

Mattaponi Indian Tribe

Resilience Action Checklist

The RAFT | Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool



Community Checklist Items

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.

Sorted by Priority and Term					
Category	Item	Priority	Term	Team	Resources
1	Provide resilience trainings	High	Short	Environmental Staff, RAFT, Council	Funding for Environmental Staff
1	Increase resilience staffing	High	Short	Council	Funding for Environmental Staff
1	Secure insurance for the hatchery	High	Short	Chief and Administrative Staff	
2	Expand emergency plans	High	Short	Chief and County	
1	Assess access to emergency services and develop emergency contact information magnets	High	Short	Chief, Graphic Designer	Sample designs from RAFT
3	Resume consultation on land use plan	High	Short	RAFT, Council	Land use plan model
3	Install living shoreline	High	Short	Environmental Staff	Funding for Environmental Staff and Projects
4	Assess threats to riverine species (e.g. shad, oysters, mussels/ catfish relationship)	High	Short	Delegate Hodges and VIMS	
Other	Map lot lines	High	Short	ODU	ArcGIS, Drone
2	Document historic experiences	High	Short to Mid	Administrative Staff	1,200+ items already collected
2	Increase outreach to vulnerable populations via home visits	High	Short to Mid	Pastor, USET, Reclaiming Psychological Brilliance, distant Tribe Members	
5	Expand mental health resources	High	Short to Mid	Pastor, USET, Reclaiming	

				Psychological Brilliance, distant Tribe Members	
5	Set-up volunteer program inclusive of visiting Tribe Members	High	Short to Mid	Pastor, USET, Reclaiming Psychological Brilliance, distant Tribe Members	
3	Fund infrastructure including septic, well, electricity, etc.	High	Short to Long	Kenah Consulting	Funding for Environmental Projects
3	Develop water testing schedule	High	Short to Long	County, Council, and VIMS	ICAR to reconnect with VIMS
2	Establish community center as a shelter with a generator, shower, etc.	High	Mid	Environmental Staff	Funding for Environmental Staff Resilience hub models
2	Protect assets in the museum and trading post	High	Mid to Long	Environmental Staff	Funding for Environmental Staff
1	Collect and analyze hazard data	Medium	Mid to Long	VIMS, RAFT, Environmental Staff, USET	ICAR to reconnect with USET contact, Funding for Environmental Staff
3	Restore additional access road	Medium	Mid to Long	VDOT	
1	Explore Community Rating System applicability	Low	Long	Chief and Council	

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**The RAFT team recommends the creation of a Resilience Committee or similar mechanism 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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