

# The RAFT

## (Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool)



The **Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool (RAFT)** is both a tool for resilience planning and implementation, and a process for ensuring equitable resilience.

The goal: Help Virginia's localities improve resilience to flooding and other hazards while striving to thrive both economically and socially.

The RAFT has eliminated the feeling of being siloed in the trends & issues affecting our community, highlighting we are a team & "one community" working together to address the overall needs of our citizens.

Dept of Social Services

Chamber of Commerce

The RAFT turned the tide for our town. During a pandemic, when the world shut down, we continued to grow.



## PARTNERSHIP

The RAFT is a partnership with the regional Planning District Commissions and localities.

- Increases knowledge among elected leaders, staff, and residents
- Brings academic objectivity and resources to assessment, priorities, and implementation
- Identifies vulnerable areas and populations
- Facilitates understanding of different dimensions of risk
- Generates community-wide discussion about resilience
- Creates a community-supported plan to enhance resilience
- Increases regional collaboration and integration
- Enhances position to find and apply for relevant funding

### Components of The RAFT Resilience Assessment

POLICY, LEADERSHIP, AND COLLABORATION

RISK ASSESSMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE

PLANNING FOR RESILIENCE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, HEALTH, AND WELL BEING

### THE RAFT 3-STEP PROCESS

- HOLISTIC (Qualitative & Quantitative) ASSESSMENT OF RESILIENCE**
  - Simple, accessible, & objective assessment
- SETTING PRIORITIES**
  - Community workshop
  - Resilience Action Checklist (RAC)
- IMPLEMENTATION**
  - Locality Implementation Teams to pursue RAC items
  - 1-year of support and assistance



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