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.

**Dickenson County**

Floodplain Restoration Along Russell Fork River and Lick Creek SFHA Zones Via Acquisition and Restoration

The US Army Corps of Engineers is currently undertaking a nonstructural flood damage reduction project authorized after the 1977 floods. The constraints of that project mean many flood-prone properties in the area are ineligible, so this CFPF award will allow the County to elevate other homes where possible, acquire properties through voluntary acquisition within the Special Flood Hazard A or AE zones, implement streambank restoration, and clear out abandoned structures. The project will reduce flood risk for an estimated 110 residents within the project area, as well as homes and businesses downstream in Haysi, Virginia and Elkhorn City, Kentucky.

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**Why it Matters**

“We are pleased to be awarded this funding in order to provide relief to Dickenson County residents that were not included in the project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Our priority will be to work with Dickenson County businesses to contract to have the work completed.”