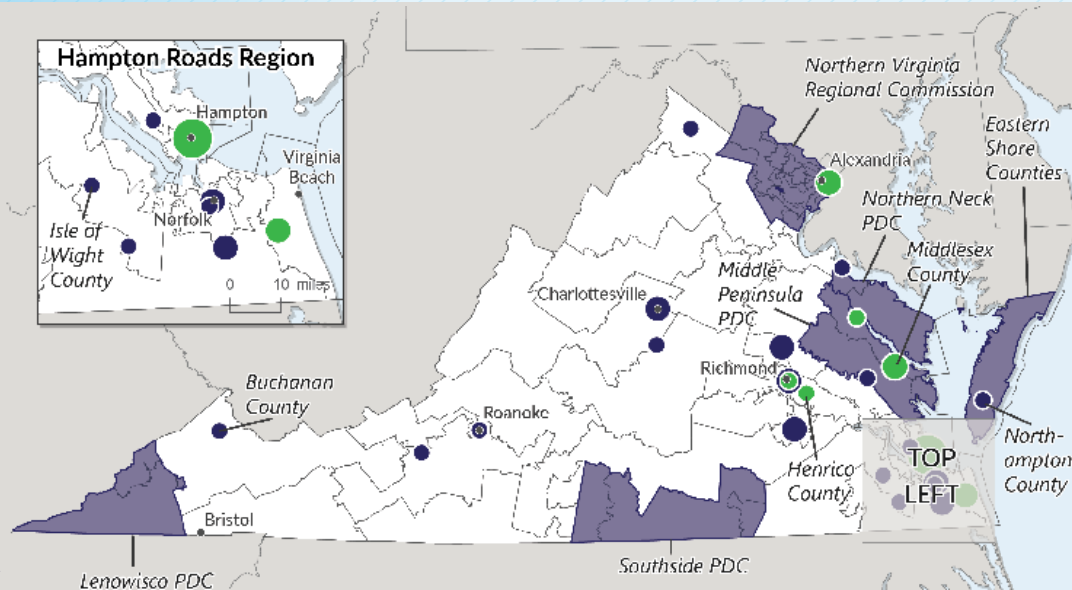


# RGGI GRANTS

## COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FUND

In 2020, Virginia passed the Clean Energy and Community Flood Preparedness Act to protect Virginians from growing flood risk from more frequent and intense storms and sea level rise. This allowed the Commonwealth to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and established the Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF). RGGI is a market-based program of 11 states that generates funds while reducing electricity sector emissions. Half of its proceeds fund low-income energy efficiency programs and 45% fund the CFPF.



The CFPF provides loans and grants for projects, studies, and planning throughout the Commonwealth to identify and address flood vulnerability for communities. CFPF funds can build capacity in localities that otherwise would not have the resources to develop comprehensive flood vulnerability assessments and action-oriented flood mitigation approaches.

## BUCHANAN: RESILIENCE CAPACITY

Buchanan County has long experienced riverine flooding that impacts its community landmarks, homes, businesses, and local coal mines. Flash floods in August 2021 knocked 20 homes from their foundations and disrupted main a water line, and the County is still remediating historic flood damage caused in 1977. Working with a professional engineering team, the County will use this CFPF award to build flood resilience capacity and engage stakeholders throughout the County in a community-based natural resource management planning effort.



**BUCHANAN  
COUNTY**



**\$387,500**



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### WHY IT MATTERS:

“Many Virginians think of flooding only occurring in tidal areas. We are excited to see funding head towards nontidal areas of the Commonwealth hit hard by flooding occurring from rain events.”

- Charlie Westbrook, Principal of First Earth|2030



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