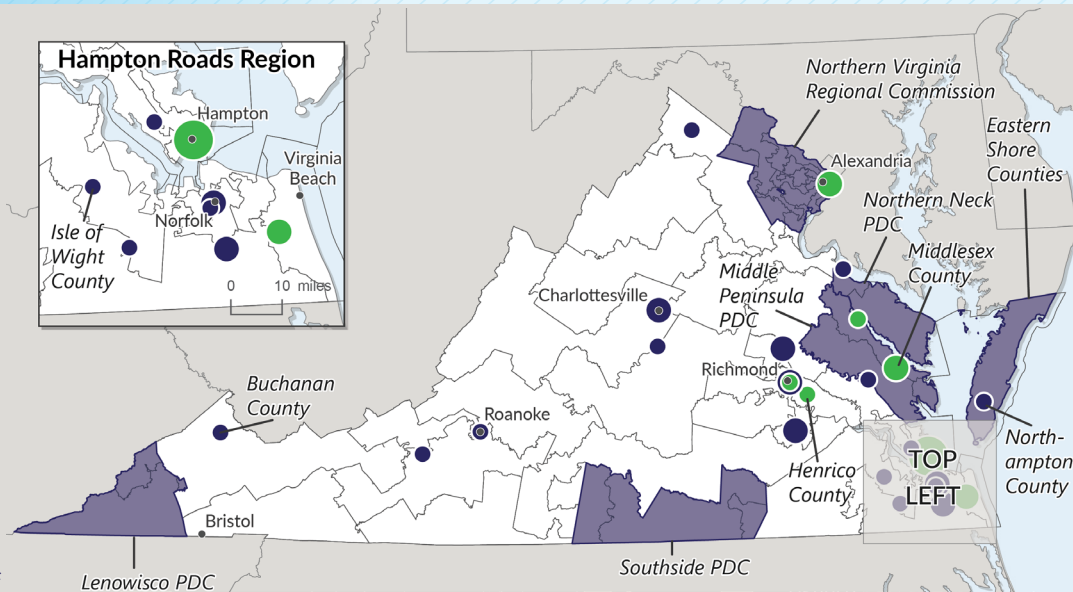


RGGI GRANTS

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.

NEWPORT NEWS: MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Aging stormwater infrastructure presents financial and logistical challenges for Newport News. Long-term improvements to infrastructure are necessary to address interconnected stormwater, floodplain, shoreline, and sea-level rise concerns. The city will use its CFPF award to develop three interdependent, complementary master plans covering stormwater management, floodplain management, and climate change and resilience. These plans will guide and optimize their efforts to reduce the increasing levels of flood damage in the municipality in a coordinated, cost-effective manner over the next 20 years.



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WHY IT MATTERS:

Located in Hampton Roads along the north shore of the James River, Newport News has approximately 70 square miles of land, 2,883 acres of tidal wetlands, and 244 linear miles of tidal shoreline along 14 major creeks, rivers, and associated tributaries. Nearly a quarter of the city's population have a high or very high social vulnerability score. The city's coastal, relatively flat topography puts it at increased risk of localized flooding due to more frequent and intense storms.



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