



Recurrent Flooding Sub-Panel

Update

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Recommendation #1
Comprehensive and Coordinated Planning Efforts

Recommendation #2
Data / Mapping

Recommendation #3
State's Leading Role / Incident Command Structure

Recommendation #4
Legal Authority

Recommendation #5
State Comprehensive Strategy

Recommendation #6
Outreach & Education

Technical Experts / Advisory Group

Accomack - Northampton Planning District Commission
Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)
Chesapeake Bay Commission
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
DEQ Coastal Zone Management Program
Emergency Management, Department of (VDEM), Mitigation Division (& Va Silver Jackets)
Emergency Management, Department of (VDEM), IFLAWS
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Marine Resources Commission (MRC)
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Fugro Consultants, Inc.
Health, Dept. of
Historic Resources, Dept. of
Homeland Security Protective Security Advisor
House Appropriations Committee
Mines, Minerals & Energy, Dept. of
NASA Langley Research Center, Environment Management Branch
National Weather Service
Navy, Department of, Task Force Climate Change
NOAA
Old Dominion University, Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Initiative
Private Insurers
Senate Finance Committee
State Corporation Commission, Bureau of Insurance
Transportation, Dept. of
United States Army Corps of Engineers
United States Coast Guard, 5th District
University of Virginia, Institute for Environmental Negotiations / Urban and Environmental Planning
Virginia Association of Zoning Officials
Virginia Economic Development Partnership
Virginia Environmental Endowment
Virginia Floodplain Management Association
Virginia Port Authority
Virginia Tech, Virginia Cooperative Extension
Wetlands Watch
William and Mary Coastal Policy Clinic
William and Mary, Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)
William and Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law

Draft Working Document

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Brainstorming Thoughts/Outline
Draft 9-15-2013

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BACKGROUND / THREAT

Vision for the National Preparedness Goal is A NATION PREPARED with coordinated capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from all hazards in a way that balances risk with resources and need. [emphasis added...]

National Strategy for Homeland Security:

- ... to include Protect the American people, our critical infrastructure, and key resources...

STATE HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGIC PLAN (2006)
Vision - A Virginia where its communities, businesses and government are safe, secure and prepared.

Highest Probability / Highest Impact hazard. Note: Hazard threat to localities based on State's Mitigation Plan, section 3.7 (Action Document, p. 5-6)... as well as Governor's 2006 Report on Climate Change?

NACCS - 9 critical localities, of which Norfolk is one (USACE, NACCS - internal communications to be published in January 2014)
<http://www.virginia.edu/en/sealevelrise/listeningsessions.html>

- In the Chesapeake Bay Region, the projected relative sea level rise is 2.3 to 5.2 feet by 2100 according to the Chesapeake Bay Program's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee.
- The City of Virginia Beach could lose about 45,000 acres from water inundation, assuming 4 foot of relative sea level rise without considering storm surge effects or sea level rise adaptation measures.

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Department of Veterans Services

The Department of Veterans Services serves Virginia's veterans and their beneficiaries by ensuring they receive the benefits, support, quality care, and recognition they have earned through service and sacrifice. The Department operates 20 benefit services offices where representatives assist veterans and their family members in filing claims for VA and state benefits. The agency operates two cemeteries for veterans and a long-term care facility offering nursing and domiciliary care for veterans. The Department also certifies that post-secondary educational institutions meet G.I. Bill funding and eligibility requirements, enabling veterans and family members to pursue educational opportunities. [Dept. of Veterans Services website](#)

Virginia War Memorial

Walk inside the Virginia War Memorial and you enter hallowed ground. For here on its soaring glass and marble walls are the names of more than 11,600 Virginia heroes who gave their lives to keep our country free. Its reason for being and its effect on those who view its hallowed walls and artifacts. Located overlooking historic Richmond business district and the James River, the War Memorial was created by the Virginia General Assembly to honor Virginia's war dead. [Virginia War Memorial website](#)

Virginia Military Advisory Council

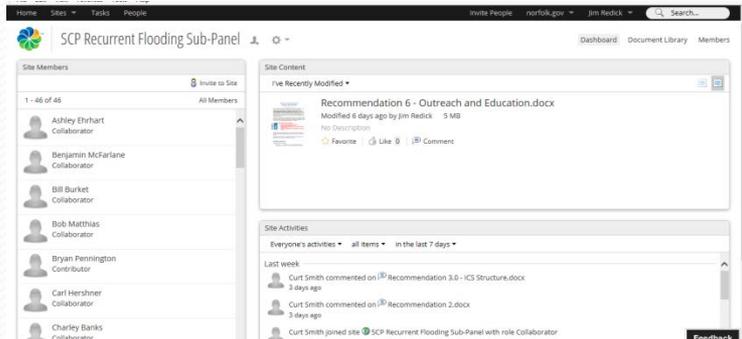
The Virginia Military Advisory Council (VMAC) was established to maintain a cooperative and constructive relationship between the Commonwealth and the leadership of the Armed Forces of the United States. VMAC's mission also extends to the military commanders stationed in the Commonwealth, where they work together to encourage regular communication on continued military facility viability, the exploration of privatization opportunities and issues affecting preparedness, public safety and security. [VMAC website](#)

Secure Commonwealth Panel

The Secure Commonwealth Panel is established as an advisory board in the executive branch of state government. The panel monitors and assesses the implementation of statewide prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives. Where necessary, the panel also reviews, evaluates, and makes recommendations relating to the emergency preparedness of government at all levels in the Commonwealth. [SCP website](#)

Virginia Commission on Military Installation and Defense Activities

Governor Bob McDonnell issued Executive Order #60 on March 1, 2013 establishing the Commission on Military Installation and Defense Activities. This Commission was formed in response to the necessity to address the impact that indiscriminate defense budget cuts as a result of the sequestration will have on the economic well-being of the citizens and businesses of Virginia. The



Maximize / Leverage Efforts

Inclusion, Transparency, Accessibility

Additional focus on impacts to Virginia economy and critical infrastructure

Next Steps

- Revise Working Document
 - Establishing baseline for working groups
- Working Groups Assignments and Scheduling
- ODU Information Session: 10/30-31
- Next Sub-Panel Mtg: 11/25