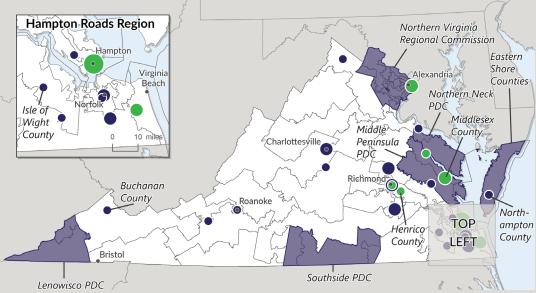
## RGGI GRANTS COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FUND

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.

## **SCOTTSVILLE: FLOODPLAIN STUDY**

Scottsville is a small town located along the James River, halfway between Lynchburg and Richmond as the river flows. The Town, and its downtown area in particular, is historically flood-prone and has aging housing stock, threatening public safety and impairing economic growth. Scottsville will use their CFPF award to update hydraulic models and conduct hydrologic analysis to assess flood vulnerability. The Town will use this information to update floodplain mapping in its downtown and the nearby site of a closed factory, and update local ordinances.





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## **WHY IT MATTERS:**

"This project proposal connects to the town's history and its future, assuring the continued safety from flooding, and laying the groundwork for new economic development."