



# **RESILIENCE & MITIGATION PLANNING ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA**

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# Resilience & Mitigation Planning on the Eastern Shore of Virginia

- Regional Collaboration & Resilience Database
- Incorporated resilience into localities' planning, policy, and guiding documents
- Examples
  - Accomack County
  - Town of Chincoteague
  - Northampton County
- Lessons learned/challenges faced





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LOCAL DATA /  
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SEE THE CONNECTIONS –  
PLAN INTEGRATIONS



TIMELY & CONSISTENT  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



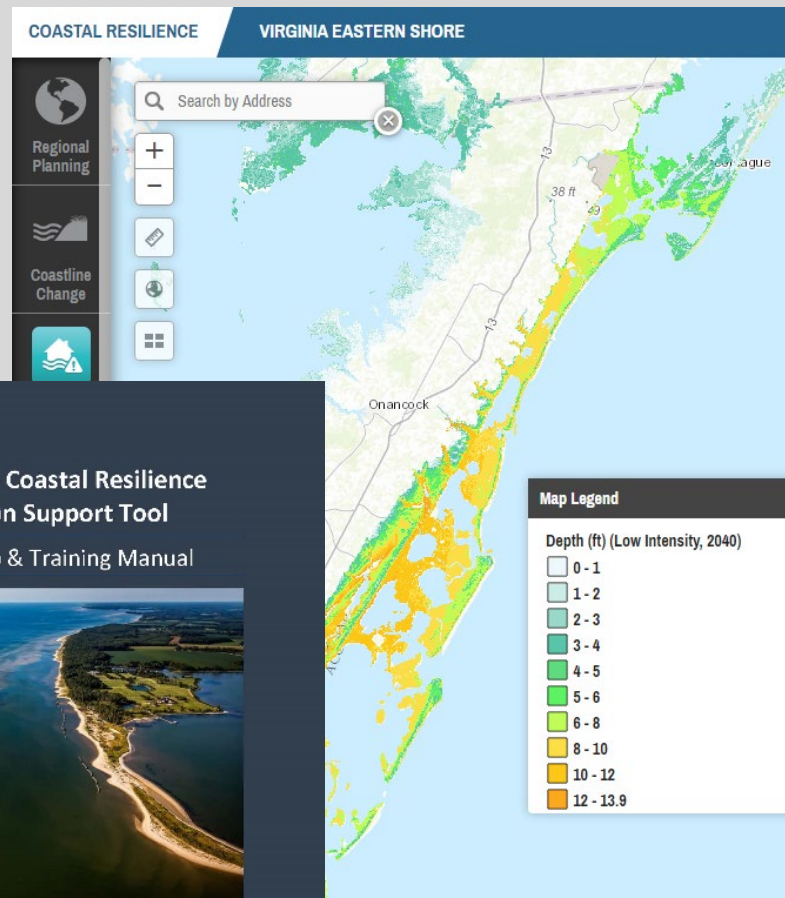


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## Coastal Resilience Tool

<http://maps.coastalresilience.org/virginia/>



## Virginia Eastern Shore Coastal Resilience Mapping & Decision Support Tool

Introductory Workshop & Training Manual



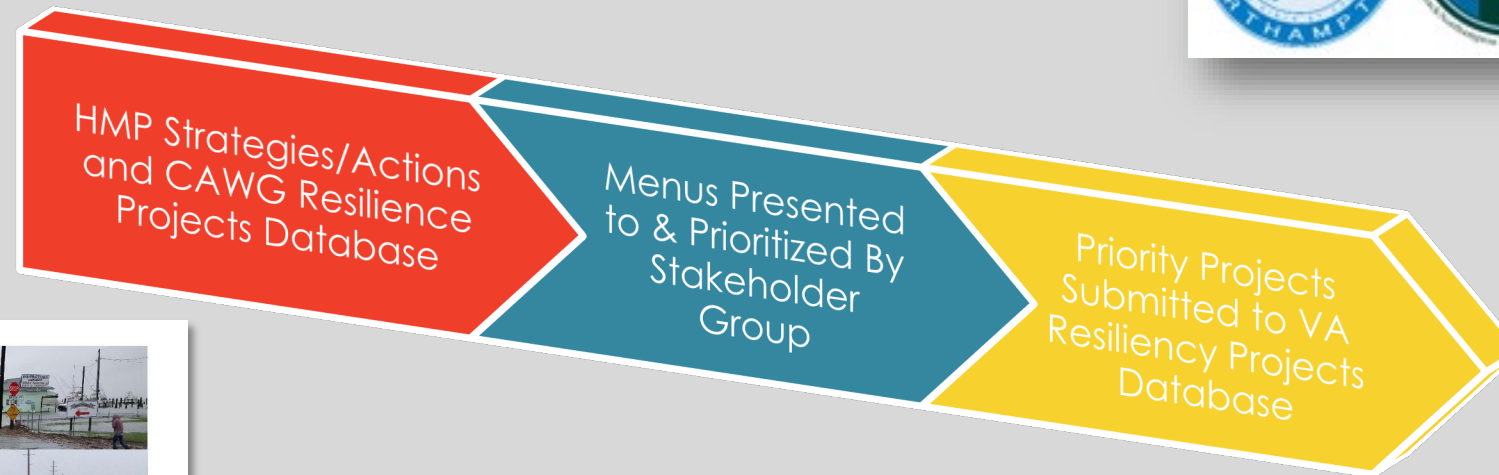
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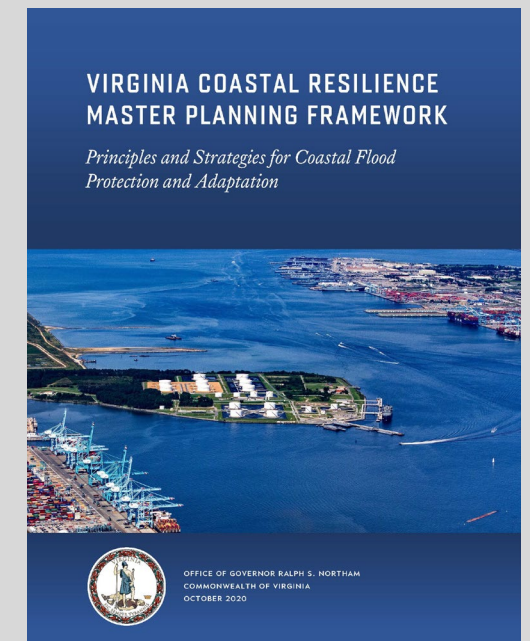


# Moving Forward



**The Eastern Shore of Virginia HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2016**  
 Eastern Shore Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee  
 Accomack-Norfolk Planning District Commission

Project ID#	Project Name	Project Type	Planning Document	Brief Description	Locality	Implementation Phase	Project Lead	Location	Total Cost
ESRP001	Tangier Island Shoreline Management	Shoreline Prot	2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan	Implementation of Phase 1 living break; Tangier	Design and I	A-NPDC			\$3,000
ESRP002	Tangier Island Shoreline Management	Shoreline Prot	2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan	Implementation of Phase 2 living break; Tangier	Design and I	A-NPDC			\$5,458
ESRP043	Folly Creek-WCV project area (SW23)	Beneficial Use	Regional Dredging Needs Phase I, Part B application to be submit Accomack		Design and I	A-NPDC & ESRNWC			\$130
ESRP044	Gargathy Creek	Beneficial Use	Regional Dredging Needs Never dredged; Full Phase One work n Accomack		Design and I	A-NPDC & ESRNWC			\$170
ESRP049	Metompkin Inlet & Metompkin Inlet to WC	Beneficial Use	Regional Dredging Needs Never dredged; Full Phase One work n Accomack		Design and I	A-NPDC & ESRNWC			\$170
ESRP042	End of Oyster Channel to Sand Shoal Inlet	Beneficial Use	Regional Dredging Needs Never dredged; Full Phase One work n Northampton		Design and I	A-NPDC & ESRNWC			\$170
ESRP045	Great Machipongo Inlet & Channel	Beneficial Use	Regional Dredging Needs Never dredged; Full Phase One work n Northampton		Design and I	A-NPDC & ESRNWC			\$170
ESRP046	Hungars Creek	Beneficial Use	Regional Dredging Needs Phase I, Part B application to be submit Northampton		Design and I	A-NPDC & ESRNWC			\$130
ESRP047	Hunting Creek	Beneficial Use	Regional Dredging Needs Phase I, Part B application to be submit Northampton		Design and I	A-NPDC & ESRNWC			\$130
ESRP011	Northampton County Stormwater	Drainage Impr	2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan and full engineering for reconfigure Northampton		Design and I	NH County (Susan McGhee)			\$1,750
ESRP104	Exmore Stormwater	Drainage Impr	Look at early 2000's Exmore Coordination with County and VDOT ad Exmore		Design and I	Town of Exmore Downtown, along Mi			
ESRP014	Town of Saxs Living Breakwaters	Shoreline Prot	Installation of additional living breakwater Saxs		Design and I	Town of Saxs (Donna Cro			\$2,500
ESRP097	Town of Wachapreague Shoreline Manag	Shoreline Prot	Wachapreague Comprehe Hydrodynamic model and survey work t Wachaprea		Design and I	Town of Wachapreague (R			\$100
ESRP098	Town of Wachapreague Storm Water Mar	Structural Floo	Wachapreague Comprehe Install floodgates on five culvert pipes e Wachaprea		Design and I	Town of Wachapreague (R			\$25
ESRP058	Wellhead Protection in Flood Zones: Education and Outreach Campaign and Enhancement Grant Pilot Program on the Eastern Shore of Virginia	Structural Prot	Hazard Mitigation Plan	Program complete education and outre; Accomack	Identified Ne	A-NPDC		Would be I	\$1,000



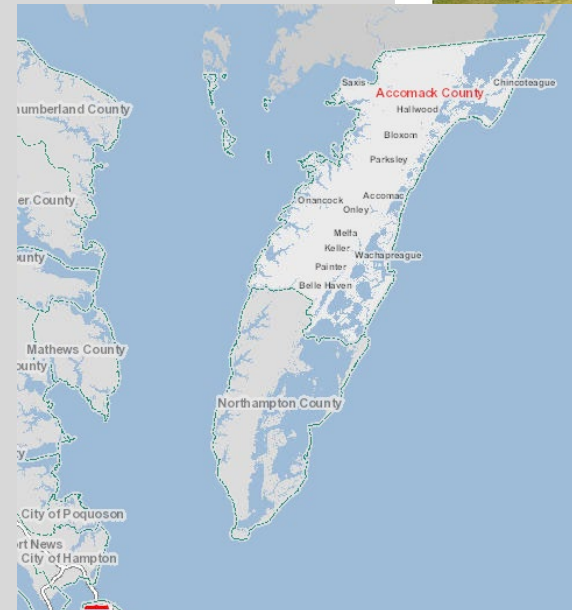


# Accomack County

- In the 218 Update, Coastal Resiliency is addressed as mandated by State Code.
  - *The recommended next step is to review the modeled data and identify the number of structures and properties affected. After appropriate review, action items are a likely outcome. Examples of such action items are advisory statements for new construction and planning for voluntary relocation of residents"* Page C-20 of Appendix C 2018 – Accomack County Comprehensive Plan

*Respecting the Past, Creating the Future:*

## ***Accomack County Comprehensive Plan***



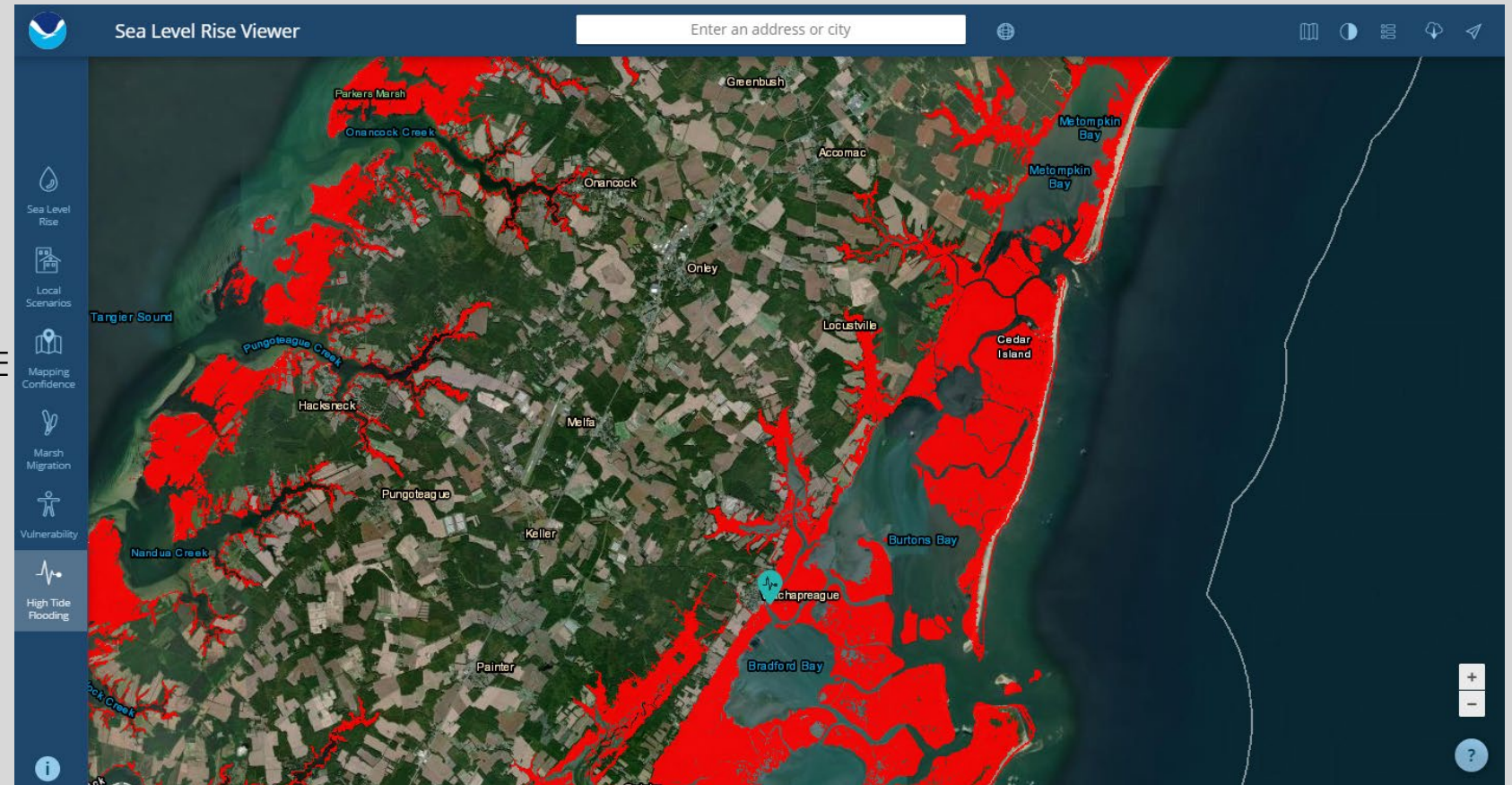
# Accomack County - Continued

The Planning Commission divided this work into 3 categories for Advisory Information:

- 1) For those looking to purchase/build and new property owners
- 2) For Existing Development
- 3) For Torrential Rain Events

## Coastal Advisory Statement

ACCOMACK COUNTY WATER LEVEL RISE  
AND  
HIGH TIDE ADVISORY INFORMATION



# Town of Chincoteague



Town of  
Chincoteague  
*Beautiful Land Across the Water*

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Flood Maps





# Town of Chincoteague - Continued

## TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



Chincoteague, Virginia  
Approved January 4, 2010

5 YEAR UPDATES  
Approved February 2, 2015  
Public Hearing February 20, 2020

RESILIENCY CONSIDERATIONS			
RESILIENCY GOALS	RESILIENCY OBJECTIVES	RESILIENCY RECOMMENDATIONS	SCHEDULE
<b>GOAL:</b> <i>Enhance the capacity to maintain or regain functionality and vitality in the face of natural, climate-induced, or man-made stressors and disturbances.</i>	<b>OBJECTIVE:</b> Develop and implement a proactive plan for the community to defend from and adapt to long term changes in climate and storm impacts, flooding, water table, vegetation and other environmental factors.	Implement a wastewater management plan through a phased implementation.  Implement drainage management strategies to enhance overall drainage capacity.  Reduce the vulnerability of evacuation route and collector roads to storm water and tidal surge inundation.  Perform a comprehensive review of shoreline management to identify information gaps and potential projects to help protect the Island.  Encourage increased use of natural and nature-based features to increase coastal resilience.  Support the establishment of resiliency goals, strategies, and implementations to assist businesses with resiliency planning.  Identify critical infrastructure elements, assess their vulnerability, and enhance their resiliency.	

# Northampton County



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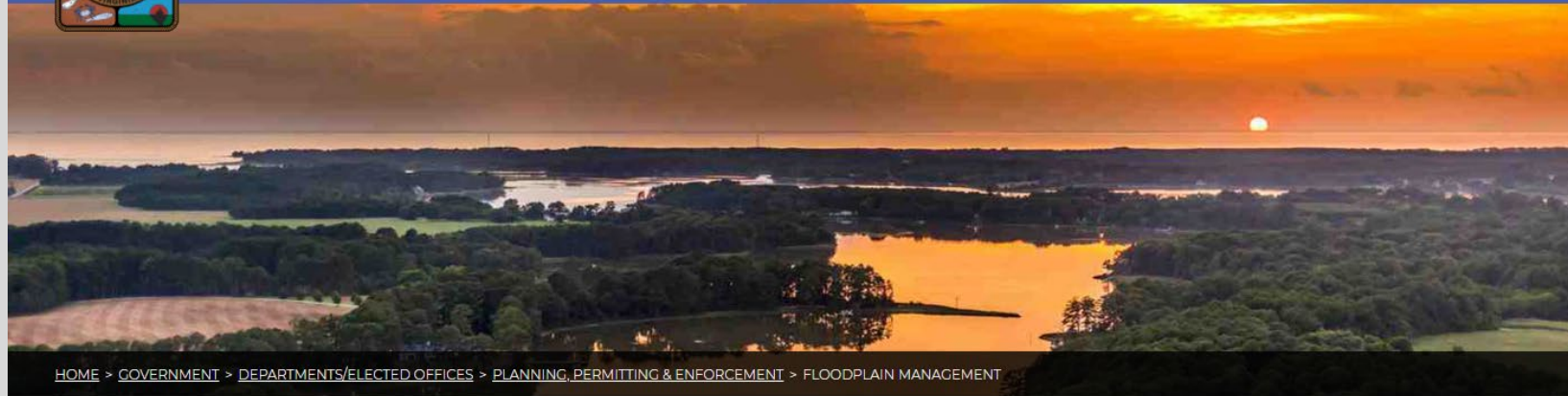
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## FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

### FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS (FIRMS)

National Flood Insurance Program sponsored site to allow property owners to view the Flood Insurance Rate Maps ([FIRMs](#)).

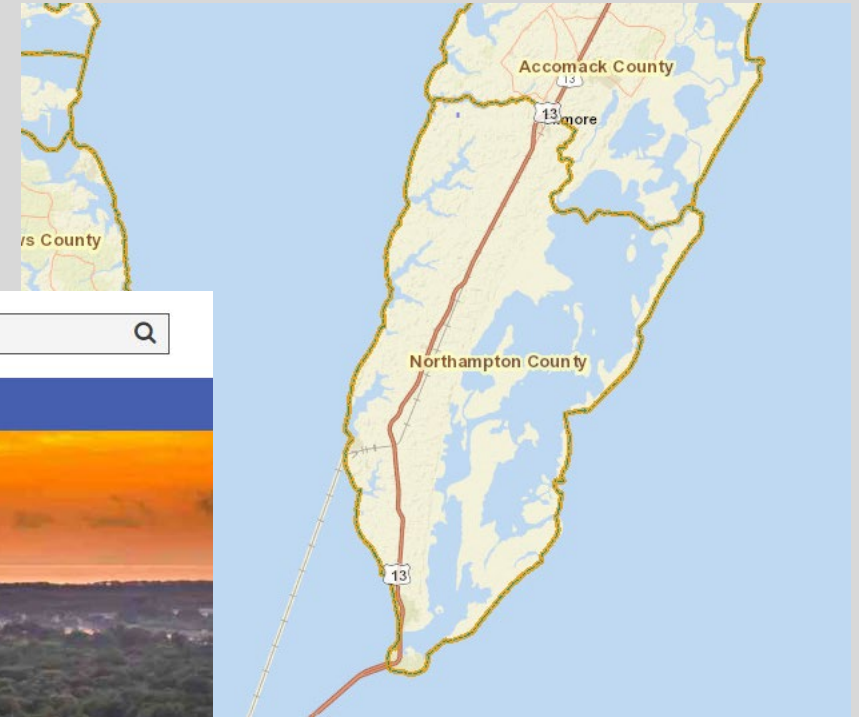
[FEMA Determination Letter](#)



### STAFF INFORMATION








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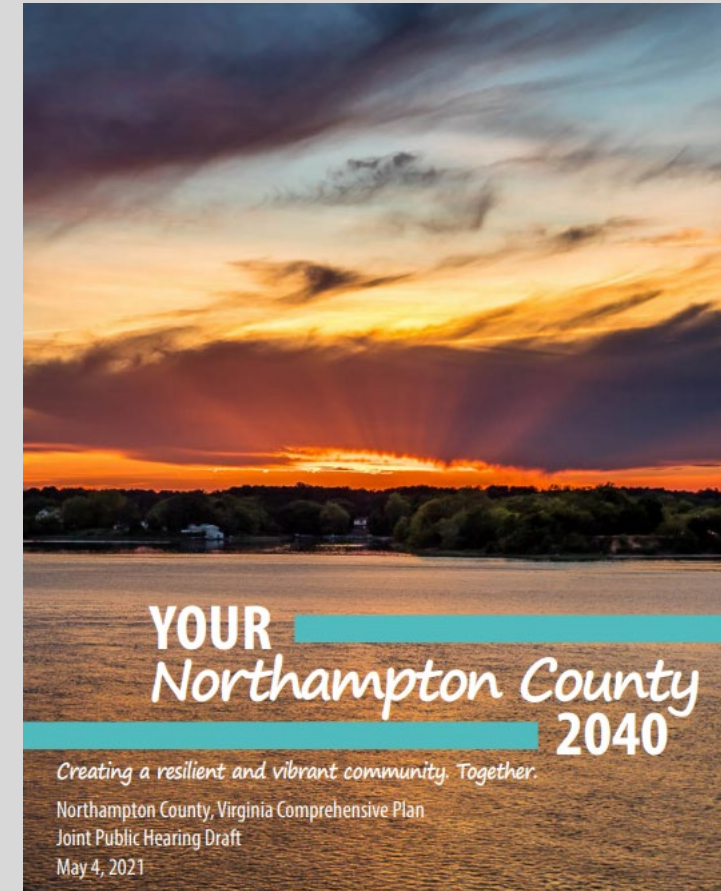
Director





# Northampton County - Continued

Table 4.1 Planning Objectives													
	Preserve agriculture & working waterfronts	Conserve and protect natural resources	Enhance and protect historic resources	Revitalize, rehabilitate, and retrofit	Encourage infill development	Allow new development	Complement local character and identity	Foster housing opportunity	Enhance design & development standards	Improve pedestrian connectivity and safety	Improve access management & traffic flow	Improve wayfinding measures	Plan for climate change resiliency
<b>Conservation and Agriculture</b>													
 Conservation Areas	•	•											•
 Rural Areas	•	•	•				•						•
<b>Rural Settlement</b>													
 Cottage Communities	•	•	•	•			•						•
 Hamlets	•	•	•	•	•		•						
 Villages	•	•	•	•	•		•						
 Waterfront Communities	•	•	•	•			•						•
<b>Development Areas</b>													
 Towns			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•



# Lessons Learned & Challenges Faced



*"I've lived in this house my entire life and the flood waters never came in the yard when I was younger. It seems like every storm brings the water here now."*

*"I'm finding that my garden is active later in the Fall by several weeks than back in the 1960s."*

*"I've hunted here my entire life and I began seeing pelicans here in the mid 1980s. They were never here before."*

*"My family had been working this farm for generations until my grandparents moved away in 1926. The fields became too wet for the tractors. There weren't any crops that could grow there with that much saltwater flooding. There are tidal marsh grasses in the fields now where my family once tilled that land."*



Thank you for your time!

Questions?

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