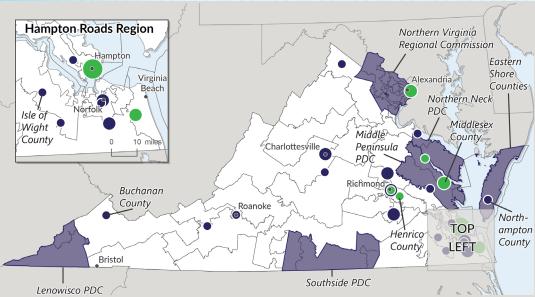
RGGI GRANTS COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FUND

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.

WEST POINT: BRIDGE FLOOD STUDY

West Point recently acquired a bridge with no design or capacity history that serves as the only public entry and exit to a public complex for which flooding is a public safety concern. The Town will use this CFPF award to conduct a Hydrologic & Hydraulic Study and Structural Design & Level of Service Study. These studies will assess bridge's flood risk and protection needs and provide recommendations for potential nature-based construction recommendations.







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WHY IT MATTERS:

"The bridge crosses a tidal stream...and is the only public road entry and exit to a public complex utilized by public safety officers for training as well as a site being considered by Virginia Sea Grant-VIMS as a location to establish a resiliency business hub."