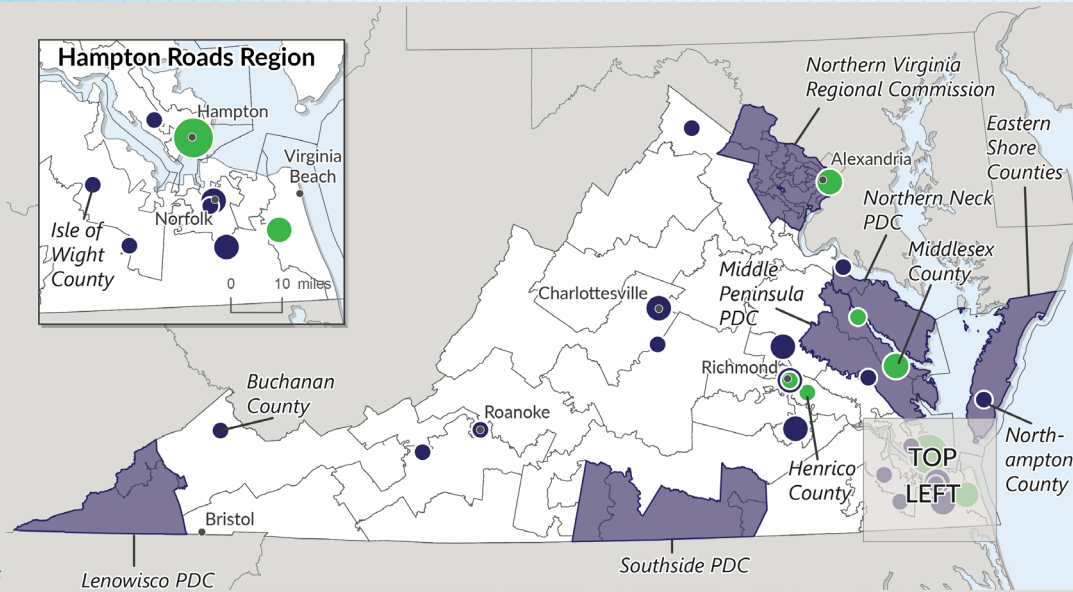


RGGI GRANTS

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.

SUFFOLK: FLOOD RESILIENCE CAPACITY

With this CFPF award, Suffolk will train two Certified Floodplain Managers and develop a standalone Resilience Plan. The plan will assess the City's flood risk due to sea level rise and climate change with a focus on critical infrastructure as well as low-income geographic areas with compounding vulnerabilities. The plan will further emphasize potential flood mitigation projects that incorporate nature-based solutions, and include strategies for responding to natural hazards more quickly after disasters and responsibly managing development in areas with high flood risk.



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WHY IT MATTERS:

The Resilience Plan will serve as a reference for multiple City Departments for future planning and development considerations, and is expected to increase public confidence in the City's ability to mitigate flooding issues and in its ability to plan for future impacts of sea level rise and climate change and respond to flood hazards.



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