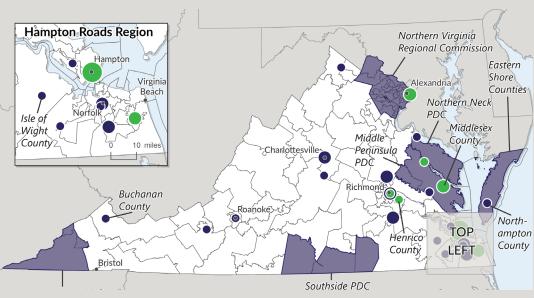
COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FUND

In 2020, Virginia established the **Community Flood Preparedness** Fund (CFPF) to protect Virginians from growing flood risk from more frequent. intense storms and sea level rise. 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.



CITY OF PORTSMOUTH: RESILIENCE STRATEGY

Due to the way in which Portsmouth's communities were built, homes in different neighborhoods are vulnerable to flooding for different reasons; resources also differ one block to the next, and all needs must be addressed realistically. The City of Portsmouth will fund the development of a city-wide Resilience Strategy to identify specific projects needed to protect critical assets and vulnerable communities from rising seas, increased rainfall, and impacts from storm surge flooding. The strategy will prioritize projects based on criteria that includes flood risk exposure, social vulnerability, cost-effectiveness. The strategy will incorporate nature-based solutions to the maximum extent possible and involve layered stakeholder engagement workshops to create an actionable adaptation plan and long-term funding strategy.



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WHY IT MATTERS:

"This study directly addresses Portsmouth's needs for flood prevention and protection, equity, community improvement, identification of nature-based solutions and other key priorities."



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