

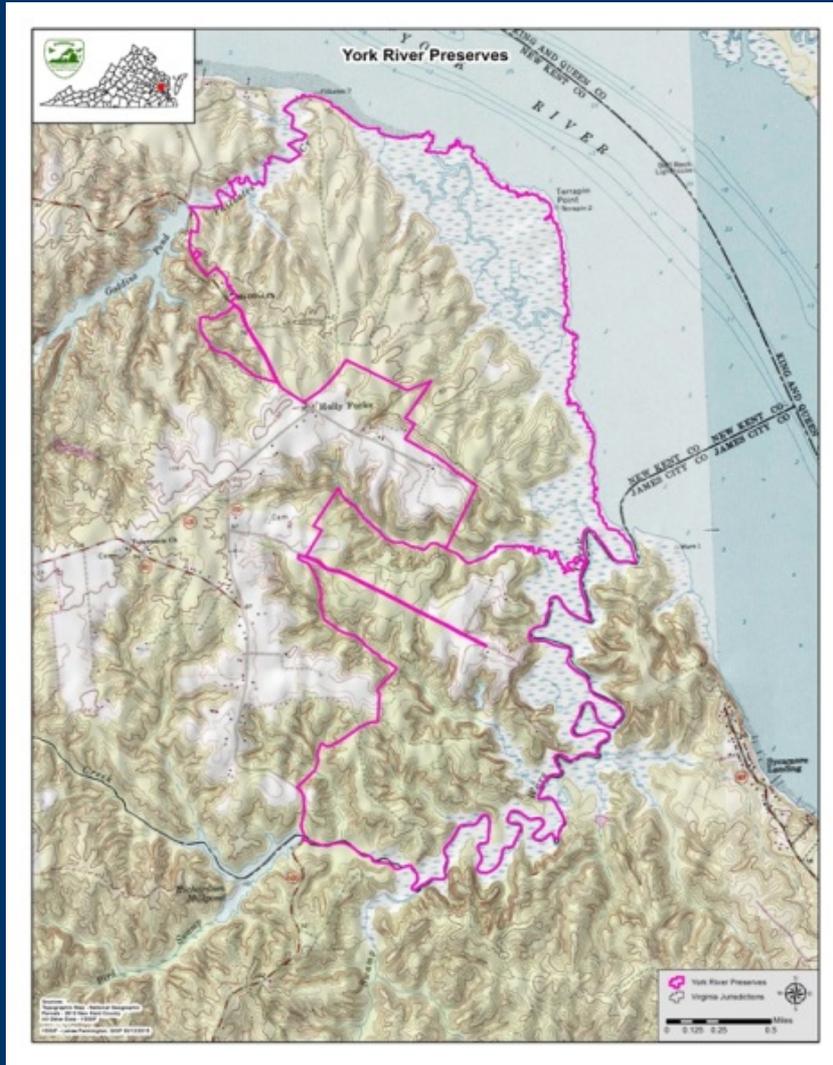
# COASTAL POLICY TEAM UPDATE

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- 2,650 acres
- 700+ acres nationally-declining wetlands
- New Kent/James City development rates
- \$9.3 million
  - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
  - Virginia Land Conservation Foundation
  - The Nature Cons.
  - NWTF
  - DU
  - WFV
  - Private donors

# ***FEDERAL ACTION – THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES***

- 2010 – Center for Biological Diversity petitioned U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list 404 SE species
- Settlement – USFWS to address 251 existing candidates by 2017
- Post-settlement – addressing 361 species, have not scheduled 235 species for which little to no information is known
- Nearly half of the species will be coordinated by NE or SE USFWS regional offices
- We have opportunities to provide input into decisions

# ***FEDERAL ACTION – THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES***

- Work expected to be completed FY2017-FY2023
- 60 species occur in Virginia
- Primarily western and southwestern Virginia
  - Freshwater mussels and fish
  - Cave beetles
- Addressing designation of critical habitat at the same time if actually propose listing
- Provides greater predictability of actions and opportunities for proactive conservation

# FEDERAL ACTION – THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES – VA COASTAL ZONE

## ■ Birds

- Bicknell's thrush
- Black rail
- Black-capped petrel
- Salt marsh sharp-tailed sparrow

## ■ Mammals

- Little brown bat

## ■ Fish

- Chesapeake logperch

## ■ Reptiles

- Northern red-bellied cooter
- Spotted turtle
- Wood turtle

## ■ Plants

- Bog spicebush

## ■ Invertebrates

- Green floater mussel
- Brook floater mussel
- Yellow lance mussel
- Atlantic pigtoe mussel
- Monarch butterfly
- Regal fritillary (butterfly)
- Frosted elfin (butterfly)
- Tidewater amphipod
- Northern Virginia well amphipod
- Lobed roachfly?
- Yellow-banded bumblebee?
- Virginia stone?