

Eastern Shore Hazard Mitigation Plan

Summary of January 19, 2021 Steering Committee Meeting held Virtually via Zoom 2:00-4:00pm

Presentations, support documents, and other resources can be found at <http://www.a-npdc.org/accomack-northampton-planning-district-commission/coastal-resources/hazard-mitigation-planning/>

Steering Committee Members Present:

Susan McGhee, Northampton County
Jeb Brady, Town of Cape Charles
Tom Brockenbrough, Accomack County
Jamye Salazar, Town of Onley
Bryan Rush, Chincoteague Emergency Services
Michael Tolbert, Town of Chincoteague

Steering Committee Members Absent:

Charles Pruitt, Accomack County (alt pres)
Connie Campbell, Town of Painter
Denise Drewer, Town of Saxis
Robert Duer, Town of Exmore
David Eder, Town of Eastville
Laurie Thomas, Town of Tangier
Patsy Stith, Town of Nassawadox
Sharon Hart, Town of Keller
Danny Shrieves, Town of Hallwood
Matt Spuck, Town of Onancock
Charles Wilber, Town of Melfa
Jackie Davis, Town of Cheriton
Keith Greer, Town of Parksley
Robert Williams, Town of Wachapreague

Steering Committee Alternates Present:

Jeanette Eby, Town of Bloxom

VDEM Present:

None

A-NPDC Staff Present:

Shannon Alexander
Drew Williams, Berkley Group
Thomas Hicks, Berkley Group
Jon McCoy, Berkley Group

Planning Council Members Present:

Scott Hall, ESCC
Hali Plourde-Rogers, ESLT
Evelyn Shotwell, Chincoteague Chamber
Randy Smith, Eastern Shore CSB

Welcome and Introductions

Shannon Alexander, Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC) Director of Planning, and Thomas Hicks, The Berkley Group, welcomed participants and directed participants to take roll call using an online form.

Election of Chair & Vice Chair

Shannon Alexander and Thomas Hicks discussed the need for a Chair and Vice Chair of the committee and provided a brief overview of the process from the previous iteration of the plan. The floor was opened for discussion and to nominate candidates for Chair and Vice Chair. The decision was made to table the selection of Chair and Vice Chair until the following meeting. Members can be nominated using this link: <https://www.sli.do/> and entering the code #88712.

In-Kind Contributions

Shannon Alexander went over the In-Kind Contributions form, which is a requirement for grant tracking purposes. Committee Members must use the online In-Kind Match Form to record their work during the planning process. Members can fill out this form using by clicking this [link](#).

Vision Statement & Mitigation Goals

Thomas Hicks led the group through a discussion of the current vision statement and opened the floor to discuss any changes to the statement. The groups offered some critiques, which the consultant will incorporate and bring back for discussion at the following meeting.

Thomas Hicks discussed the current mitigation goals. Committee members were asked to reflect on the goals and come back to the following meeting ready to discuss any potential changes.

Project Roadmap & Deliverables

Thomas Hicks discussed the five areas of the project roadmap, including a review of community capabilities, the hazard identification and analysis, the development of mitigation strategies, public involvement, and the final review.

Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment

Thomas Hicks reviewed the need for and requirements of the hazard identification and risk assessment portion of the mitigation plan. Committee members were asked to help identify the critical risks to the Eastern Shore using an [online form](#) to rank a wide variety of hazards. This information will be used to develop hazard models in HAZUS.

Homework

Jonathan McCoy discussed homework for the committee members. The members were asked to review their locality's chapter of the current hazard mitigation plan and make note of information that will require updating. A-NPDC staff will update the Census data (population, housing data, etc) but committee members should review transportation data, community services and facility data, land use

data, and recent storm data. The Town of Hallwood was reviewed and areas in need of updating were highlighted as an example.

Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 3:40pm. The next meeting will be held on February 16th at 2:00pm.