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.

SHENANDOAH COUNTY: RESILIENCE PLAN

Shenandoah County qualifies as a low-income geographic area with moderate social vulnerability. Shenandoah County will use this CFPF award for two staff members to be trained as Certified Floodplain Managers. By increasing staff capacity and technical training, the County will be able to better address floodplain management issues and plan and implement solutions.

WHY IT MATTERS

“With the training and certification of Shenandoah County staff, the County will increase its scope, capacity, and institutional knowledge to better enforce, administer, and manage floodplain related issues and its floodplain ordnance to ensure the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the community.”