



**VIRGINIA COASTAL
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2021



**Virginia Beach Underserved Community Meeting
Summary Report**

Meeting Date: September 27, 2021
Meeting Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Corporate Landing Middle School
Attendance: 10 in person; 24 via Zoom
Commonwealth Staff: Ellen Bolen; Meryem Karad

Overview: Ellen Bolen welcomed everyone and conducted a power point presentation. She addressed participants' questions. Participants made notes about flooding challenges on the maps and circled where they lived. Meryem announced questions and comments posted in the Zoom chat. Mayor Bobby Dyer and Deputy City Manager Ron Williams shared information about the city's bond referendum that's on the November ballot.

Participant Comments and Questions

- The surrounding neighborhood is Fox Run. Issues with rainfall and no place for the water to go when the areas get heavy rainfall.
- During Hurricane Matthew it flooded badly. Issues with runoff during flooding. Impacting way of life and those simply wanting to retire in the community. Needing long term solutions due to increasing sea levels. Lives in the mid region of Virginia Beach. Also impacts the naval base.
- Coastal erosion
 - storm surge flooding
 - investment property is being impacted by flooding
- Flooding impacting cars, ability to get around, sewage backup, and surrounding areas in Virginia.

- Forces families to have to work from home due to inability to access vehicles. People simply can't (financially or mentally) evacuate. Developing plans for generating funds. Providing more information on resources and educating people on the importance of evacuating.

Participant questions regarding Virginia Beach ballot referendum. These were addressed by Mayor Bobby Dyer and Deputy City Manager Ron Williams.

- Having a meeting with engineers and the community to discuss future plans for development
- Series of virtual and in person meetings starting on Thursday that will discuss this.