



Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund Grant Program
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To whom it may concern:

The enclosed documents represent the City of Hampton's Resilience Plan under the criteria set forth by the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation in the 2021 Grant Manual for the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund.

Over the past decade, the City of Hampton has embarked on a community-wide effort to holistically address flooding through its plans and projects. In the past five years, this effort has grown into the Living with Water priority area established by the City, which includes the Resilient Hampton Initiative. Hampton has embraced a vision to live with water sustainably, built upon methods of nature-based water management which treat water as an asset. We aim to address the chronic stresses and extreme events of flooding while improving residents' quality of life, economic vitality, and environmental health.

Our City's vision and plans for a resilient future are explained in the following documents, which have been embraced by City Council.

- [***Living with Water Hampton: A Holistic Approach to Addressing Sea Level Rise and Resiliency.***](#) This city-wide plan was endorsed by City Council on January 24, 2018. It presents the challenge of flooding in Hampton based on the best available science; outlines Hampton's community-driven principles, values, and goals for resilience, including a commitment to equity; outlines place-based analysis and strategies grounded in nature-based infrastructure; and identifies next steps for Hampton's resilience work.
- [***Hampton Community Plan.***](#) Hampton's comprehensive plan was formally amended to incorporate resilience on July 11, 2018. Changes were made to the plan's vision and goals, land use, and environmental stewardship sections. The amendment added resilience goals and policies to guide development and land use decisions, and maps depicting storm surge, projected sea level rise, and FEMA floodplain areas.
- [***Resilient Hampton Newmarket Creek Pilot Project Area Water Plan.***](#) The Newmarket Creek water plan was endorsed by City Council on January 22, 2020. This document presents resilience projects for the communities in the Newmarket Creek watershed that are grounded in the principles, vision, and goals for resilience identified in the Living with Water plan. The projects

identified in this plan will serve as pilots for the entire city as Hampton moves forward with watershed level resilience plans city-wide. Successful projects will be adapted and replicated in other watersheds.

- [Hampton Roads Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan](#). The 2017 Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan and Appendices were adopted by the City on February 22, 2017. The 2017 update included analysis of natural hazards including flooding, sea level rise and land subsidence, tropical and coastal storms, and shoreline erosion. The plan identifies projects at the regional and local scale to mitigate flooding impacts, including acquisition of at-risk properties.

These documents identify strategies and projects throughout our City which address current and future anticipated challenges from tidal flooding, storm surge, and stormwater for all. They have served as the blueprint for project design and City investment, and will continue to direct our decisions for flood mitigation and community-wide, equitable adaptation to climate change.

Hampton and the Hampton Roads region face great challenges in addressing flooding as the impacts of climate change are felt more intensely. The Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund can help Hampton to implement our resilience plans by continuing to adapt as a community. Should you have any questions regarding our Resilience Plan submission, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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