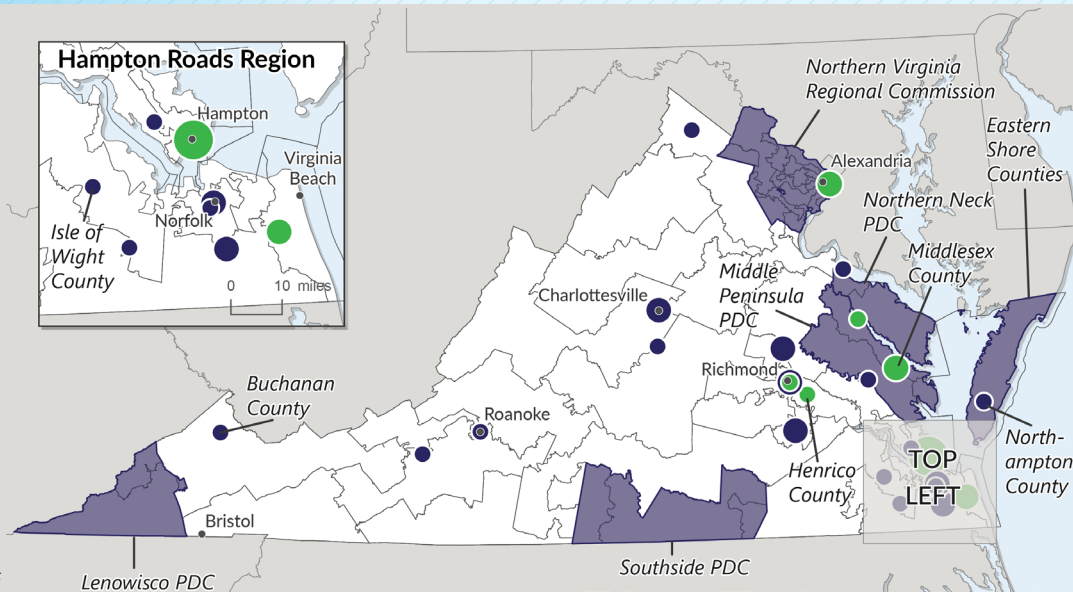


RGGI GRANTS

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.

LENOWISCO PDC: FLOOD RESILIENCE CAPACITY

Every locality in the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission (PDC) are inland, low-income areas challenged by recurrent riverine flooding. The PDC has partnered with the University of Virginia to conduct initial scoping and benchmarking of flood resiliency plans in the region. This CFPF award will support the partnership in conducting flood risk analyses, comprehensively evaluating existing flood mitigation plans and policies, conducting stakeholder and community outreach, and developing a roadmap for the preparation of future flood preparedness projects.



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WHY IT MATTERS:

“Like many communities and regions across Virginia, the effects of climate change and increasing flooding events are having devastating impacts on communities in the Southwest region of Virginia. The repercussions and cascading effects of flooding events in this region are not limited to local impacts on public safety and roads, community livability, and economic viability; they impact vital regional and statewide economic and transportation corridors as well.”



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