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ACCOMACK RESILIENCE ACTION CHECKLIST

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1. DEVELOP COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAM:

- Create FAQ sheet about Sea Level Rise and current & predicted flooding to distribute to residents
- Identify community partners, communication networks and network leaders
- Hold citizen workshops and workshops for appointed & elected officials
- Provide residents with information on historic erosion of land on the E. Shore and information on flood insurance and how to reduce their costs
- Increase awareness of recent erosion and saltwater intrusion and marsh retreat.

2. INCREASE EXTERNAL MESSAGING:

- Educate incoming residents about Sea Level Rise and flooding areas; ensure organizations that regularly collaborate with non-local actors can identify the County's resiliency efforts [not just SLR data, but also highlight resilience efforts]; identify groups to get the message out (businesses, realtors); put on County website.

3. COMMUNITY INPUT AND INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM:

- Work with community groups to find out citizens' questions and concerns about SLR and flooding; what are residents' expectations of government? What are they reading/seeing? What are their plans for the future/vision for the community? Identify needed resources. Identify community partners (faith-based community/trusted messengers/farmers and watermen, etc.); hold meetings in communities, churches.
- **RESEARCH A PROGRAM TO EDUCATION ABOUT LOCATION AND RELOCATION**
- Identify established programs that assist in relocating
- Research which areas are suitable for long-term occupation and incentives to help people get there
- Research how to preserve availability of affordable housing
- Research FEMA funds that are available, and the potential use of the new public access authority to assist with this effort.



4. **FILL IN DATA GAPS ON SEA LEVEL RISE IMPACTS AND VULNERABILITY OF THE AREA TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

- Research erosion, marsh migration and geology of barrier islands
- Pursue a study plot for tree planting on upland behind marshes
- Study groundwater use and saltwater intrusion; develop better monitoring data

5. **INCREASE USE OF LIVING SHORELINES AND OTHER RESILIENT PROJECTS**

- Educate Board of Supervisors, Wetlands Board, Planning Commission
- Educate property owners and contractors
- Send info to HOAs and business and community groups
- Evaluate ordinances to determine if there are any barriers to use of living shorelines and other resilience measures