

## THE RAFT RESOURCES FOR RESILIENCE PLANNING

### **Incorporating Resiliency in Comprehensive Planning**

The RAFT hosted a webinar in April 2021 to share how localities can and have built resilience into comprehensive planning, and (2) tie comprehensive planning and the NFIP's CRS Program.

- Resiliency in Comprehensive Plans - [video](#) and [slide deck](#) - Brian Swets, *City of Portsmouth*
- Resilience and Mitigation Planning on the Eastern Shore of Virginia - [video](#) and [slide deck](#) - Shannon Alexander, *A-NPDC*
- Resilience Planning Highlights - [video](#) and [slide deck](#) - Gray Montrose, *VCPC*
- The NFIP's Community Rating System: Comprehensive Planning - [video](#) and [slide deck](#) - Mary-Carson Stiff, *Wetlands Watch*
- Incorporating Resilience into Planning - [video](#) - John Bateman, *NNPDC*
- Resilience and Planning - [video](#) - Curt Smith, *MPPDC*

Sample comprehensive plans that incorporate resilience:

- [Accomack County Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [Town of Chincoteague Draft Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [Northampton County Draft Comprehensive Plan](#)

### **Emergency Risk Communication Plan Tool**

This tool offers a 7-step process for counties and towns to develop Emergency Risk Communication Plans. Download the tool and fillable templates for [towns](#) and [counties](#).

### **Coastal Virginia Small Business Resilience Self-Assessment and Guide**

This resilience self-assessment and guide is a resource for small businesses and organizations supporting businesses. Download the [Self-Assessment and Guide and other resources](#).

### **Coastal Virginia Tourism Business Resilience Assessment Report**

This report assesses the resilience of the tourism industry in Virginia, and offers recommendations for improvement. Download the [Report](#).

### **Assessing Community Vulnerability, Mapping, and Data Needs: Planning Worksheet**

This exercise seeks to understand the specific impacts of hazards on a locality and identify populations vulnerable to those impacts. Download the [Planning Worksheet](#) and [data list](#). For localities in the Northern Neck, you can also view an [online map](#) with various data layers.

### **COVID Rapid Response Study and Asset Map**

This project analyzed COVID-19 impacts on delivery of critical services to vulnerable populations and identified gaps and opportunities for increased resilience (download the [report](#)). The [Northern Neck Community Asset Map](#) identifies critical service provider locations, service areas, hours of operation, and contact information.

### **Local Resilience Committees: Formation Worksheet**



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This worksheet is designed to assist localities to establish a formal resilience committee structure by leading locality representatives through a brainstorming process to consider key questions and identify an appropriate committee framework. Download the [Worksheet](#).

More resilience planning resources are available on [The RAFT website](#)



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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT FUTURE RESILIENCE

(August 2021)

### **FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Programs**

- [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
- **BRIC** will support states, local communities, tribes and territories undertaking hazard mitigation projects. Guiding principles are: supporting communities through capability- and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation; promoting partnerships; enabling large projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency.
- **FMA** provides funding to states, local communities, federally recognized tribes and territories to fund projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the NFIP. VDEM is currently accepting pre-applications/applications, due November 10, 2021

### **Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund (VA CFPF)**

- [Call for proposals](#)
- [2021 Grant Manual](#)

The VA CFPF uses funding from RGGI auction proceeds to provide support for regions and localities across Virginia to reduce the impacts of flooding through resilience projects, studies, and capacity building and planning activities.

Round 1 applications due September 3, 2021

Round 2 applications due November 5, 2021

### **National Fish & Wildlife Foundation**

- **Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund** provides targeted investments that support networking and information-sharing among restoration partners on emerging technologies, successful restoration approaches, and new partnership opportunities.
- **National Coastal Resilience Fund** supports conservation projects that restore or expand natural features such as coastal marshes and wetlands, dune and beach systems, oyster and coral reefs, forests, coastal rivers and floodplains, and barrier islands that minimize the impacts of storms and other naturally occurring events on nearby communities.

### **Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP)**

**VCAP** funds are available for stormwater mitigation practices and living shorelines. An asset for home owners and business owners and for localities to get buy-in for helping address resilience issues.

### **Virginia Department of Forestry**

Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Grants to encourage projects that promote the protection and enhancement of urban and community forest ecosystems, tree planting, and the care of trees and education on tree issues.