

# Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

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## Public Meeting #1 Minutes

April 20, 2021 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### AGENDA

- Introductions
- Plan Background Information
- Terminology
- Discussion of Natural Hazards in 2017 Plan, New Hazards for 2021
- Flood Risk Assessment
- Project Timeline
- Questions for Participants
- Survey Information
- General Discussion

### MEETING NOTES

- The group generally discussed heat stress and vulnerable populations; inquired whether health departments might have database for extreme heat hospitalizations (subsequent research indicates there is a VDH database which will be summarized in HIRA)
- A participant asked if organized or managed retreat [from vulnerable coastlines] might be considered as a flood mitigation alternative for more communities besides Isle of Wight County
- Group discussed the importance of wetlands restoration for flood mitigation versus slope control, but discussion also turned to flood mitigation alternatives that might involve elevating mechanical equipment and installing better hydrostatic venting
- Discussion ensued about importance of providing real-time hazard information to citizens
- Several participants mentioned how important it is to involve community Public Information Officers in mitigation planning and hazard training
- Three polls taken during the meeting, and the written Q&A session at the end are summarized as follows:

## Polling 1: Hazard Threat Questions

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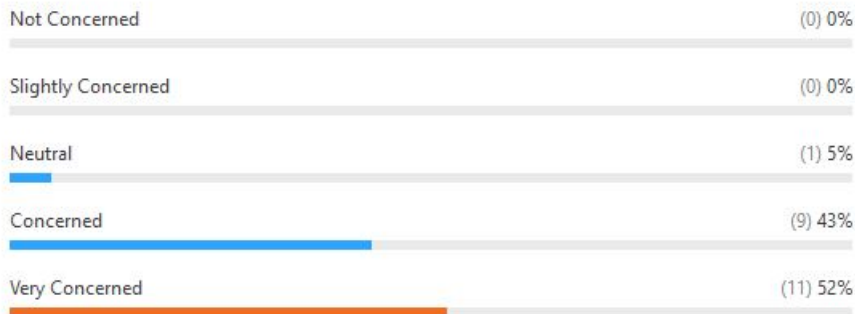
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21 voted

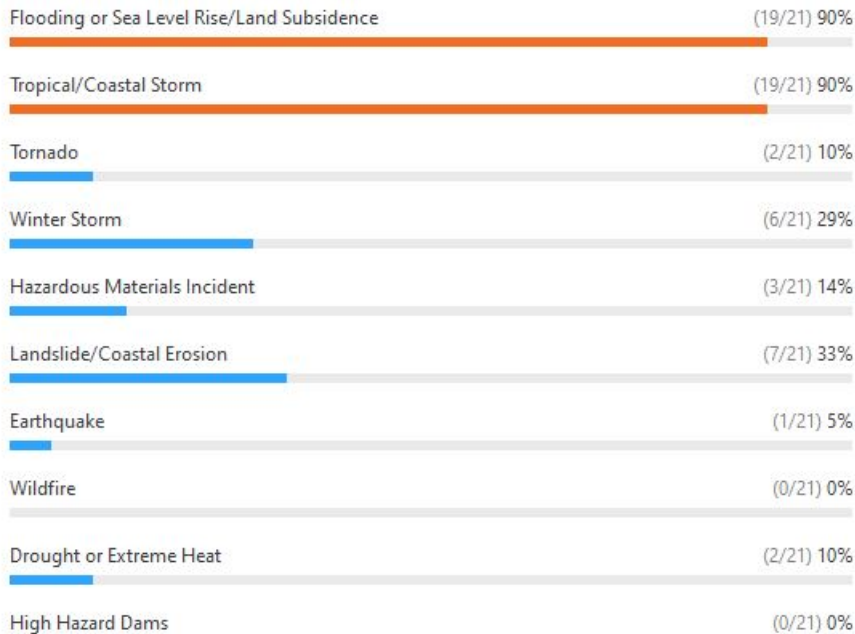
### 1. Has Your Virginia neighborhood ever been impacted by a natural disaster (besides COVID-19)?



### 2. How concerned are you about impacts from disasters?



### 3. Of the hazards listed below, select the three that you think pose the highest threat? (Multiple choice)



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## Polling 2: Hazard Impact Questions

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Polling is closed

22 voted

### 1. Is your home in a floodplain?

Yes (15) 68%

No (7) 32%

I don't know (0) 0%

### 2. Do you have flood insurance?

Yes (14) 64%

No (8) 36%

I don't know. (0) 0%

### 3. Have you ever taken actions to make your home/neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

Yes (18) 82%

No (4) 18%

### 4. Do you want more information on how to make your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

Yes (14) 64%

No (8) 36%

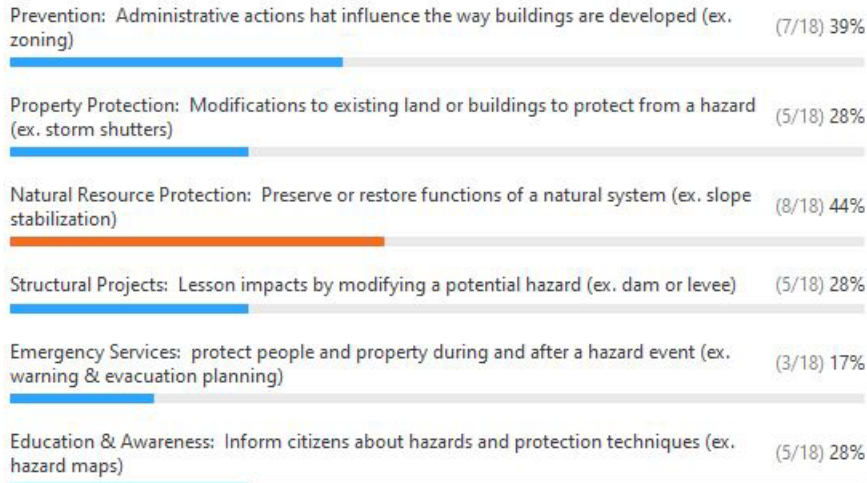
## Polling 3: Community Mitigation Activity Question

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Polling is closed

18 voted

### 1. Select two community mitigation activity categories that you think are the most important? (Multiple choice)



1 "Thank you for this opportunity to connect. Please add my email address on your list. My home flooded during Hurricane Matthew in 2016. My front yard flood when there is three consecutive days in the summertime. Before the purchase of my home

I was given a report that my area had the potential to flood once in a lifetime. I have a physical disability. My home is accessible to my needs of my physical disability. It took 4 years to get this unique home loan. There is only ten other loans like it in the entire country. It took time and a substantial amount of money to make modifications to make my home accessible. If and when my home floods again

it would leave me in financial ruins. Currently i'm in contact with FEMA on the national and local level for property eligibility for mitigation grant funding. According to FEMA and my home's Elevation Certificate

my home was built not to elevation standards I do have flood insurance

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its coverage is partial. Virginia Beach's flood zone maps have not been updated since 2015. Virginia Beach has begun flood projects. Is there anything I can do to speed plans up for my area?" Ivy K

2 "I do have flood insurance

3 "The 2017 plan rated ""extreme Heat"" as a negligible risk item. Was this based on data from health departments and emergency rooms or was this a general observation. Will this be factually evaluated in the 2022 plan?"

4 Is an organized retreat of some neighborhoods accounted for in the mitigation plan? How is this addressed?

5 Like parts of ghent

the potentiall adverse effect on adjacent properties needs to be considered before it is designed."

James Haluska  
state and federal agencies during an ongoing event?" Kent Lewis

6 "Concerning structural projects

7 "How can we improve real time information from local

8 New resident Kent Lewis

9 "Many times there are no local weather folks or NWS broadcasters on the air while an event is ongoing. Seems like EOCs or county emergency management folks could have a PIO sending out info" Kent Lewis

10 "Through a variety of platforms	facebook	twitter	etc..." Kent Lewis
11 "Chesapeake does have text alerts like lighting	flooding. Evacuation" Judy Hinch		
12 I think the newspaper had a misprint in the digital version today about his meeting and the survey hrpdsva.org instead of gov. But maybe ORG works too. Judy Hinch			
13 https://www.weather.gov/akq/SewellsPoint is a good site I use to give model projections of water levels at Sewell's Point. James Haluska			
14 Where is a good place for folks with Incident Command and SAR experience to volunteer? Kent Lewis		50-year). I'd also like to see a description of hazard impacts that includes the public health hazards associated with floodwaters/mold/mildew. I'd also like to see the action plan address post-disaster mitigation policies and procedures... or at least a reference to where these reside. Thanks." Matthew Simons	
15 "More of a comment: I'd like to see the new plan provide a hazard assessment that includes less frequent floods (10-year	25-year		
16 What is the approximate date for the second public information meeting? Markiella Moore			
17 "i was wondering	since i need a personal care attendant	and PCAs are not provided at shelters	but they are at medical shelters
18 What are your Top 3 Most Wanted items? And is there a portal for citizens to submit identified hazards or hazard mitigation recommendations? Kent Lewis			do medical shelters keep an updated list of their locations online?" Ivy K
19 No your ongoing planning Kent Lewis			
20 Like community awareness Kent Lewis			
21 Yes Kent Lewis			

**ATTENDEES**

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## INVITEES

Email invitations were issued to each of the individuals shown on the following email invite. In addition, each primary contact for the communities forwarded the message and made additional phone calls to their staff and interested persons. Additional advertisements by individual communities on file with the HRPDC and will be included in the appendices of the final 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**From:** Danielle Spach <DSpach@hrpd.cva.gov>  
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**Cc:** Chapman, Leigh; Slater, Noelle; John Sadler  
**Subject:** RE: HMP Public Meeting 1 and Public Survey  
**Attachments:** FINAL\_Hampton Roads HMP Public Meeting #1 public notice.docx  
**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee Members,

The attached public notice for the first public meeting posted on the HRPDC and HRTPO websites this morning. It is similar to the one I sent out as a template last week but includes the full registration link in case members of the community are viewing a print version of the notice. The updated public notice is also posted on the Microsoft Teams site.

As a reminder, please remember to post documentation of your public notice to either the Microsoft Teams site under the "Public Participation Documentation" folder or by emailing myself or John Sadler ([jsadler@hrpd.cva.gov](mailto:jsadler@hrpd.cva.gov))

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Danielle Spach

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**Subject:** HMP Public Meeting 1 and Public Survey

**Importance:** High

Good Morning Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee Members,

I posted information for the first public meeting for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update on the Microsoft Teams site earlier this week but wanted to send an email highlighting the information for your reference. If you are not part of the Microsoft Teams site or are having issues accessing the information please let me know. The first Public Meeting will occur virtually on **April 20, 2021 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm via Zoom**. This meeting will give members of the public an opportunity to discuss hazard related concerns within their community. Those interested in attending can register for the virtual meeting by visiting [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_P-6S6ovtTRuNow85rXG8Sg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P-6S6ovtTRuNow85rXG8Sg)

**All localities participating in the Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan must follow their locality's normal procedures for posting public meeting notices. This is a requirement for the plan to be approved. In addition, the HRPDC will also put out a public notice for the meeting. A sample public notice and outreach flyer are attached for your reference and as an example. Please provide documentation of where you posted your public notice for Public Meeting 1. Examples include a screenshot of a website, picture of a flyer, etc. Please do the following when submitting documentation:**

- 1) Name the file as "Locality"\_Public Meeting 1 Documentation (Ex. Virginia Beach\_Public Meeting 1 Documentation). If you upload multiple files please add a number to the file name (Ex. Virginia Beach\_Public Meeting 1 Documentation 1 and Virginia Beach\_Public Meeting 1 Documentation 2)
- 2) Post the file within the "Public Participation Documentation" folder on the 2022 Hampton Roads HMP Microsoft Teams Site
- 3) If you have trouble reaching the Microsoft Teams Site then please email the documentation to Danielle Spach ([DSpach@hrpdca.gov](mailto:DSpach@hrpdca.gov)) or John Sadler ([JSadler@hrpdca.gov](mailto:JSadler@hrpdca.gov))

Separate from the first public meeting, there is also a public survey available that gives the public an opportunity to provide input on the type of hazards they are most concerned about within their community. The survey is now open and can be accessed using this

link: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSlkWdsW0yxEjaJBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAO\\_dKuUnBUQ\\_UtCNkIZS1RTS2RaUFQwVUg3QVU1QVFGR54u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSlkWdsW0yxEjaJBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAO_dKuUnBUQ_UtCNkIZS1RTS2RaUFQwVUg3QVU1QVFGR54u).

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you all for your participation and engagement.

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