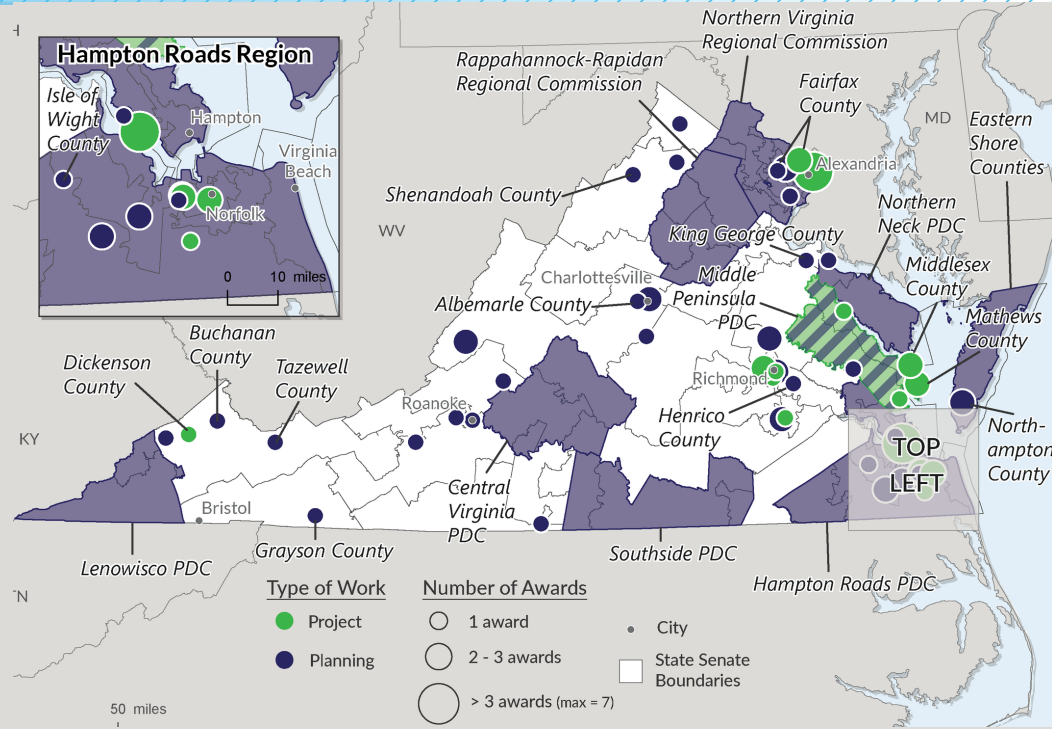


RGGI GRANTS

COMMUNITY FLOOD PREPAREDNESS FUND

Virginia passed the Clean Energy and Community Flood Preparedness Act of 2020, allowing the Commonwealth to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and establishing the Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF). RGGI is a market-based program of 11 states that generates funds while reducing electricity sector emissions. Half of its proceeds fund low-income energy efficiency programs and 45% fund the CFPF. 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.

TOWN OF OCCOQUAN

STUDY TO EVALUATE STORMWATER AND FLOOD RESILIENCE

The town of Occoquan has experienced periodic flooding. The town lies on the bank of the Occoquan river, which is one contributor to the floods in the region. Additional flooding in the area is also due to two streams that flow through the low-lying town and have had waterbeds disrupted due in part to the surrounding area's development. The town of Occoquan has goals related to flood mitigation, stormwater management, and resilience. The town will use CFPF funding to study and develop a resilience plan, which will evaluate flooding concerns and create a comprehensive guide for how stormwater and resilience are addressed in the town.

TOWN OF OCCOQUAN

\$84,902

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WHY IT MATTERS

“The Town has been subject to various flooding events over the years and has limited historical or existing conditions information and data to evaluate and plan for the future of the town’s stormwater program, including the community’s flood resilience”



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