



**VIRGINIA COASTAL
RESILIENCE
MASTER PLAN
2021**



**Dahlgren Underserved Community Meeting
Summary Report**

Meeting Date:	October 25, 2021
Meeting Time:	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Location:	University of Mary Washington - Dahlgren
Attendance:	14 in person; 24 via Zoom
Commonwealth Staff:	Rear Admiral Ann Phillips, Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection (SACAP)

Overview: Rear Admiral Ann Phillips conducted a power point presentation to relay the importance of coastal resiliency in the face of increased flooding. She also explained the goals of the Coastal Resilience Master Plan and its relationship to the Community Flood Preparedness Fund. She addressed participants' questions and asked participants to communicate the needs of their community. Attendees participated in a mapping exercise to identify flooding challenges in King George County. Attendees participating via Zoom were asked to post any questions or comments in the Zoom chat.

Participant Comments and Questions

- Community members asked for advice regarding how to make their individual properties more resilient.
- Attendees asked Rear Admiral Phillips whether there are programs that could help them find solutions that address resiliency while promoting economic development. How can the county or locality apply for funding to promote economic development? Are there best practices that have been used in other communities across Virginia, as well as in other states, to promote resiliency and economic development?
 - Rear Admiral Phillips suggested researching the GO Virginia grant and reaching out to the GO Virginia Region 6 coordinator, who advises King George County.

- Rear Admiral Phillips also referenced the Regional Investment in Startups & Entrepreneurs (RISE) collaborative and advised that businesses can apply to receive funding from RISE.
- Community members asked whether the funds attributed to the Community Flood Preparedness Fund cover only public land areas, or if private properties could receive funding as well.
- A representative from the Friends of the Rappahannock asked for a clear explanation of nature-based solutions so that everyone in the room could better understand what nature-based solutions are and how they are emphasized in the Coastal Resilience Master Plan.