations will add unnecessary scheduling and safety conflicts at the LMW.
- The proposed DMTS truck route creates safety conflicts where it crosses the under bridge beach access between boat ramp parking and public beach near 3556 On the Bay condominium.
- Materials dredged from neighborhood canals have a high potential of containing hazards that if leaked during DMTS operations would be detrimental to nearby oyster farms.

In the public interest, SDCC requests a public hearing be held as part of the application process. A public hearing would allow the impacted community to adequately address each of the proposed uses identified by the City of Virginia Beach. It would also be helpful to hold the hearing close to the LMW with a preferred site being the Chesapeake Bay's Brock Environmental Center.

Sincerely,

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