



**VIRGINIA COASTAL
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**Hampton Underserved Community Meeting #1
Summary Report**

Meeting Date: September 21, 2021
Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: HRCAP
Attendance: 7 in person; 2 via Zoom
Commonwealth Staff: Matt Dalon

Overview: Matt Dalon welcomed everyone and conducted a power point presentation. He addressed participants' questions. Participants made notes about flooding challenges on the maps and circled where they lived. There were no questions or comments posted in the Zoom chat.

Participant Comments and Questions

- Briarfield is dealing with flooding. Ditches are not being maintained, however, when they are cleaned out it does reduce flooding. During Hurricane Ida, a tree fell over the ditch causing blockage that prevented the flood water from draining.
- Intense rainfall, very frequently causing lots of flooding in the neighborhoods and communities – not just the coastal areas. Hope is that the state will begin looking at intense rainfall. Mercury Blvd flooded significantly recently.
- Attendee from Buckroe does have significant flooding in her yard as a result of rainfall.
- When houses are condemned, is the state planning to replace the housing?
- If a mass evacuation is needed, how do we go about that? How can we help neighbors that are most vulnerable and how can we best serve them in the process?

- Evacuation is costly. There are not enough people here to express the financial burden evacuation has or can have on them.
- Everyone in the city of Hampton is in a flood zone. There is not enough understanding within the community of this. Would like to make sure the state can help everyone understand their risk.
- Looking at putting storm sensors on roads that will then be linked with Waze and maps. Hampton is actively working on updated technology and strategies to protect citizens. The challenge really does come from budget.
- Next Door and Neighborhood Watch groups could be effective in spreading the word.