

Resiliency Legislation

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2022 Legislation

Coastal focus

- ▶ Coastal Resiliency Master Plan (CRMP) must be updated by December 31, 2024 and every 5 years after.
- ▶ CRMP Technical Advisory Committee permanently established and must meet quarterly. First meeting in September 2022.

State-wide

- ▶ Flood Protection Master Plan must be completed by December 31, 2026
- ▶ Chief Resiliency Officer must provide report on flood resilience to Governor & General Assembly by July 2023 and then every 2 years.
- ▶ Department of Conservation & Recreation must hold annual meetings with other state agencies (VDEM, DEQ, DHCD, etc) to coordinate and prioritize Commonwealth's efforts.
- ▶ Community Outreach and Engagement Plan due December 31, 2022.

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Finance

- ▶ Created Resilient Virginia Revolving Fund. Seeded the fund by transferring \$25M from Community Flood Preparedness Fund. DCR anticipates first round of applications in early CY2023.
- ▶ Legislation did not withdraw Virginia from Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). State Air Pollution Board encouraged to repeal the regulation that implements 2020 law authorizing Virginia to join RGGI. Next meeting August 31st.

Current Status

- ▶ Two rounds of Community Flood Preparedness Fund grants awarded. Waiting for third round to be announced. Third round had 64 applications for \$91M (double \$40M advertised).
- ▶ State creating workgroup to discuss new “entity” to lead resiliency efforts in the Commonwealth. HRPDC staff requested to participate in workgroup.

Next Steps

- ▶ Advocate for dedicated source of funding.
- ▶ Need more state capacity and expertise and structure for long-term resiliency programming.