

KING WILLIAM COUNTY

Resilience Action Checklist

The RAFT | Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool



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

- PLAN AND HOST REGIONAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP ON RESILIENCE**

Host a Regional Community Workshop for the public, to include West Point and Tribal communities, to provide community education concerning flood risks and resiliency and to discuss transportation vulnerabilities, potential grants and other funding sources, the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission's "Fight the Flood" program, and services offered for shoreline property owners.
- CREATE A PLAN TO PROMOTE AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Collaborate with partners to develop a plan to address affordable housing issues, to include preservation of existing affordable housing stock and development of new affordable rental units where residents can move in quickly, with corresponding outreach to landlords.
- IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP PLAN TO ADDRESS VULNERABLE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

Work to identify vulnerable transportation corridors that may be impassable for emergency vehicles due to flooding, such as the road to the Middle Peninsula Airport and the road to access the Pamunkey Reservation, and then engage with potential agency, funding, and community partners to develop a plan to address the identified needs.
- TAKE STEPS TO ENABLE PROACTIVE RESILIENCE PLANNING**

Support development and potential creation of an entity to proactively plan for flooding, natural disasters, and other coastal hazards to increase community resilience, including assisting the County with incorporating resilience into the comprehensive plan that is currently under review. This entity can also work to create, engage with, and support community organizations to train citizens about disaster preparedness and response (e.g., Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)).
- ADDRESS NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED RESIDENTS**

Evaluate the community's capacity for addressing the needs of elderly and physically disabled residents (e.g., Meals on Wheels), and develop resources to enable communication with this particular group during emergencies.

This checklist was developed by community participants in the online Resilience Action Workshop, conducted and facilitated by The RAFT three-university Collaborative Team on January 28th, 2022. 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 as a 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 a 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 [worksheet](#) 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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