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.

**TAZEWELL COUNTY: RESILIENCE PLAN**

Tazewell County has long experienced challenging riverine flooding that impacts homes, community infrastructure, businesses, and transportation networks. As a low-income community, the County has rarely had resources to properly address flood impacts and plan new approaches for the future. With this CFPF award, the County will increase technical capacity of staff and work with consultants at First Earth | 2030 and Stantec on a community-informed resilience plan and project identification process.

**WHY IT MATTERS**

“By working with consultants that can help build this effort toward greater community-based natural resources management, Tazewell will lay strong groundwork for future resilience projects.”