

# Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan

## Stakeholder Engagement Summary

### Plan Overview

The 2025 Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan (VFPMP) will be an actionable plan for the Commonwealth to use in crafting policies and programs to mitigate the impacts of flooding on people, the economy, and the environment.

### Groups Involved in the Plan

#### Planning Team

DCR leadership, staff and consultants responsible for developing the VFPMP.

#### Flood Committee

A public body established by the General Assembly in 2024 that is responsible for advising DCR on flood resilience coordination. The Committee will meet twice in 2025 to advise DCR on the development of the VFPMP.

#### Core Stakeholders

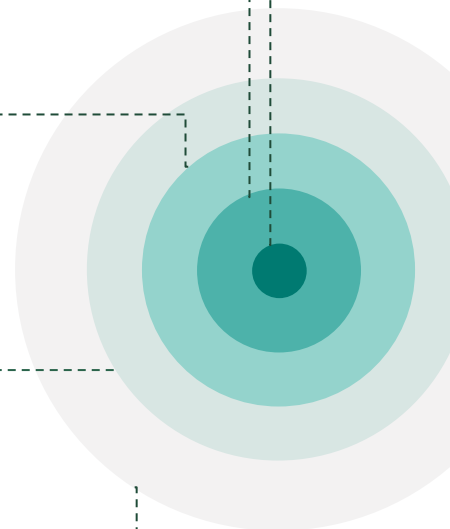
State agencies and other entities that will play a critical role in the VFPMP. These groups will contribute actionable input and feedback during multiple stages of plan development. Additionally, they can play a leading role in implementing the plan after its development.

#### Supporting Stakeholders

PDCs, universities, localities, non-profits, and other organizations who possess a vested interest in the plan and bring specialized knowledge, experience, or perspectives. These stakeholders will provide valuable expertise to support the plan's development and implementation.

#### Public

There will be formal opportunities for all Virginians to provide public comment during plan development. Some of the final plan products will be suitable for public use to encourage whole community adoption and dissemination of flood resilience knowledge.



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### Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

Stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide feedback on plan elements throughout the VFPMP's development through Virtual Feedback Sessions, Post-Meeting Surveys, and In-Person Workshops. Lists of stakeholder groups can be found on the following page.

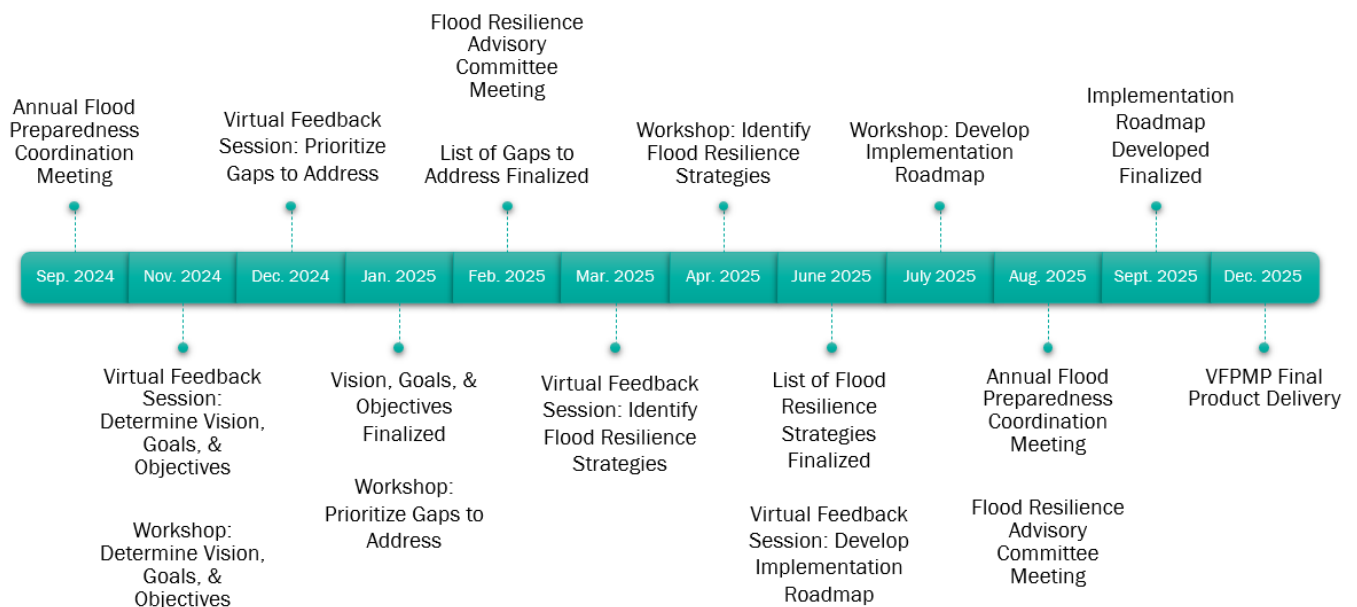
#### Virtual Feedback Sessions

- **Core and Supporting Stakeholders invited.**
- Meet virtually with the planning team.
- Provide feedback on key elements of the plan in real-time and with post-meeting surveys.
- Sessions occur about two-weeks prior to In-Person Workshops.
- Planning team will use feedback to revise draft plan elements ahead of the In-Person Workshops.
- We will host **four 90-minute** Virtual Feedback Sessions for the plan.

#### In-Person Workshops

- **Core Stakeholders invited.**
- Meet in-person with the planning team.
- Discuss, collaboratively problem-solve, and provide real-time feedback on plan elements.
- Workshops occur after Virtual Feedback Sessions and incorporate input received during Virtual Feedback Sessions.
- Planning team will use feedback to revise and finalize draft plan elements.
- We will host **five 3-hour** In-Person Workshops for the plan.

### Engagement Schedule



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### Flood Committee Members

- Chair - Director of Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Vice-Chair - Commonwealth Chief Resilience Officer
- Director of Virginia Department of Emergency Management
- Director of Department of Environmental Quality
- Director of Department of Housing and Community Development
- Commissioner of Virginia Department of Transportation
- Commissioner of Virginia Marine Resources Commission
- Director of Department of General Services
- Executive Director of Virginia Resources Authority
- Director of Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment
- Virginia Director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission
- Director of the Office of Diversity, Opportunity, and Inclusion
- Representative of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions
- Executive Director of the Virginia Municipal League
- Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Counties

### Invited Core Stakeholders

- Chesapeake Bay Commission
- Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Department of Emergency Management
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of Forestry
- Department of General Services
- Department of Historic Resources
- Department of Housing and Community Development
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Wildlife Resources
- Office of Diversity, Opportunity, and Inclusion
- Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment
- Virginia Association of Counties
- Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions
- Virginia Marine Resources Commission
- Virginia Municipal League
- Virginia Resource Authority
- Virginia Silver Jackets

### Invited Supporting Stakeholders

**State Agencies:** Department of Health • Department of Rail and Public Transportation • State Corporation Commission • State Council of Higher Education • Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services • Department of Energy

**Universities:** George Mason University • Hampton University • Norfolk State University • Old Dominion University • University of Virginia • Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences • Virginia Tech • Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences University • Virginia State University • William & Mary

**Tribal Authorities:** Cheroenhaka Nottoway Indian Tribe • Chickahominy Indian Tribe • Chickahominy Tribe Eastern Division • Mattaponi Indian Tribe • Monacan Indian Nation • Nansemond Indian Nation • Nottoway Indian Tribe • Pamunkey Indian Tribe • Patowomeck Indian Tribe • Rappahannock Indian Tribe • Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe

**Agriculture Community:** U.S. Department of Agriculture • Natural Resources Conservation Service • Virginia Agribusiness Council • Virginia Farm Bureau • Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts • Virginia Cooperative Extension

**Economic Development Community:** Home Builders Association of Virginia • Virginia Chamber of Commerce • Virginia Economic Development Partnership • Virginia Manufacturers Association

**PDCs:** Accomack-Northampton • Central Shenandoah • Commonwealth • Crater • Cumberland Plateau • George Washington • Hampton Roads • LENOWISCO • Middle Peninsula • Mount Rogers • New River Valley • Northern Neck • Northern Shenandoah Valley • Northern Virginia • PlanRVA • Rappahannock-Rapidan • Roanoke Valley-Alleghany • Southside • Thomas Jefferson • West Piedmont

**Non-Governmental Organizations:** American Council of Engineering Companies • American Flood Coalition • Appalachian Voices • Chesapeake Bay Foundation • Elizabeth River Project • Environmental Defense Fund • Resilient Virginia • Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project • Southern Environmental Law Center • Virginia Conservation Network • Virginia Floodplain Managers Association • Virginia Interfaith Power & Light • American Planning Association, Virginia Chapter • Virginia Sea Grant • Wetlands Watch

**Federal Partners:** Bureau of Land Management • Department of Defense • U.S. Army Corps of Engineers • U.S. Navy Region Mid-Atlantic • Representatives of Federal Facilities located within the Commonwealth

*Additional supporting stakeholders may be invited to participate throughout the planning process.*