

TOWN OF WARSAW

Resilience Action Checklist

The RAFT | Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool



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

- FORMALIZE A RESILIENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION STRATEGY**

Create a communication strategy to clearly delineate the role of the town in disseminating federal, state, county and local information on preparedness and emergency response specifically and resilience more broadly. Focus on vulnerable populations, including residents of subsidized housing and the elderly, and provide communications in Spanish and English. Explore the use of the CodeRED emergency alert system or another automated calling system to contact the public. Increase information dissemination around available VDH services and resources in the community. Utilize the town’s business license records to conduct outreach to the business community.
- REVIEW TOWN ORDINANCES, PROGRAMS, AND PLANS TO ENCOURAGE RESILIENCE**

Conduct a comprehensive review of town ordinances and codes, programs, the comprehensive plan, and the permitting process to integrate resilience. Identify opportunities – including tax incentives and utilizing grant funding – to encourage green infrastructure, including increasing tree canopy, pervious surfaces, and the use of cisterns and rain barrels in new and existing private development and public spaces.
- EVALUATE STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNCTIONALITY FOLLOWING ONGOING PROJECT COMPLETION**

After the town’s large, ongoing stormwater enhancement project is completed, conduct a holistic evaluation to take stock of the updated system’s functionality and identify any infrastructure improvement opportunities.
- IMPROVE THE TOWN’S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PLAN**

Map the town’s phased replacement plans for water and stormwater infrastructure. Identify funding sources for infrastructure replacement.
- PROVIDE PREPAREDNESS AND SUCCESSION PLANNING RESOURCES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

Conduct educational outreach and provide resources to local businesses through the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Development Center, and Northern Neck Planning District Commission on topics including emergency preparedness and succession planning.

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OTHER ATTENDEE-SUGGESTED ACTIONS FOR FUTURE RESILIENCE EFFORTS

Outside of the scope of the RAFT's implementation support

- Coordinate expansion and improvement of Code RED system between counties and towns. Engage Police, Fire, Social Services, and other local entities in public outreach efforts.
- Work with VDOT to improve proactive stormwater drain management. Identify regular maintenance schedule for storm drainage and ensure that VDOT shares cleaning schedule information with the town.
- Work with VDOT (local resident engineer) and emergency management staff to identify vulnerable road infrastructure, targeting road washout locations, and identify next steps for improvement, including funding sources.

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