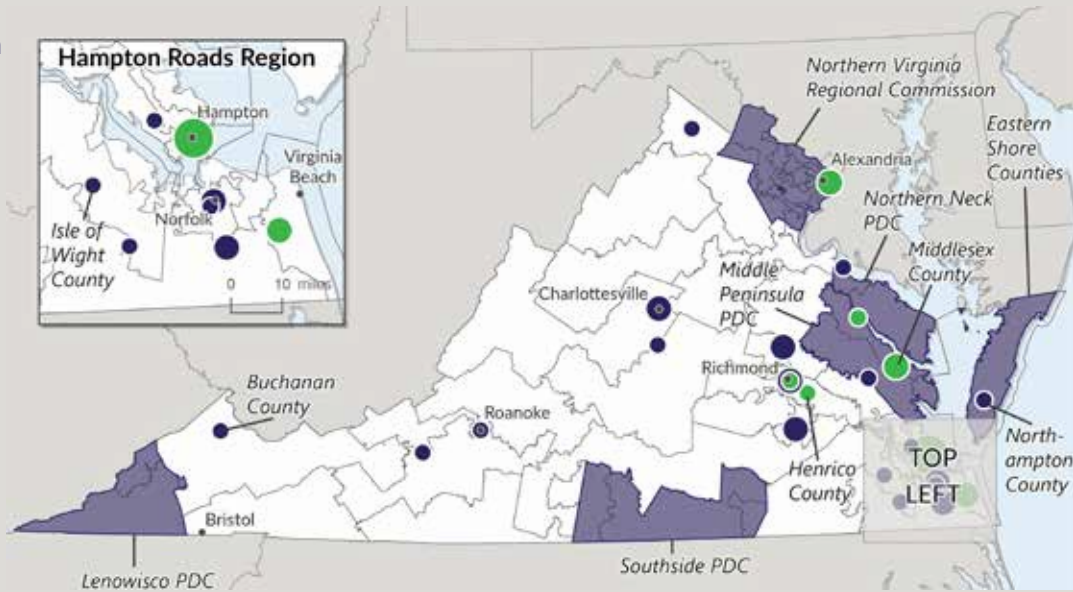


RGGI GRANTS

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.

COLONIAL BEACH: RESILIENCE PLAN DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

As a 75% waterfront community, Colonial Beach is highly susceptible to major flooding. In October of 2021, the town experienced its most significant flood event of the past decade, underlining the need to prioritize the community's resilience to rising sea-levels and storms. With this CFPF grant award, the low-income municipality will be able to complete a resiliency plan and train city staff members to become Certified Stormwater Plan Reviewers.



**COLONIAL
BEACH**



\$103,500



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"As a 75% waterfront community that sits on a peninsula, we are acutely aware of threats posed by flooding, rising sea levels, and climate change. The grant award from the Community Flood Preparedness Fund will enable the Town of Colonial Beach to effectively and strategically prepare for these threats."



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