



Coastal Master Plan Technical Advisory Committee

HRPDC COASTAL RESILIENCY COMMITTEE
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As appointed by the Governor in EO-71, a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) with representatives of state agencies, coastal planning districts and regional commissions, and academic advisors, among others will facilitate the coordination and the development of the Master Plan.

The Coastal Resiliency Officer (Matt Strickler), Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection (Ann Phillips), and TAC will work with localities, regional entities, citizens, and stakeholder groups to identify critical infrastructure, at-risk communities, adaptation strategies, and specific resilience projects for inclusion in the Plan.

<https://www.naturalresources.virginia.gov/initiatives/technical-advisory-committee-for-coastal-resilience/>

STRUCTURE

The first Coastal Master Planning TAC meeting was held on December 14th, 2020.

Dewberry has been selected as the contractor to develop the next phase of the master plan by the end of 2021.

Seven subcommittees have been established. Typically, each one meets once a month.

- Project Identification
- Project Evaluation
- Finance
- Community Outreach
- Studies, Research, Best Practices
- Federal Installation Partnerships
- Aligning Economic Development

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Chair: Lewie Lawrence, MPPDC

Vice Chair: Carol Considine, ICAR/ODU

Issues: Unsure how consultant's scope and PDCs' grant for project identification fit in with subcommittee. Much discussion on whether to include projects on public and private property and if anyone can submit projects.

HRPDC thoughts: Regional dashboard is good start for project input. Comprehensive list is useful then could be sorted to align with financing options. Concerns about false hope.

PROJECT EVALUATION

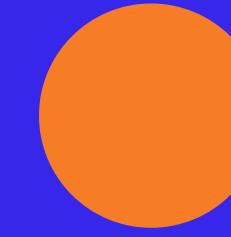
Chair: Carl Hershner, VIMS

Vice Chair: Kristen Owen, Henrico County

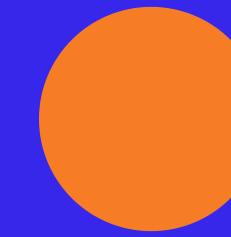
Issues: Working on simple metrics to evaluate and prioritize projects. Identifying disadvantaged neighborhoods with metrics is challenging because census data not granular enough.

HRPDC thoughts: Shared draft metrics presented to our Coastal Resiliency committee and RAFT-like project underway. Unclear if this effort will impact DCR's Community Flood Preparedness Fund or just Master Plan. Tempting to focus on funding mechanisms to pick metrics - overlaps with Finance subcommittee.

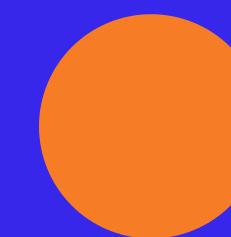
FINANCE



Chair: Elizabeth Andrews, VCPC/W&M
Vice Chair: Stephanie Hamlett, VRA

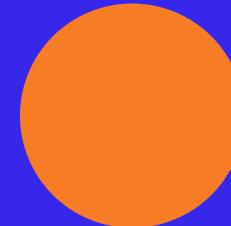


Issues: Set up schedule of briefings on various grants and funding mechanisms.

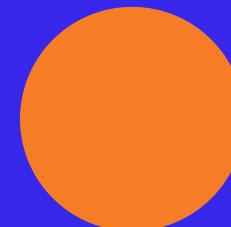


HRPDC thoughts: Would like to collect information from localities on the challenges of existing programs like staff time to apply or mismatch of need and eligibility. Review past grant awards - types of projects, localities that received awards, applicants that didn't get grants.

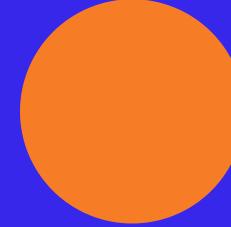
COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Chair: Ashley Montgomery, Hanbury
Vice Chair: David Paylor, DEQ



Issues: Considering how to set up meetings and engage the public.



HRPDC thoughts: Not much clarity yet on the message. May to consider more tools to reach everyone.

STUDIES, RESEARCH, BEST PRACTICES

Chair: Robert Weiss, Virginia Tech
Vice Chair: Emily Steinhilber, CCRFR/ODU

Issues: Creating 3 workgroups (Natural & Nature Based Infrastructure, Relocation Handbook, and Social-Economic Equity). Debate about adding Vulnerability Assessments to research topics.

HRPDC thoughts: Unclear how this research fits in with Dewberry's efforts and workgroup deliverables. i.e. Shep Moon at CZM/DEQ writing policy perspective of Relocation Handbook. Concern about Relocation without funding to support buy out program.

FEDERAL INSTALLATIONS PARTNERSHIPS

Chair: Tom Crabbs, Military Liaison for
Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs
Vice Chair: Whitney Katchmark, HRPDC

Issues: Clarification that subcommittee
will consider all federal facilities, not
just DoD installations. Debate on scope:
just recurring federal programs or also
coordinating federal assistance if disaster
occurs. Two tasks - 1) define state role
and 2) make a list of priority projects.

HRPDC thoughts: Prefer to discuss state's
role before trying to pick projects or one
project. Need to acknowledge that sometimes
localities can pursue federal funding
without the state. Lean on Bruce Sturk's
experience.

ALIGNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Sara Dunnigan, DHCD
Vice Chair: John Bateman, NNPDC

Issues: Two primary categories: Business Development (retain, attract businesses) and Product Development (incentives or remove barriers to business growth).

HRPDC thoughts: Additional discuss of definition of "economic resilience" needed. Instead of surveying economic development organizations, survey businesses directly. Ask about challenges including view of existing grants.