

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY Resilience Action Checklist

The RAFT | Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool



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

EDUCATE SHORELINE OWNERS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS ON THE FIGHT THE FLOOD PROGRAM

Through presentations and other outlets, such as existing weekly newsletters, educate shoreline owners and other locals on the Fight the Flood program and its opportunities for grants and funding. Conduct separate outreach specifically to the Tribal communities to help them participate in this program.

INCREASE EDUCATION ABOUT AND CONNECTIONS TO THE WATERSHED AND RESILIENCY

Increase education on environmental literacy and resiliency, while establishing a physical connection to the watershed, targeting historically excluded and underserved People of Color and school students. Include African American, Tribal, and other community members and students of color in water-related programs and activities. Conduct on-the-water boat tours of shorelines so people can better understand the problem areas firsthand.

EXPAND AVAILABILITY OF FRESH FOOD

Identify ways to expand the availability of and access to fresh food sources, such as community gardens and local grocery stores. Work with the Rappahannock Indian Tribe to extend their food sovereignty plan to other areas in the county.

DEVELOP A TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO TRANSPORT FRESH FOODS AND MEDICINES TO PEOPLE

For aging and low-income residents, access to fresh foods, medicines, and other essentials may be determined by access to transportation. Where transportation access is limited or non-existent in more rural parts of the county, residents may lack access. Rather than expanding the network to transport residents to sources of these essentials, this action proposes to develop a transportation plan for bringing fresh food, medicine, and other necessities to people where they live, by connecting existing food delivery services to sources of fresh foods, medicines, and other essentials. Work with organizations such as Meals on Wheels, Thrive VA, and the Unite Us Platform.

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 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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