

Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan

Stakeholder Engagement Summary

Plan Overview

The 2025 Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan (VFPMP) will be an actionable plan for the Commonwealth to use in crafting policies and programs to mitigate the impacts of flooding on people, the economy, and the environment.

Groups Involved in the Plan

Planning Team

DCR leadership, staff and consultants responsible for developing the VFPMP.

Flood Committee

A public body established by the General Assembly in 2024 that is responsible for advising DCR on flood resilience coordination. The Committee will meet twice in 2025 to advise DCR on the development of the VFPMP.

Core Stakeholders

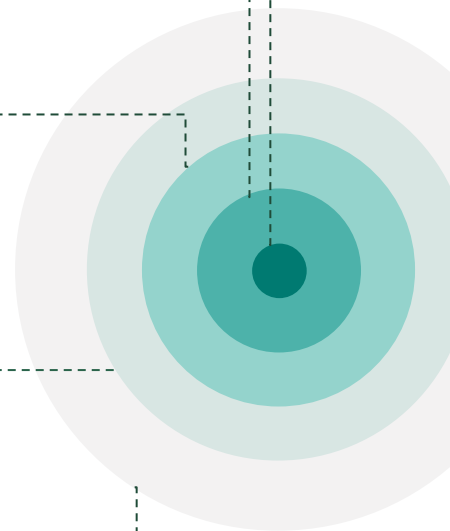
State agencies and other entities that will play a critical role in the VFPMP. These groups will contribute actionable input and feedback during multiple stages of plan development. Additionally, they can play a leading role in implementing the plan after its development.

Supporting Stakeholders

PDCs, universities, localities, non-profits, and other organizations who possess a vested interest in the plan and bring specialized knowledge, experience, or perspectives. These stakeholders will provide valuable expertise to support the plan's development and implementation.

Public

There will be formal opportunities for all Virginians to provide public comment during plan development. Some of the final plan products will be suitable for public use to encourage whole community adoption and dissemination of flood resilience knowledge.



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Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

Stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide feedback on plan elements throughout the VFPM's development through Virtual Feedback Sessions, Post-Meeting Surveys, and In-Person Workshops. Lists of stakeholder groups can be found on the following page.

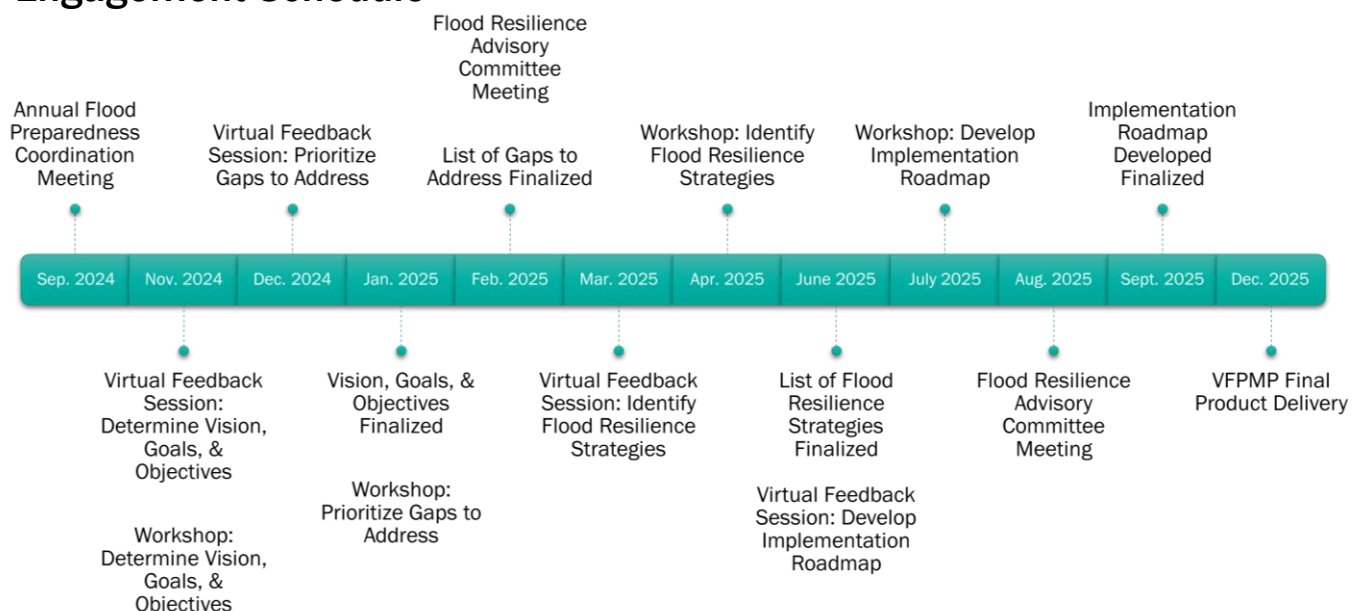
Virtual Feedback Sessions

- **Core and Supporting Stakeholders invited.**
- Meet virtually with the planning team.
- Provide feedback on key elements of the plan in real-time and with post-meeting surveys.
- Sessions occur about two-weeks prior to In-Person Workshops.
- Planning team will use feedback to revise draft plan elements ahead of the In-Person Workshops.
- We will host five 90-minute Virtual Feedback Sessions for the plan.

In-Person Workshops

- **Core Stakeholders invited.**
- Meet in-person with the planning team.
- Discuss, collaboratively problem-solve, and provide real-time feedback on plan elements.
- Workshops occur after Virtual Feedback Sessions and incorporate input received during Virtual Feedback Sessions.
- Planning team will use feedback to revise and finalize draft plan elements.
- We will host four 3-hour In-Person Workshops for the plan.

Engagement Schedule



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Flood Committee Members

- Chair - Director of Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Vice-Chair - Commonwealth Chief Resilience Officer
- Director of Virginia Department of Emergency Management
- Director of Department of Environmental Quality
- Director of Department of Housing and Community Development
- Commissioner of Virginia Department of Transportation
- Commissioner of Virginia Marine Resources Commission
- Director of Department of General Services
- Executive Director of Virginia Resources Authority
- Director of Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment
- Virginia Director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission
- Director of the Office of Diversity, Opportunity, and Inclusion
- Representative of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions
- Executive Director of the Virginia Municipal League
- Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Counties

Invited Core Stakeholders

- Office of Diversity, Opportunity, and Inclusion
- Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment
- Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Department of Emergency Management
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of General Services
- Department of Historic Resources
- Department of Housing and Community Development
- Department of Forestry
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Wildlife Resources
- Chesapeake Bay Commission
- Virginia Marine Resources Commission
- Virginia Resource Authority
- Virginia Association of Counties
- Virginia Municipal League
- Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions
- Virginia Silver Jackets

Invited Supporting Stakeholders

State Agencies:

Department of Health • Department of Rail and Public Transportation • State Corporation Commission • State Council of Higher Education • Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services • Department of Energy • Virginia Tourism Authority

Universities:

George Mason University • Hampton University • Norfolk State University • Old Dominion • University of Virginia • Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences • Virginia Tech • Virginia Institute of Marine Science • Virginia State University • William & Mary

Tribal Authorities:

Cheroenhaka Nottoway Indian Tribe • Chickahominy Indian Tribe • Chickahominy Tribe Eastern Division • Mattaponi Indian Tribe • Monacan Indian Nation • Nansemond Indian Nation • Nottoway Indian Tribe • Pamunkey Indian Tribe • Patowomeck Indian Tribe • Rappahannock Indian Tribe • Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe

Agriculture Community:

U.S. Department of Agriculture • Natural Resources Conservation Service • Virginia Agribusiness Council • Virginia Farm Bureau • Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts • Virginia Cooperative Extension

Professional Associations:

American Institute of Architects • Flood Mitigation Industry Association • Home Builders Association of Virginia • Virginia Association of Landscape Architects • Virginia Association of Realtors • Virginia Emergency Management Association • Virginia Manufacturers Association • Virginia Maritime Association • Virginia Section American Waterworks Association • Virginia Water Environment Association

PDCs:

Accomack-Northampton • Central Shenandoah • Commonwealth • Crater • Cumberland Plateau • George Washington • Hampton Roads • LENOWISCO • Middle Peninsula • Mount Rogers • New River Valley • Northern Neck • Northern Shenandoah Valley • Northern Virginia • PlanRVA • Rappahannock-Rapidan • Roanoke Valley-Alleghany • Southside • Thomas Jefferson • West Piedmont

Non-Governmental Organizations:

American Council of Engineering Companies • American Flood Coalition • American Planning Association, Virginia Chapter • Appalachian Voices • Chesapeake Bay Foundation • Elizabeth River Project • Environmental Defense Fund • James River Association • Resilient Virginia • Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project • Southern Environmental Law Center • Trout Unlimited • United Way of Southwest Virginia • Virginia Conservation Network • Virginia Floodplain Managers Association • Virginia Housing • Virginia Interfaith Power & Light • Virginia Sea Grant • Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster • Wetlands Watch • Wildlands Network • Wild Virginia

Federal Partners:

Appalachian Regional Commission • Bureau of Land Management • Department of Defense • U.S. Army Corps of Engineers • U.S. Navy Region Mid-Atlantic • Representatives of Federal Facilities located within the Commonwealth

Economic Development Community:

Virginia Chamber of Commerce • Virginia Economic Development Partnership