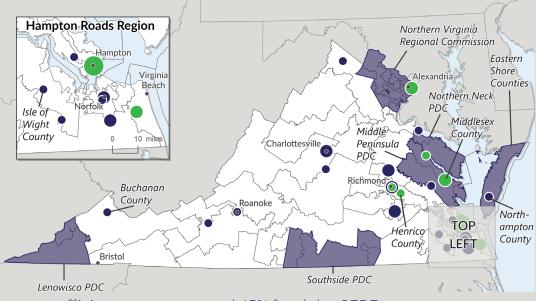
## **RGGI GRANTS COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FUND**

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.

## **ISLE OF WIGHT: RESILIENCE PLAN**

Ennis Pond's emergency spillway has overflowed several times in the last ten years and was extensively damaged by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. The county will use this CFPF award to develop a County-wide Resilience Plan, focusing on nature-based solutions for flood control, system modifications, and stormwater management upgrades to build resilience throughout the community. The grant will also support the certification of a county employee as a Certified Floodplain Manager.











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## **WHY IT MATTERS:**

The Isle of Wight's stormwater infrastructure can't handle increasingly intense storm events. The County's topographic and hydrologic features also contrubute to flooding in local areas, affecting infrastructure and County residents alike.



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