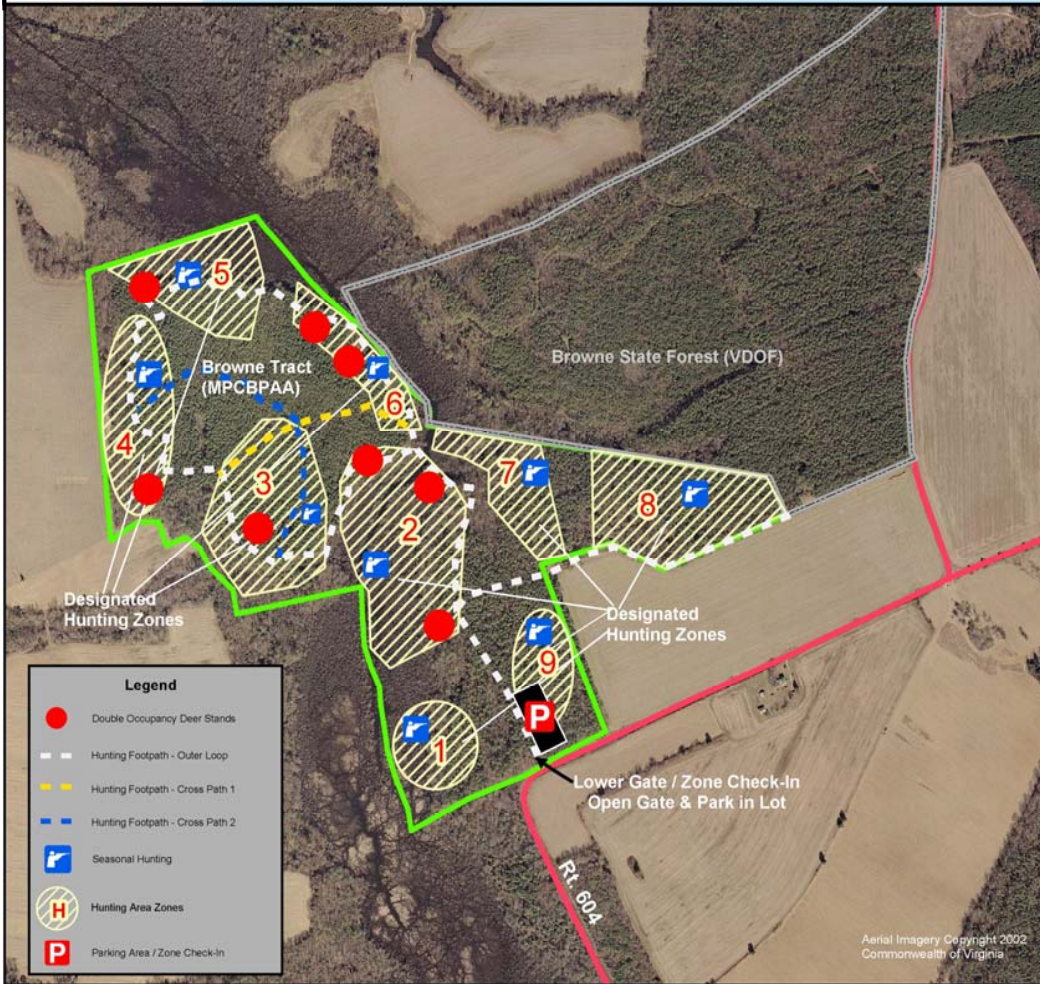




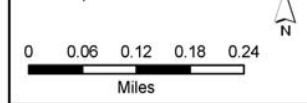
## Browne Tract Hunting Zones



*Providing access opportunities to  
the waterways of Virginia's  
Middle Peninsula*



Browne Tract (MPCBPAA): green  
Browne State Forest (VDOF): grey  
Roads: pink



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## MIDDLE PENINSULA CHESAPEAKE BAY PUBLIC ACCESS AUTHORITY

### **What is the Public Access Authority?**

Established by Virginia State Code 15.2-6600 through 15.2-6625, the Public Access Authority (MPCBPAA or PAA) is a political subdivision that acts to serve the public access needs of the encompassed communities.

### **When was the Authority enabled?**

The MPCBPAA was created by the Virginia General Assembly on April 7, 2002 and ratified by participating localities on June 13, 2003.

### **Who are the members?**

The Counties of Essex, Gloucester, King & Queen, King William, and Mathews and the Towns of Tappahannock, Urbanna, and West Point.

### **Why was the Authority enabled?**

The PAA was established to identify, acquire, and manage public water access opportunities in the region that can be used by the general public for passive and active activities.

## AUTHORITY DIRECTORS

**Essex County** – Mr. R. Gary Allen, *Treasurer*

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## BROWNE TRACT

### **What is the Browne Tract?**

The Browne Tract is a 274-acre tract of land straddling Essex and King & Queen counties. It has approximately 7,500 feet of water frontage on the Dragon Run Swamp and about 2,500 feet of frontage on Route 604 in Essex County.

### **Who manages the Browne Tract?**

The Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority manages 137-acres of this 274-acre tract purchased with grants from the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program at the Department of Environmental Quality. The Virginia Department of Forestry manages the residual 137-acre parcel.

### **How was a management plan developed?**

Virginia State Code, 15.2-6600 through 15.2-6625 directs the Authority to develop appropriate acquisition and site management plans for public access usage. Through collaboration with stakeholders, a management plan was adopted that focused on resource conservation and compatible activities.

### **What are the management goals of this site?**

The primary goals of the site are to protect geographic areas of particular concern in the coastal zone and to provide passive public access, resource protection, and sustainable traditional uses; i.e., forestry and hunting. The Authority will implement management strategies designed to make the site more accessible and functional to a variety of users, as well as reduce negative impacts to the natural resources of the area.

### **Why was this location chosen as a MPCBPAA site?**

The site's diverse terrain, flora, and fauna provide the basis for a wide range of multi-use activities. These activities will be separated geographically and temporally based on compatibility within the tract. This maximizes the multi-use aspect of the plan, while minimizing harmful impacts to natural resources.

### **What types of activities are available on this site?**

Potential activities incorporated on the tract cover a variety of low-impact uses, including hiking, biking, horseback riding, paddling, wading, bird and reptile watching, fishing, hunting, hunter safety workshops, research forest practices, forest and habitat management, riparian buffer demonstration, environmental education and research, restoration of species, and water quality monitoring.



Browne Tract Walking Bridge Looking South