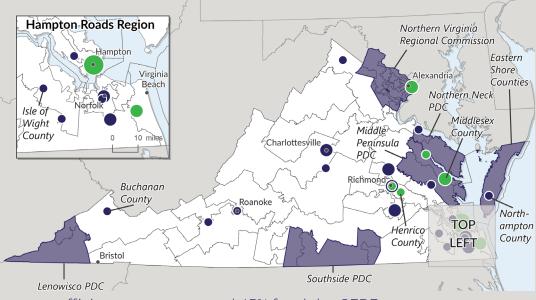
## RGGI GRANTS COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FUND

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 marketbased 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.

## **CHRISTIANSBURG: RESILIENCE PLAN**

Christiansburg experiences devastating, recurrent flooding which has increased in recent years as higher intensity storms stress the Town's stormwater systems. The Town has taken a proactive approach to addressing these new drainage needs, but the need and volume of improvement projects exceeds available funds. Christiansburg will use this CFPF grant to develop a Resilience Plan to comprehensively guide flood mitigation strategies, with an emphasis on nature-based solutions.









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## WHY IT MATTERS:

"We firmly believe that this funding will enable the Town to develop a plan to guide the implementation of flood mitigation projects and work towards a more resilient community."



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