

Attendance:

Kit Friedman, CPDC

Andrew Franzysheh, CPDC

Marian Kamatchi, CPDC

Gary Mitchell, Charles City

Heather Barrar, FOLAR

Elise Neuscheler, FOLAR

Elise Frazier, VA CZM

Janine Lester, Petersburg

Luke Peters, Petersburg

Megan Mulroy-Goldman, VA DOF

Thomas Ruppert, Virginia Coastal Resilience Collaborative

Noah Peterson, Hopewell

Josh Sementelli, Hopewell

Capacity Building Roadmap

- Gary Mitchell suggested SOL directed environmental education
- Folar suggested an outreach table and sharing the webinars on social media

Purple and Green categories are responsibilities for the localities and Crater PDC

- Kit suggested building the capacity to be able for the locality to manage floodplain administration before pushing for CRS

Discussion about the flood plan and flood insurance discounts for patrons of localities who are equipped to handle the floods. Due to the expense of having flood insurance not enough properties have flood insurance. A suggestion to have the communities coming together to ease the costs of the flood management plan. SWVA currently doing a regional CRS study to circumvent limited capacity.

The City of Petersburg has changed its flood plans to prohibit development in the floodplain. Zoning ordinances and economic development will help get a better rating from the CRS.

The need for Standard Operating Procedures, (SOPs), for substantial damage/improvement workflow, permit review, LOMCs, disaster response for FPAs

Mr. Mitchell mentioned the creation of an Emergency Manager position in Charles City County to manage environmental disasters.

Luke mentioned the need for a partnership with a community-based organization to help the Human & Institutional Capacity. James River Association, FOLAR, Cameron foundation and John Randolph foundation were mentioned.

In terms of management of environmental disasters, if the localities come together the clean up would be faster. Existence of Memos of Understanding, MoU, between localities, would help develop preparedness and recovery guidelines.

- Do localities have existing mutual aid agreements for emergency mgt? Can those be replicated for floodplain mgt in the event of a disaster?
- Model language for agreements

Kit went over the Critical Asset Maps and asked members to review and make edits and return.

Luke said we may want to examine which assets are visible on the map, both from a relevance and from a security standpoint.

Training topic suggestions – CZM would like training to teach a skill rather than information sessions.

- Intro to CRS
- Native plants
 - o Invasive plants
 - o Non-native plants to survive invasive insects
- Best native plants and exotic plants
 - o Right tree/ right place
- Impact of road Salt and how to mitigate the impact
- CFPF training for Round 7

The resilience study will be complete by Round 7 – The Commission will adopt it and then it will be adopted by the localities.

Janine asked for contact information for the Dominion Energy representation for trees.

Land conversion – public access authority/ outdoor assessment

Locality property and charge the public for their use

VCRC

- Projects for spring
- Student adverse
- Ongoing Virginia, no impact Flood plain improvement
- City of Petersburg bought property in the flood plain to prevent development – local government should prevent building danger in flood plain
- Hook & Cook program – local fisherman can donate their unclaimed catch to a restaurant

Substantial Damage issues language should be included in the comprehensive plans of the localities

Round Table updates

DEQ – Coastal Zone Management

Petersburg

- Grants
- Recent application to VDEM to acquire 5 acres of floodplain
 - o Appomattox River Trail?
- City street tree survey almost complete

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- Private landowners – buffer trees
- Virginia trees for clean water applications are due December 1.
- Contact Caleb in Urban & Community Forestry

No other notable updates.

