



AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION

American Flood Coalition

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We are the American Flood Coalition

A nonpartisan coalition dedicated to unlocking national solutions to flooding and sea level rise



**Federal
champions**



**Cities, Towns
& Counties**



**Elected
officials**



Businesses



**Military
leaders**



**Academic &
civic groups**



The coalition has over 170 members
and continues to grow

Member types

17 federal champions

58 cities and counties

56 elected officials

26 businesses and associations

5 military groups and leaders

13 civic groups

Our geographies

Launched in
Virginia, Florida, South Carolina

Initial presence in
Alabama, California, Georgia,
Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts,
New York, North Carolina & DC



Virginia members



Rep. Elaine Luria,
(D-VA)



Rep. Donald
McEachin,
(D-VA)



Sabrina Wooten,
Councilmember
(Virginia Beach,
Dist. 1)



State Del.
Kelly Convirs-Fowler,
(D, VA-21)



State Del.
Mike Mullin,
(D, VA-93)



State Del.
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(D, VA-89)



State Del.
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(D, VA-35)



State Sen.
Frank Wagner,
(R, VA-7)



State Del.
Gordon Helsel,
(R, VA-91)



State Sen.
Mamie Locke,
(D, VA-2)



Col. Paul Olsen,
Fmr. Cmdr., Norfolk
Dist. USACE (Ret.)



Vice Adm. David
Architzel, (Ret.),
Norfolk MEDAC



Rep. Bobby Scott,
(D-VA)



State Del.
Keith Hodges,
(R, VA-98)



State Sen.
Lynwood Lewis,
(D, VA-6)



State Del.
Emily Brewer,
(R, VA-64)



State Sen.
Monty Mason,
(D, VA-1)



Sherri Goodman,
Fmr. Deputy
Undersecretary of
Defense



Former Rep.
Scott Taylor,
(R-VA)



State Del.
David Yancey,
(R, VA-94)



State Del.
Robert Bloxom,
(R, VA-100)



State Del.
Jason Miyares,
(R, VA-82)



State Del.
Chris Stolle,
(R, VA-83)



John F. Reinhart,
CEO, Virginia Port
Authority



Andria McClellan,
Councilmember
(Norfolk,
Superward 6)



State Del.
Glenn Davis,
(D, VA-84)



State Del.
Sam Rasoul,
(D, VA-11)



State Del.
Chris Hurst,
(D, VA-12)



State Del.
Betsy Carr,
(D, VA-69)



Virginia members



Virginia Beach



Hampton



Hampton Roads
Military and Federal
Facilities Alliance



Virginia Maritime
Association



Virginia Peninsula
Chamber of
Commerce



Virginia Peninsula
Association of
REALTORS®



Hampton Roads
Chamber of
Commerce



Hampton Roads
REALTORS®
Association



Greater
Williamsburg
Chamber & Tourism
Alliance



Williamsburg Area
Association of
REALTORS®



Retail Alliance



Clark Nexsen



Our mission

Protecting communities that are vulnerable to flooding and sea level rise is a national issue that must be met with **national solutions**—it is vitally important to our country's citizen well-being, economic strength, and security.

With effective sea level rise planning our communities can adapt and thrive. **But we must act now.**





Our policy platform



Economy

Invest in infrastructure and natural solutions that boost the economy and protect property values



Communities

Use smart planning to keep communities safe and save taxpayer dollars



Rebuilding

Build back stronger to protect communities from future flooding



Military

Ensure our military installations are ready to deploy 365 days a year



Legislative update

Now that the Defense Access Roads amendment has become law, we are working to add new, flexible funding to the program

Eligibility Amendment

Conference and Passage

Program Oversight & Implementation

- Submitted a **Sea Level Rise amendment** to the DAR program (former Rep. Taylor)
- This would allow use of DAR funds to address **flooding on military access roads**
- NDAA **signed into law in August 2018**
- DAR passed en bloc
- Congressional champions working to create **designated DAR account**
- **Congressional Oversight letter** (Rep. Luria)
- FY20 MILCON VA **report language** to address DoD's Report on DAR



Member benefits



A strong platform

to advocate as part of a nonpartisan group for national solutions to sea level rise and flooding that invest in and protect our coastal communities



A forum for best

practices and support in developing local and state-level responses to sea level rise flooding



Opportunities and tools

to communicate on sea level rise challenges and solutions, including media opportunities



Executive Advisory Board



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Former Congressman, Florida



Jay Faison
Philanthropist and Founder,
ClearPath



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CEO, Revell Investments
International



**Michael J. Walsh, Major
General (Ret.)**
Deputy Commanding General
of Civil and Emergency
Operations, USACE, Ret.



Joining the coalition

- **Simple** Easy-to-join group with common-sense platform
- **Free** There is no cost to be a coalition member
- **Independent** Joining does not create legal ties or obligations
- **Growing** The coalition launched in March 2018 and now has over **170 members** from across **12 states**



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Thank you!



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