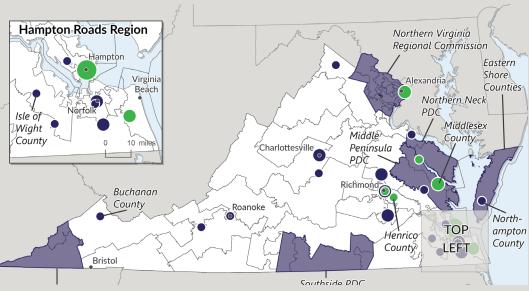
COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FUND

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.



ALBEMARLE COUNTY: RESILIENCE PLAN

At 726 square miles, Albemarle County is one of the largest counties in Virginia and has concentrated urban development with approximately 95% of the County remaining rural and exurban. The County has a Climate Action Plan with established community-wide greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, including achieving net zero emissions by 2050, but needs a comprehensive flood resilience plan to fully address climate risks. This CFPF award will allow the County to hire a resilience planning project manager and additional technical assistance to work with an equity advisory group on their resilience plan.











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WHY IT MATTERS:

"Outside local government, we also expect our equitable and inclusive planning process to build the capacity of our community members to participate in flood and climate resilience efforts. The process will therefore yield ripple effect benefits in the community beyond the direct outputs of the plan itself."



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