

Recurrent Coastal Flooding Sub Panel Update –

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Dear Sub-Panel Members, Technical Experts and partners,

Apologies for any duplicate messages.

I am very pleased to announce we held our Sub-Panel kick-off meeting today in Richmond where Ms. Molly Roggero of William and Mary's Virginia Institute of Marine Science presented on their study, ["Recurrent Flooding Study for Tidewater Virginia \(2013\),"](#) along with their key findings and recommendations.

In an effort to establish a starting point to fully address these recommendations, much research had been done to determine our current state. This includes reviewing legislation at multiple levels as well as plans, projects, studies and initiatives throughout the Commonwealth and elsewhere. **Your help is needed to ensure the most comprehensive, inclusive and accurate portrayal of information.**

To better ensure an inclusive effort while accommodating hectic schedules (and show mercy on email inboxes), you will receive an invitation shortly through a collaboration program called "Alfresco." Once you complete the necessary information to access the site (create username and password), you should click on the link in the upper right corner called "Document Library." There you'll be able to view and provide comments to the draft documents by section. **This is a brainstorming document which is a work in progress** and should not be construed as anything leading or formal. Again, it is an attempt to set the stage for more meaningful discussion toward actionable and effective recommendations. **Please log on, review and provide comments by Friday, October 11.** (If you prefer, feel free to email me any comments you may have). This will ensure we have feedback in time for our October 17 Secure Commonwealth Panel update and also allow time to organize and otherwise format for the next Sub-Panel meeting scheduled later that month.

Additionally, provided below are six distinct recommendations (paraphrased) for which we will establish working groups. After reviewing the documents in Alfresco, please let me know with which working group(s) you would be willing to participate.

- *Comprehensive and Coordinated Planning Efforts*
 - *Data / Mapping*

- *State's Leading Role / "Incident Command" Structure*
- *Legal Authority*
- State Comprehensive Strategy
- *Outreach & Education*

Again, this is an issue which affects us all and requires a unified response among multiple sectors and various levels of government. We have an amazing array of talents and capabilities in the Commonwealth, and together we can affect meaningful and responsible change.

I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Jim Redick
Sub-Panel Co-Chair