Coastal Resilience Technical Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM





Meeting Agenda

- 1) Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
- 3) Adoption of Meeting Minutes from June 18th, 2024
- 4) Reports from DCR
- 5) Reports from TAC Subcommittees
 - Recommendations Discussion
- 6) New Business
 - TAC Member Discussion and Updates
- 7) Public Comment
- 8) Adjourn



Reports from DCR

Community Flood Preparedness Fund, Round 5
Dam Safety Regulatory and Statutory Workgroups
Interagency Resilience Management Team
Flood Resilience Advisory Committee
Annual Coordination Meeting / Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan
Office of Resilience Planning Staff Update
Coastal Resilience Master Plan, Phase II updates



Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan, Phase II

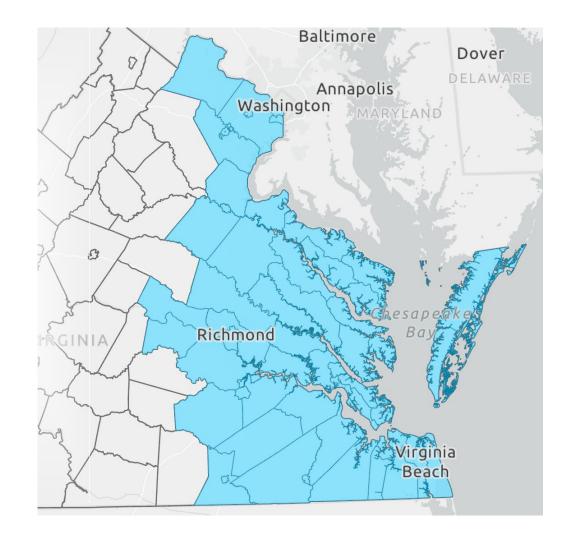
WHAT IS THE CRMP?

A **trusted resource** to assist government entities in making evidence-based decisions to mitigate severe and repetitive flooding.

- Provides a unified baseline analysis of the threat of increasing flood exposure and impacts in Virginia's coastal region due to sea level rise and changing precipitation patterns.
- Identifies opportunities to prioritize impactful flood resilience solutions, showcasing an inventory of government-led or supported projects and initiatives across the coastal region.

DELIVERY DETAILS

- Major plan elements: hazard exposure, impact assessment, planned resilience actions, financial needs, and subcommittee recommendations
- December 2024 timeline for delivery, updated every five years
- See Code of Virginia §10.1-658, 659





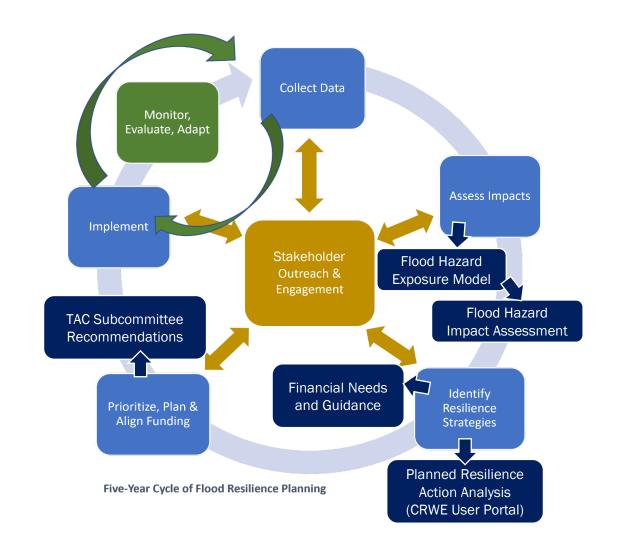
Coastal Resilience Master Plan, Phase II

DELIVERABLES

- 1) Plan Document (PDF)
- 2) Updated Coastal Resilience Web Explorer

KEY COMPONENTS

- 1) Flood Hazard Exposure Model
- 2) Flood Hazard Impact Assessment
- Planned Resilience Actions
- 4) Financial Needs for Flood Resilience
- 5) TAC Subcommittee Recommendations

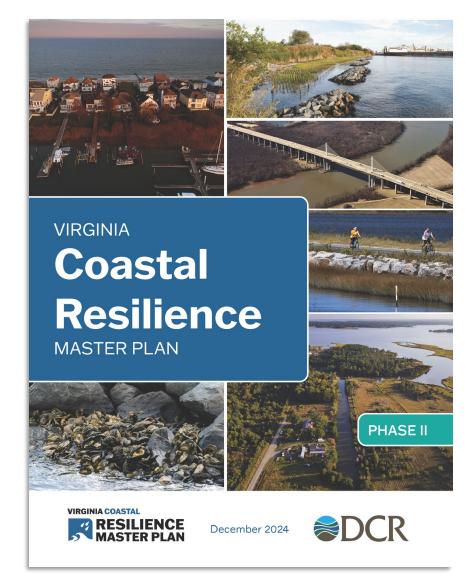




Document Development Update

PHASE II PLAN OUTLINE

- Chapter 1: Introduction: background and overview of the Coastal Resilience Master Planning effort.
- Chapter 2: Flooding in Coastal Virginia: presentation of key findings from the flood hazard exposure and impacts assessment for the entire planning area.
- Chapter 3: Advancing Flood Resilience in Coastal Virginia: summary of findings from the resilience actions analysis for the entire planning area, and recommendations of the TAC.
- Chapter 4: Regional Resilience Profiles: for each PDC, summary of major flood impacts, regional success stories, and findings from the resilience actions analysis.
- Chapter 5: Looking Ahead: recommended uses for the plan and next steps for the Office of Resilience Planning to make findings and recommendations actionable.



Draft Plan Cover Page



CRMP Phase II Planning Scenarios and Flood Hazard Data

| Planning Horizon | Baseline ~2000-2020 | Near Future ~2030-2060 | | Far Future ~2060-2100 | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Scenario | - | Moderate High | | Moderate | High | |
| Risk Tolerance | - | Moderate | Low | Moderate | Low | |
| Coastal | 2020 CRMP | 2040 CRMP | 2060 CRMP | 2060 CRMP | 2080 CRMP | |
| Pluvial | Atlas14 | 2020-2070 RCP 4.5 Median | 2020-2070 RCP 4.5 90 th % | 2050-2100 RCP 4.5 Median | 2050-2100 RCP 4.5 90 th % | |
| Fluvial | FEMA | FEMA | FEMA | FEMA | FEMA | |

Coastal: 2020 CRMP MSL adjusted based on tidal observations. 2040, 2060, & 2080 CRMP based on NOAA 2017 Intermediate-High Relative Sea Level Rise Projection Pluvial: Precipitation values from Atlas14 and MARISA RCP 4.5 will be rounded to the nearest interval based pluvial model using conventional rounding.



CRMP Phase II Changes from the Baseline Scenario

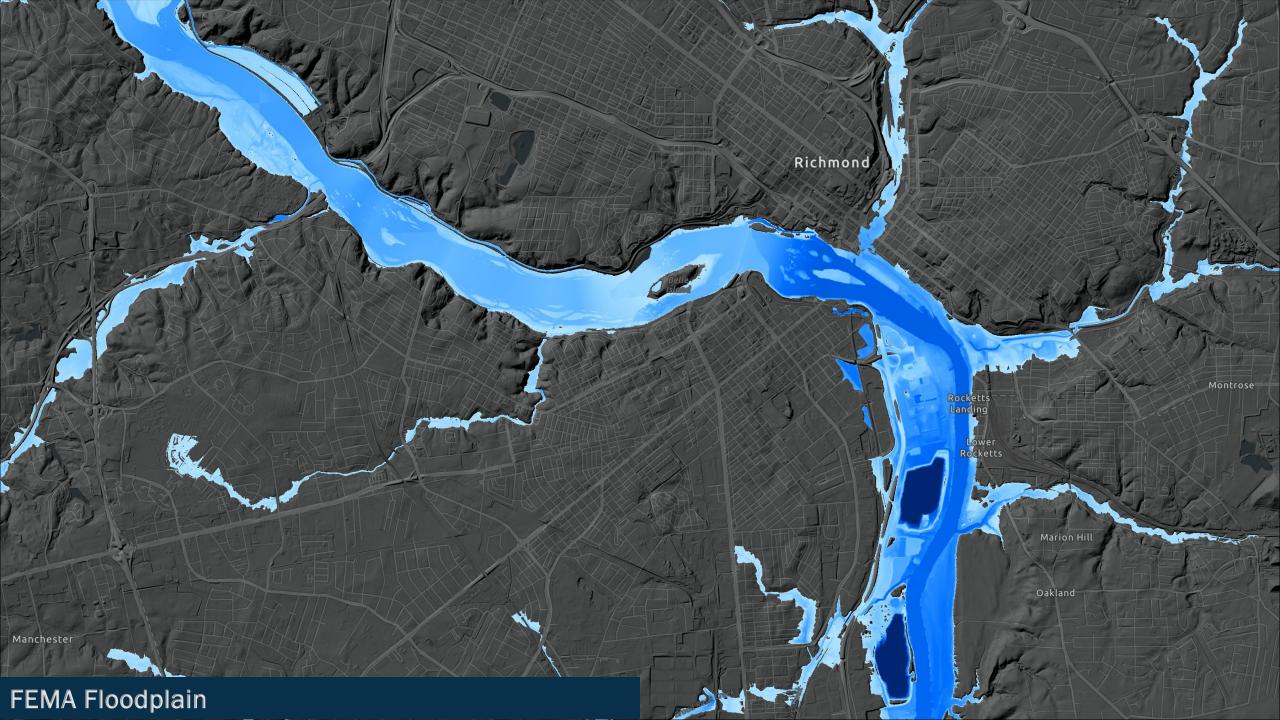
| | Near Future ~2030-2060 | | | Far Future ~2060-2100 | | |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Flood Source | Coastal | Rainfall | Riverine | Coastal | Rainfall | Riverine |
| High Scenario (Low Risk Tolerance) | ~+3.0 ft Sea Level Rise | ~+25% Precipitation | No Change | ~+4.6 ft Sea Level Rise | ~+30% Precipitation | No Change |
| Moderate Scenario (Moderate Risk Tolerance) | ~+1.7 ft Sea Level Rise | ~+6% Precipitation | No Change | ~+3.0 ft Sea Level Rise | ~+11% Precipitation | No Change |



Flood Frequency Terms from CRMP Phase I

| Reference Flood Event | Event Description (Likelihood) | Average Return Interval (Frequency) | Chance of o 5 years | ccurring in* 10 years | 30 years | Example Storm Type |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Tidal | Mean Low Water | Always Inundated | 100% | 100% | 100% | None, |
| Hudi | Mean High Water | Inundated Daily | 100% | 100% | 100% | Daily High Tide |
| Chronic | 50% AEP | 2 years | 97% | 100% | 100% | Gale, Smaller Coastal |
| Chronic | 20% AEP | 5 years | 70% | 90% | 100% | Storm |
| Moderate | 10% AEP | 10 years | 41% | 65% | 96% | Tropical Storm, |
| Moderate | 4% AEP | 25 years | 19% | 30% | 71% | Nor'easter |
| Major | 2% AEP | 50 years | 10% | 18% | 46% | Strong Nor'easter, |
| Major | 1% AEP | 100 years | 5% | 10% | 26% | Category 2 hurricane |
| Extreme | 0.2% AEP | 500 years | 1% | 2% | 6% | Category 3+ hurricane |







Impact Assessment Update

In Dewberry scope

In Stantec scope

Asset List Review

Developing the base asset database

Methodology Review

Updating the impact calculation methodology

January – April (Complete)

Impact Assessment and **Data Summary**

Overlay hazards data on assets to estimate impacts.



Data Review and Story **Development**

Identify and summarize the most important findings to communicate in the plan.



Final Product Design and **Delivery**

Communicate the key data and stories in the plan.

March – August (Complete)

May – September (In Progress)

August – December (In Progress)



Planned Resilience Actions Analysis Update

In Stantec scope

In Dewberry scope

Review Data & Build Approach



Improve Data



Produce Summary

Initial Review and Summary

Analysis Content Outline

Data Quality Improvement Plan

May (Complete)

Data Entry Support

Data Quality Improvement

May – July (Complete)

Final Report PDF

Coastal
Resilience Web
Explorer

July – December (In Progress)



| Activity | | Complete by | Status | Audience | O&E Strategy Goals |
|----------|--|---------------------|-------------|---|---|
| 1 | Coastal Resilience TAC | Ongoing (quarterly) | In progress | Primary plan end users and partners | All goals |
| 2 | NGO Coordination Meetings | Ongoing (monthly) | In progress | Non-profits and other partners | Drive awareness (4) |
| 3 | Critical Infrastructure Working Group (led by VDEM) | Ongoing | In progress | Critical infrastructure owners and managers | Understand end users (1); Contextualize interventions (3); Drive awareness (4) |
| 4 | End-User Survey | Jan '24 | Complete | Primary plan end users | Understand end users (1) |
| 5 | Participatory Mapping (Flood Story) | Mar '24 / Ongoing | In progress | Public | Contextualize flood impacts (2) |
| 6 | Locality Meetings | Jun '24 | Complete | Local governments | All goals |
| 7 | Resilience User Portal & Data Call | Apr '24 / Jul '24 | Complete | Primary plan end users | Contextualize interventions (3) |
| 8 | Tribal Engagement Meeting(s) | Oct '24 | In progress | Tribal governments | All goals |
| 9 | Community Meetings | Sep '24 | In progress | Underserved communities | Contextualize flood impacts (2); Drive awareness (4) |
| 10 | Virtual Public Meetings (mid-point / end-point) | Sep '24 / Dec '24 | In progress | Public | Drive awareness (4) |
| 11 | Business, Industry and Economic Development Meeting | Oct '24 | In progress | Private sector | Drive awareness (4) |
| 12 | Federal Facility Owners Meeting | Oct '24 | Not started | Federal facility owners | Drive awareness (4) |
| 13 | PDC Feedback / Interviews | Oct '24 | In progress | Planning District Commissions | Understand end users (1); Contextualize flood impacts (2); contextualize interventions (3); |
| 14 | Public Comment | Feb '25 | Not started | Public | Contextualize flood impacts (2); Contextualize interventions (3) |

Upcoming Outreach and Engagement Meetings

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

In-person, evening (6-8pm) meetings with interested community members and organizations.

Locations selected based on analysis of high flood risk and social vulnerability rankings and/or community interest.

Meetings are scheduled for mid- to late-September.

- Middle Peninsula in Tappahannock (Complete)
- South Richmond / Chesterfield September 18
- Northern Neck in Warsaw September 23
- Chesapeake September 25

Regional and local government staff informed of meetings and invited to attend and share information.

PUBLIC WEBINARS

Provides an update on the planning process and opportunity to ask questions of DCR and consultants.

- Thursday, September 19 at 6-7pm
- Tuesday, September 24 at 12-1pm

One webinar will be recorded and the video will be posted on DCR's website.

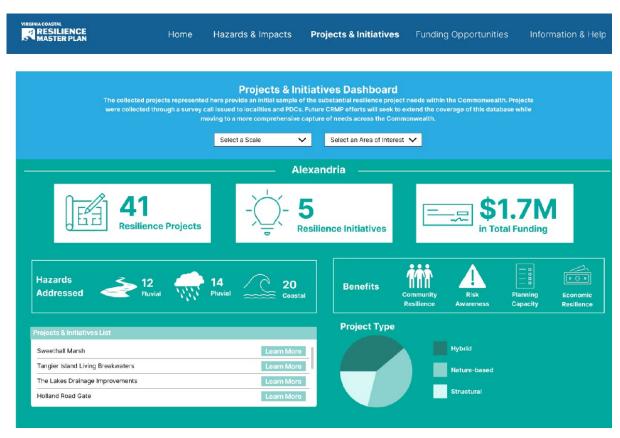
Additional information and links to register are available on DCR's public calendar.

DCR & consultants developing promotional campaign (social media, web pages, email blasts, etc.) to encourage attendance.



Coastal Resilience Web Explorer Update





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Conceptual Draft Landing Page

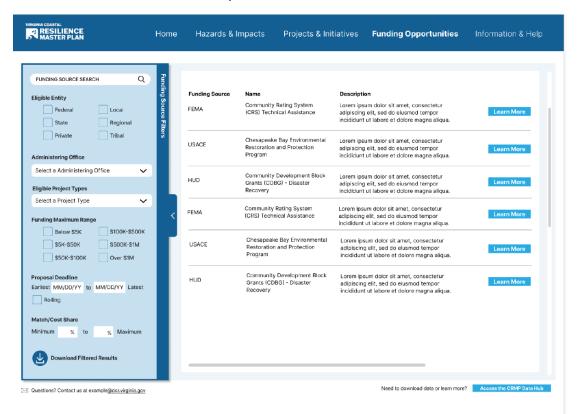
Conceptual Draft Projects & Initiatives Page



Funding Database Update

FUNDING AND FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES

Coastal Resilience Web Explorer

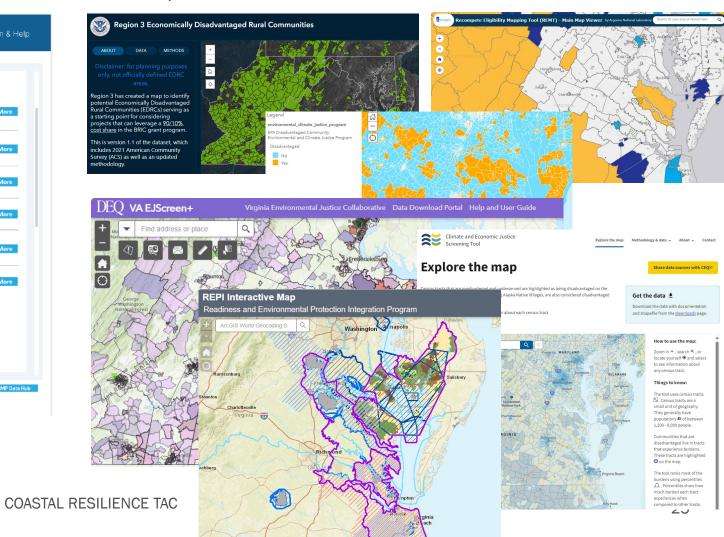


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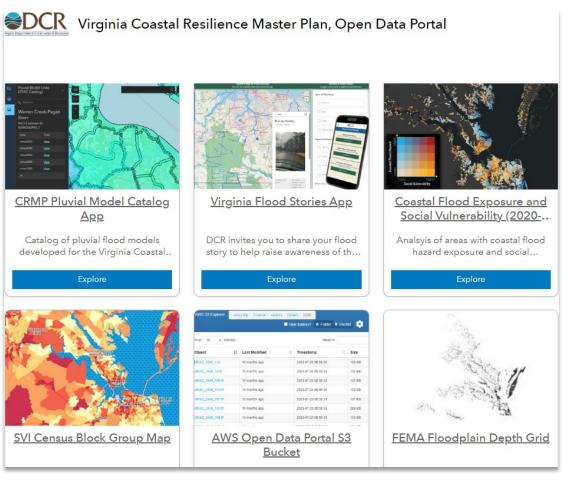


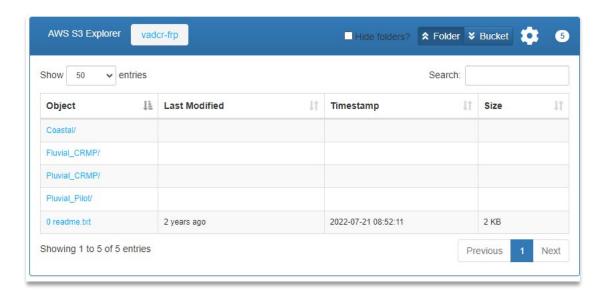
GEOGRAPHIC FOCAL AREA MAPPING

New Map Viewer



Data Sharing for Coastal Resilience





Please email <u>flood.resilience@dcr.virginia.gov</u> with data requests or questions.

https://crmp-vdcr.hub.arcgis.com/



TAC Discussion



Reports from TAC Subcommittees

Recommendations Updates



Recommendations Development

OBJECTIVE

- Develop high priority recommendations to improve mitigation of severe and repetitive flooding in Virginia's coastal region.
- The recommendations should be:
 - An action to implement prior to the next planning phase (in the next 1-4 years) by appropriate responsible actors (ex., state agencies, PDCs, localities, legislators, federal government, etc.).
 - A process improvement for DCR when developing the next Coastal Resilience Master Plan (to be released in 2029).

OUTCOME

- The high priority recommendations that receive a passing vote from the full TAC per Section 2-3 of the TAC charter will be included as recommendations in the plan.
- Each recommendation will comprise an action-oriented statement, identified responsible actor(s), and a brief justification of the recommendation.
- The list of approximately 120 draft recommendations developed by the subcommittees at their Q2 2024 meetings will be included as an appendix to the plan.

PROCESS

| July 15-19: <i>Prioritization Survey</i> | Subcommittee members vote on their top 10 recommendations per subcommittee. |
|--|---|
| August 7-15: <i>Q3 Subcommittee Meetings</i> | Subcommittees review survey results, identify and refine the top 5 recommendations, and assign responsible parties. |
| September 18: Q3 TAC Meeting | The Full TAC reviews and refines each subcommittee's top 5 recommendations. |
| October 3-10: Q4 Subcommittee Meetings | Subcommittee members finalize and vote on up to 5 recommendations. |
| November 13: Q4 TAC Meeting | The Full TAC votes on all subcommittee recommendations. |



Overview of the 20 draft Subcommittee Recommendations "in Brief" - see Handout

Outreach & Coordination

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Subcommittee Draft Priority Recommendations Discussion

FACILITATED DISCUSSION

- Overview
 - Brief review of each recommendation and purpose
- Background
 - Subcommittee input on background/thoughts for each recommendation
- Check for understanding
 - TAC member questions on each recommendation
- Comments, suggestions, concerns
 - Input from other subcommittees regarding what to consider when finalizing the recommendation

Recommendation Handout Reference

- Outreach and Coordination
- Project Prioritization
- Funding
- Research Data, & Innovation



[0-a] Outreach and Coordination Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 The DCR Office of Resilience Planning should develop and maintain a comprehensive list of available funding resources which can be leveraged to sustainably support uptake and implementation of the Coastal Resilience Master Plan, Phase II.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Assist in addressing budgetary constraints which limit plan uptake.



[O-b] Outreach and Coordination Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 The administration should advocate for and provide resources to state legislators on the necessity of continued and increased flood resilience funding using project prioritization and evidence of project readiness.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Assist in addressing budgetary constraints which limit plan uptake.



[O-c] Outreach and Coordination Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 The DCR Office of Resilience Planning should increase coordination with and support to potential end-users of the Coastal Resilience Master Plan, such as local governments. This may include providing accessible and straightforward webinars and tutorials of available tools and providing customized technical support to develop locally specific project prioritization using the plan.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Increase flood resilience action and encourage informed decision-making through use of existing plan data and resources.



[O-d] Outreach and Coordination Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

• The DCR Office of Resilience Planning or the Flood Resilience Advisory Committee should develop a strategy to increase use of the Coastal Resilience Master Plan by intended plan end-users, including local governments. The strategy should seek to bridge recognized capacity constraints that prevent plan uptake and should clearly define roles for state agencies to support resilience champions.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Establish a coordinated, actionable strategy to ensure the Coastal Resilience Master Plan is used.



[0-e] Outreach and Coordination Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 The DCR Office of Resilience Planning should identify the populations and communities at greatest flood risk, and coordinate with local governments to reach them with tailored outreach and clear and consistent messaging.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Improve outreach to populations at greatest flood risk.



[P-a] Project Prioritization Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 The DCR Office of Resilience Planning should incorporate scientifically sound, professionally accepted, forward-looking data into future iterations of the Coastal Resilience Master Plan for all components of flood risk (e.g., hazard, exposure, vulnerability), including not only sea-level rise and precipitation frequency, but also projected growth, demographic changes, planned infrastructure improvements, and other relevant factors.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Enhance informed decisionmaking for flood resilience.



[P-b] Project Prioritization Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 State agencies should establish a sustainable and sufficient funding source to implement the Coastal Resilience Master Plan and should consider more directly connecting the Community Flood Preparedness Fund to the Coastal Resilience Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Improve buy-in for the Coastal Resilience Master Plan.



[P-c] Project Prioritization Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 State agencies should coordinate efforts to develop, maintain, and enhance accessible, region-wide, nonsensitive datasets needed to assess flood impacts. A single agency should be identified as the convening entity and should invite participation from political subdivisions, academia and non-governmental organizations in coordination efforts.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Minimize duplication of efforts, streamline communications, and effectively mobilize our collective capacity.



[P-d] Project Prioritization Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 State agencies should establish programs to engage with and support local governments and planning district commissions, with an emphasis on areas identified by the Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan, Phase II as being at high flood risk and without flood resilience projects or initiatives. Involved agencies may include DCR, VDEM, and DHCD and where appropriate, state agencies should involve regional institutions of higher education in engagement efforts.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Understand and address the factors preventing flood resilience action by local governments



[P-e] Project Prioritization Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 The DCR Office of Resilience Planning should work with the Flood Resilience Advisory Committee to establish a coordinated framework to operationalize the Coastal Resilience Master Plan at local, regional, and state scales. The framework should be informed by data and needs assessments and should define success and set clear long-term goals, to be measured on regular, near-term timespans.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Establish a structure to connect the state's coastal flood resilience findings to informed and coordinated action in a way that avoids sunk costs and maximizes investments in the long-term.



[F-a] Funding Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 State agencies should provide financial tools and reports to local governments, state legislators, and other official entities that clearly demonstrate the immediate and mid-term costs of inaction to address flood resilience.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Explain the flood consequences of doing nothing at the local, regional, and state levels.



[F-b] Funding Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 The economic development community should ensure that businesses, government officials, citizens, and other stakeholders are aware of the economic benefits of local development with water, as well as support for developing and exporting Virginia-based flood resilience solutions to an emerging global market.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Ensure stakeholders understand the positive financial potential of investing in resilience solutions.



[F-c] Funding Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 The Interagency Resilience Management Team should monitor and share existing and available flood resilience financial (funding and financing) resources to support local, regional, and state-wide initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Establish an understanding of the financial resources to develop a financial strategy for implementation.



[F-d] Funding Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

• The DCR Office of Resilience Planning should identify the different financial needs specific to the private sector and to the public sector.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Understand the financial needs and limitations to implementing resilience on public and private property.



[F-e] Funding Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 State agencies should monitor and evaluate the success of the state's funding, including appropriations and grant and loan programs, to address short-term and long-term challenges and consider additional financial mechanisms that may be needed to address longer-term challenges, such as strategic relocation, saltwater intrusion into public drinking water systems, and infrastructure abandonment.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Utilize adaptive management for state-directed financial products to address the immediate and long-term challenges of flooding.



[R-a] Research, Data, and Innovation Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

• State agencies and the Commonwealth's research universities should coordinate the collection and sharing of quantitative and qualitative flood resilience data, data production efforts, and inventories of data usage in decision-making applications across state agencies, planning district commissions, and the Commonwealth's research universities.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Minimize duplication of efforts and effectively mobilize our collective capacity to support evidence-based flood resilience decision making.



[R-b] Research, Data, and Innovation Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 The DCR Office of Resilience Planning and other state agencies should determine and adopt programmatic responsibility for acquiring, developing, processing, analyzing, updating, and managing critical (temporal) flood resilience data needs to support ongoing planning and decision-making.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Maintain the best available data to inform decisions in a changing environment.



[R-c] Research, Data, and Innovation Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 The Flood Resilience Advisory Committee should define resilience success, while the Commonwealth's research universities should identify and develop indicators and monitoring methods to assess the performance of resilience projects, with key and relevant stakeholders (entities, NGOs, etc.). The indicators should be based on Virginia-centric data and address ecological, infrastructure, social, economic, cultural, and environmental justice performance.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Define, measure, and monitor the efficacy of resilience projects to support adaptive management.



[R-d] Research, Data, and Innovation Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

 DCR's Office of Resilience Planning should engage with local government stakeholders to understand local obstacles and gaps in state-level programs and develop a statewide strategy that leverages coproduction of innovative state level solutions to meet local needs.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Understand the flood risk reduction and other benefits of existing and innovative naturebased solutions through collaborative research efforts.



[R-e] Research, Data, and Innovation Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION

• The Commonwealth's research universities should convene to evaluate the performance of existing and innovative nature-based solutions for water quantity and water quality protections through use-inspired collaborations with public (including other universities) and private partners, and establish working groups to track progress, adapt approaches, and identify funding sources for continued collaborative efforts.

RECOMMENDATION PURPOSE

 Identify appropriate state-scale collective actions to support local resilience challenges through community engagement and innovation.



Next Steps

- 1. DCR will distribute copies of the subcommittee recommendations prior to the Q4 subcommittee meetings to include subcommittee and TAC member comments.
- 2. Subcommittee members will meet to finalize recommendation language for voting and discuss the purpose statement.
 - Each member organization will cast a vote (yes/no/abstain) on advancing recommendations to the Full TAC for consideration.
 - All recommendations receiving a majority "yes" vote will be carried forward.
- 3. DCR will distribute final recommendations from all subcommittees following the Q4 subcommittee meetings.
- All TAC members meet to vote on final recommendations.
 - Each member organization casts a vote (yes/no/abstain) for each recommendation brought to the committee for consideration.
 - All recommendations receiving a majority "yes" vote will be included in the main body of the CRMP Phase II.

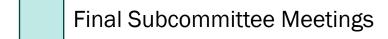


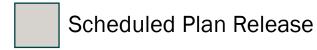
Remaining 2024 Meeting Schedule

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TAC Member Discussion and Updates



Public Comment

If you would like to provide public comment, please let us know using the Chat window.



Adjourn

