# Hopewell DRAFT Resilience Action Checklist



The RAFT | Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool

#### TOP PRIORITIES TO ADDRESS IN THE NEXT YEAR WITH SUPPORT FROM THE RAFT

#### Community Checklist Items (Draft, still being refined and prioritized)

The priorities included on this checklist were developed by community participants and do not necessarily represent items endorsed or proposed by local government and other decision-making bodies.

#### ☐ ADDRESS SOCIAL DETERMINATES OF HEALTH

Address social determinates of health, such as food and housing insecurity, including studies on affordable housing and transit to inform outreach improvement efforts that connect underserved populations with support services.

#### □ INCREASE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ON BROAD RESILIENCE STRATEGIES

Increase educational opportunities on broad resiliency strategies including trainings for community members and service provider, educational and recreational opportunities for students to be in tune with environmental sustainability, and green design demonstration projects on school grounds and public spaces.

#### ☐ REDEVELOP THE MARINA

Redevelop the marina to be more accessible by all and a waterfront destination for the community.

#### ☐ UPDATE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Ensure the Comprehensive Plan includes community input on coastal resilience strategies (to storm surge, sea level rise, and riverine flooding) and capacity to access relevant funding streams.

This checklist was developed by community participants in the online Resilience Action Workshop, conducted and facilitated by The RAFT three-university Collaborative Team on February 16, 2023. This document is intended to be static and record the outcomes of that workshop. However, the checklist items and their details may evolve over the course of the year-long implementation of The RAFT in response to the changing circumstances and needs of the community.

\*\*The RAFT team recommends the creation of a Resilience Committee or similar mechanism as a potential way to create and sustain momentum to build resilience in the long term. We recognize, based on our experience with coastal communities in Virginia, and consistent with best practices in resilience planning and implementation, that communities benefit from more comprehensive and coordinated approach to building resilience. Establishing a Resilience Committee is key to establishing a foundation for sustained efforts in building resilience. The RAFT team has developed a <a href="worksheet">worksheet</a> to assist communities in establishing a Resilience Committee structure and framework, and if you decide this would benefit your community we can facilitate your discussion.

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