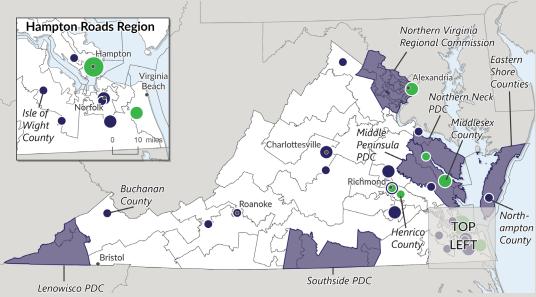
RGGI GRANTS COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FUND

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.

TAPPAHANNOCK: LIVING SHORELINE & FLOOD STUDY

The Town of Tappahannock will use an almost \$70,000 grant to create a living shoreline and restore wetlands along Hoskins Creek. The project will reduce erosion and flooding near critical sewer infrastructure and protect one of the community's few public access sites to the nearby Rappahannock River. Tappahannock will also complete a flood protection study for a Town-owned sewer pump station vulnerably located on the shoreline.





\$69,920



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WHY IT MATTERS:

"The Town was recently the recipient of a VDCR VA Land Conservation Fund grant to help purchase and conserve the property to preserve critical habitat and ensure public access to the Town's waterfront. Securing DCR Flood Funds and constructing a shoreline solution are a critical first step to meeting these objectives for the site and complementing the recent DCR investments at the site."