

Eastern Shore Hazard Mitigation Plan

Summary of October 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/>

Members may access a recording of this call at: tinyurl.com/4wn6p937

Steering Committee Members Present:

Susan McGhee, Northampton County
Jeb Brady, Town of Cape Charles
Tom Brockenbrough, Accomack County
Bryan Rush, Chincoteague Emergency Services
Laurie Chamberlain, Town of Onley
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Steering Committee Members Absent:

Town of Painter
Town of Accomac
Town of Saxis
Town of Exmore
Town of Eastville
Town of Tangier
Town of Keller
Town of Belle Haven
Town of Hallwood
Town of Parksley
Town of Wachapreague
Town of Onancock
Town of Cheriton
Town of Nassawadox
Town of Melfa

Steering Committee Alternates Present:

Jeanette Eby, Town of Bloxom
Sarah Dickey, Accomack County

VDEM Present:

Chris Bruce

A-NPDC Staff Present:

Anne Doyle
Thomas Hicks, Berkley Group

Planning Council Members Present:

Planning Council Members Absent:

Hali Plourde-Rogers, ESLT
Scott Hall, ESCC
Evelyn Shotwell, Chincoteague Chamber
Susan Bates, The Nature Conservancy

Welcome and Introductions

Tommy Hicks, The Berkley Group, welcomed participants and directed participants to take roll call.

Anne Doyle introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the committee as the Director of Planning for the Eastern Shore Planning District.

Key Takeaways and Updates

This meeting provided an overview of local, state, and federal grants which are available for the region to consider assisting in preparedness and mitigation activities. The presentation is available with hyperlinks in the PDF version of the PowerPoint presentation.

An update was provided on each of the HMP Chapters, and the review conducted by VDEM. The current schedule will allow the final document to be available for submittal and adoption by localities. FEMA has still not been able to provide information on the National Flood Insurance Program even after many requests. The next steps are to move the plan forward using the existing data sets in the NFIP.

Locality Meetings

Tommy Hicks discussed the council and board meeting schedules for each month and requested that any community needing the HMP to be submitted to the board agenda a month prior to board adoption to please contact Ashley Mills.

Next Steps

This meeting concluded the 6 HMP Meetings needed to help develop the plan. After VDEM reviews, the chapters will be posted to the Eastern Shore Planning District's website prior to adoption at the community level.