

# Resilient Fairfax

Climate Adaption and Resilience Plan

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# Climate Plans in Fairfax County

We are addressing both the **cause** and the **effects** of climate change.

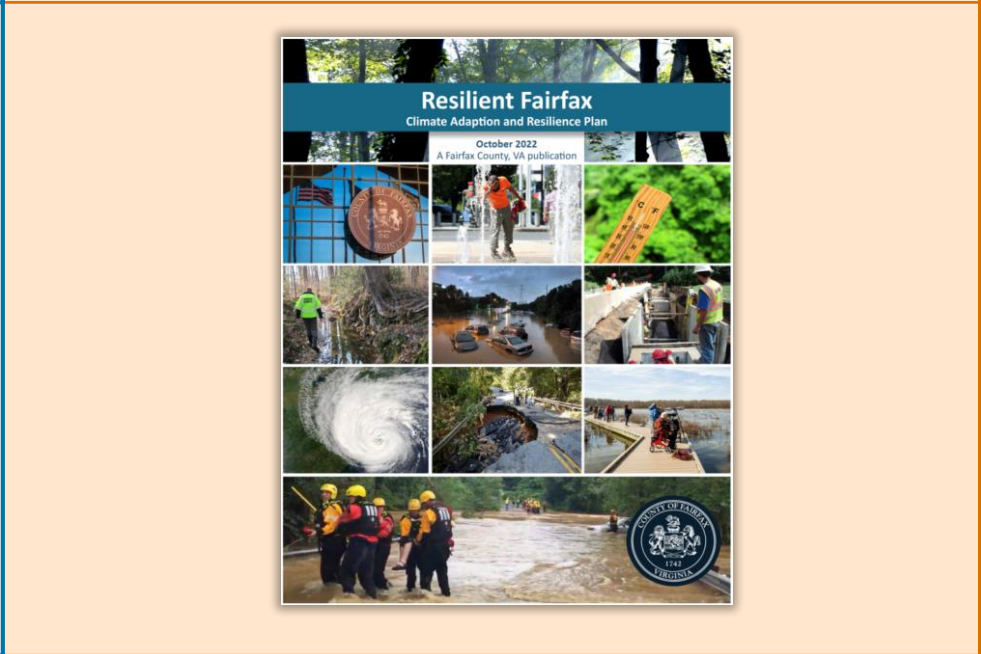
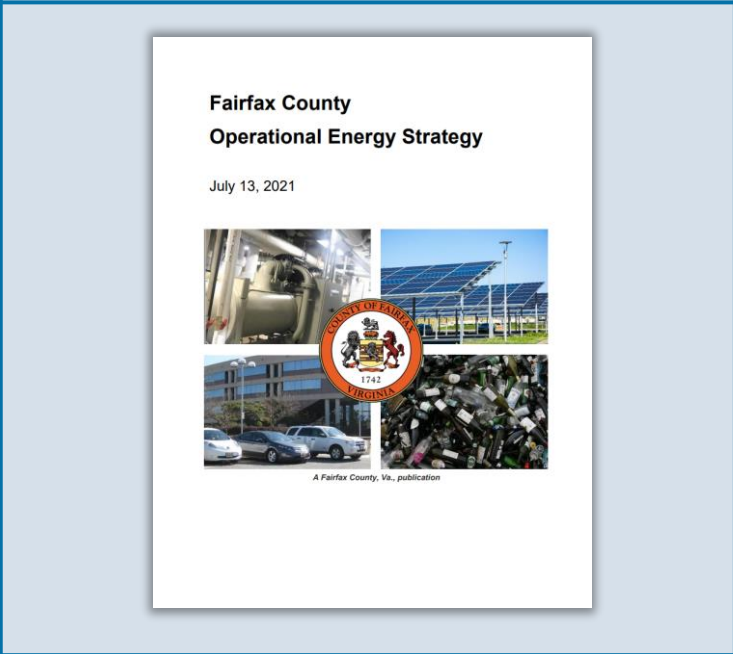
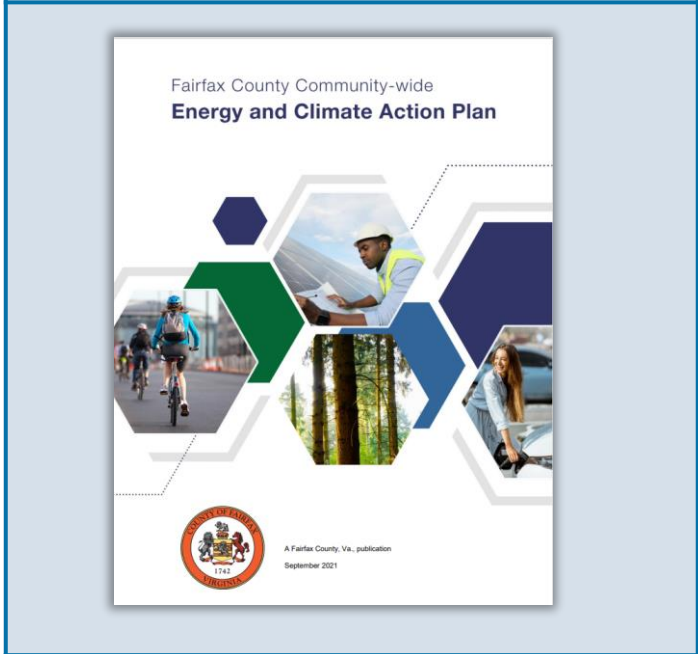
 **Addressing the Cause:**  
by doing our part  
in the global effort to reduce emissions

 **Addressing the Effects:**  
adapting/building resilience to the  
impacts we experience locally

















**CECAP**  
*(Community-wide)*

**Operational Energy Strategy**  
*(Government operations only)*

**Resilient Fairfax**  
*(Government and community)*



# Climate Plans in Fairfax County

 <b>Addressing the <u>Cause</u>:</b> by reducing harmful emissions		 <b>Addressing the <u>Effects</u>:</b> by building resilience
<u>CECAP</u> (Community-Wide)	<u>Operational Energy Strategy</u> (Government operations only)	<u>Resilient Fairfax</u> (Boosting resilience to climate hazards, for both community and government)
Goal: Carbon Neutral by 2050	Goal: Carbon Neutral by 2040	
 <b>Transportation</b>	 <b>Fleet Electrification</b>	 <b>Integrated Action Planning</b>
 <b>Buildings and Energy Efficiency</b>	 <b>Energy &amp; Water Efficiency Green Buildings</b>	 <b>Resilient Infrastructure &amp; Buildings</b>
 <b>Solar and Renewables</b>	 <b>Renewables</b>	 <b>Climate-Ready Communities</b>
 <b>Waste Reduction</b>	 <b>Waste Management &amp; Recycling</b>	 <b>Adaptive Environments</b>
 <b>Natural resources</b>	 <b>Goods and Services Utility Cost Management</b>	





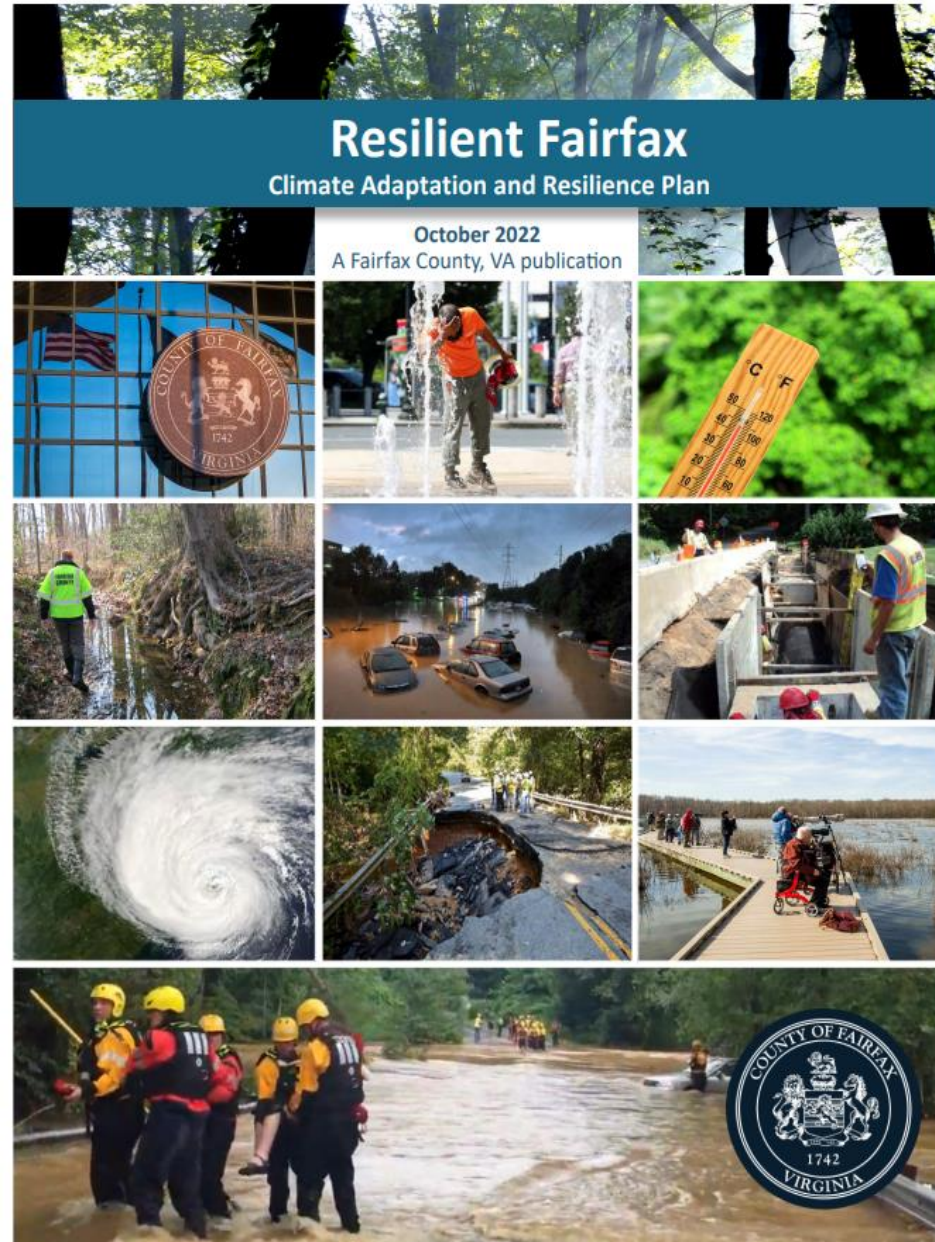
# Resilient Fairfax Plan Overview

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### 1. How much is our local climate changing?

- [Climate Projections Report \(CPR\)](#)

### 2. What are our top vulnerabilities to these climate hazards?

- [Climate Vulnerability and Risk Assessment \(VRA\)](#)

### 3. How are we currently doing?

- [Audit of Existing Policies, Plans, and Programs](#)




### 4. Which strategies will strengthen our resilience?

- [Adaptation and Resilience Strategies \(in full plan\)](#)

### 5. How do we implement those strategies?

- [Implementation Roadmap \(in full plan\)](#)

# Who is involved?

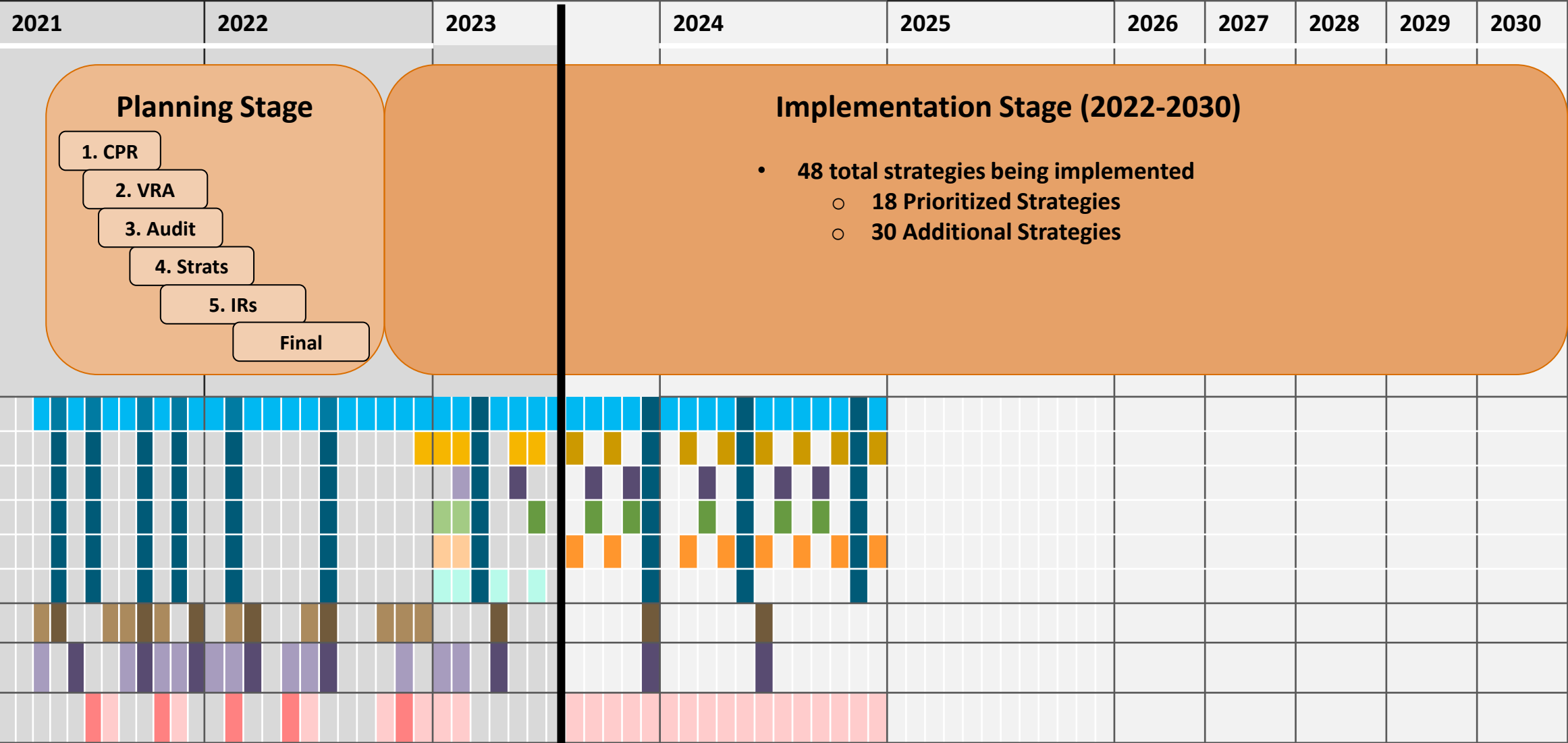
Lead	Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC)			
<p><b>County Government (Interagency Climate Team)</b></p> 	<p><b>County departments and agencies</b></p>	<p><b>Group 1: All Hands</b></p>	<p>OEEC (Lead); County Attorney; Economic Initiatives; Emergency Mgmt. &amp; Security; Facilities Mgmt.; Family Services; GIS; Health; Health &amp; Human Services; Housing; Land Development Services; Neighborhood &amp; Community Services; NVSWCD; One Fairfax; Park Authority; Planning &amp; Development (PD, ZAD, CR); Procurement &amp; Materials Mgmt.; Public Affairs; Public Safety Comms.; Public Schools; Public Works (STW, WW, SW, UFMD, Cap Facilities); Transportation; Vehicle Services</p>	<p><b>25+ entities</b> <b>100+ ppl</b></p>
		<p><b>Group 2: Development</b></p>		
		<p><b>Group 3: Community</b></p>		
		<p><b>Group 4: Nature</b></p>		
		<p><b>Group 5: Facilities</b></p>		
		<p><b>Group 6: Data</b></p>		
<p><b>Infrastructure Advisory Group (IAG)</b></p> 	<p><b>Utilities, authorities, &amp; infrastructure managers at local, state, regional, federal levels</b></p>	<p><b>(Meets as 1 Full Group)</b></p>	<p>Columbia Gas, Cox, DEMS, Dominion, DPWES, Fairfax Water, ESI, FCPS, FEMA, MWCOG, NAIOP, NOVEC, NVBIA, NVRC, NVTA, OEEC, RUCA, TAC, USDOD, VDCR, VDEM, VDEQ, VDOT, Verizon, Washington Gas, WMATA, WTS</p>	<p><b>27 entities</b> <b>50+ ppl</b></p>
<p><b>Community Advisory Group (CAG)</b></p> 	<p><b>Residents of each Supervisor District, &amp; advocacy organizations, non-profits, BCAs, community groups</b></p>	<p><b>(Meets as 1 Full Group)</b></p>	<p>Residents of Braddock, Dranesville, Hunter Mill, Lee, Mason, Mount Vernon, Providence, Springfield, Sully; 350; Chamber; Cornerstones; Disability Services Board; EcoLatinos; EQAC; FACS; FCA; GMU; League of Women Voters; Multicultural Advisory Council; NAACP; NVSWCD; Resilient VA; Reston Association; Sierra Club; Small Business Commission; Tysons</p>	<p><b>27 entities</b> <b>30+ ppl</b></p>
				<p><b>80+ entities</b> <b>180+ ppl</b></p>



# Resilient Fairfax Timeline

Stage

Engagement



**Planning Stage**

- 1. CPR
- 2. VRA
- 3. Audit
- 4. Strats
- 5. IRs
- Final

**Implementation Stage (2022-2030)**

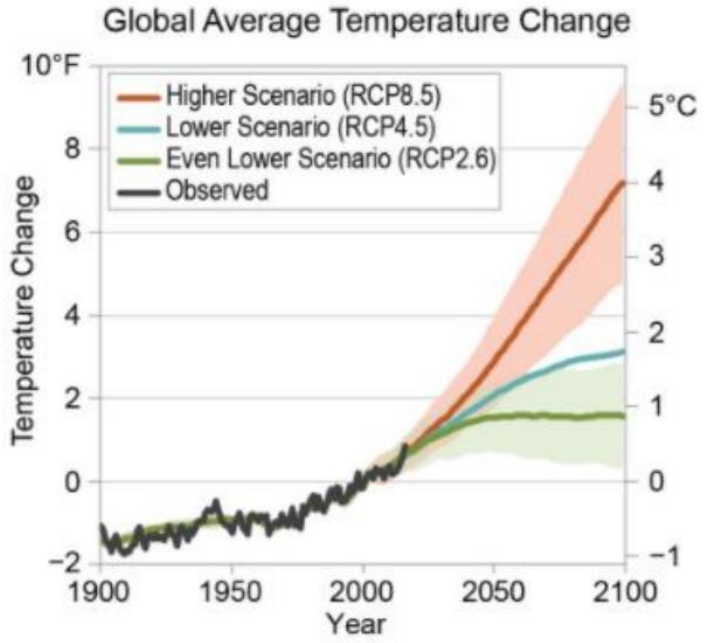
- 48 total strategies being implemented
  - 18 Prioritized Strategies
  - 30 Additional Strategies

**200+ stakeholder meetings in Planning Stage**  
Light = months with sub-group meetings;  
Dark = months with full group meetings

**We are here**

**Planned engagement, now organized by topic**

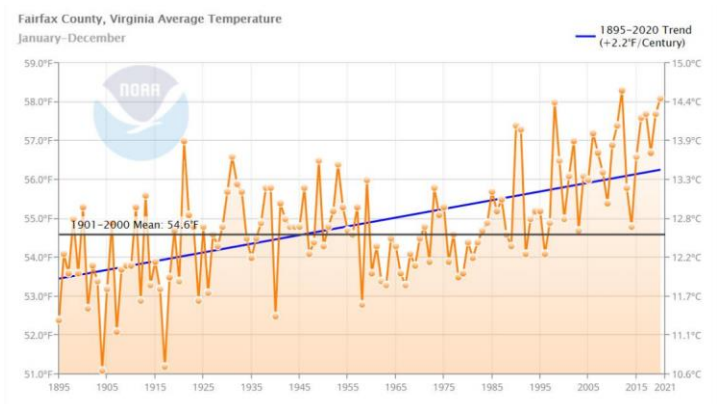
**2025-2030 engagement to be determined based on success of early implementation stage**



# Planning Stage Highlights

## Part 1: Climate Projections

Purpose: To find out how much the *local* climate is changing





# 1. Climate Projections: Our Approach

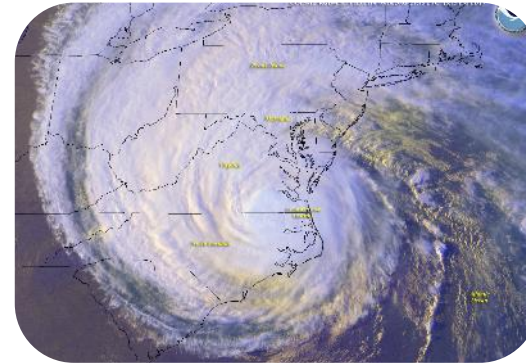
## Six Hazards



Extreme Heat



Heavy Precipitation



Severe Wind & Storms



Extreme Cold



Drought



Coastal Flooding

## Two Scenarios

- **RCP 4.5**  
(Somewhat bad)
- **RCP 8.5**  
(Very bad)

## Four Time Periods

- **Baseline**  
(1976 – 2005)
- **Current**  
(1991 – 2020)
- **Mid-Century**  
(2035 – 2064)
- **End of Century**  
(2070 – 2099)

**Models/Sources:** LOCA (32 models), METDATA/NL-DAS2, Observational, NASA, NOAA, USACE, MARISA, Chesapeake Bay Program, USPRB, NVRC, MWCOG, FEMA, NWS

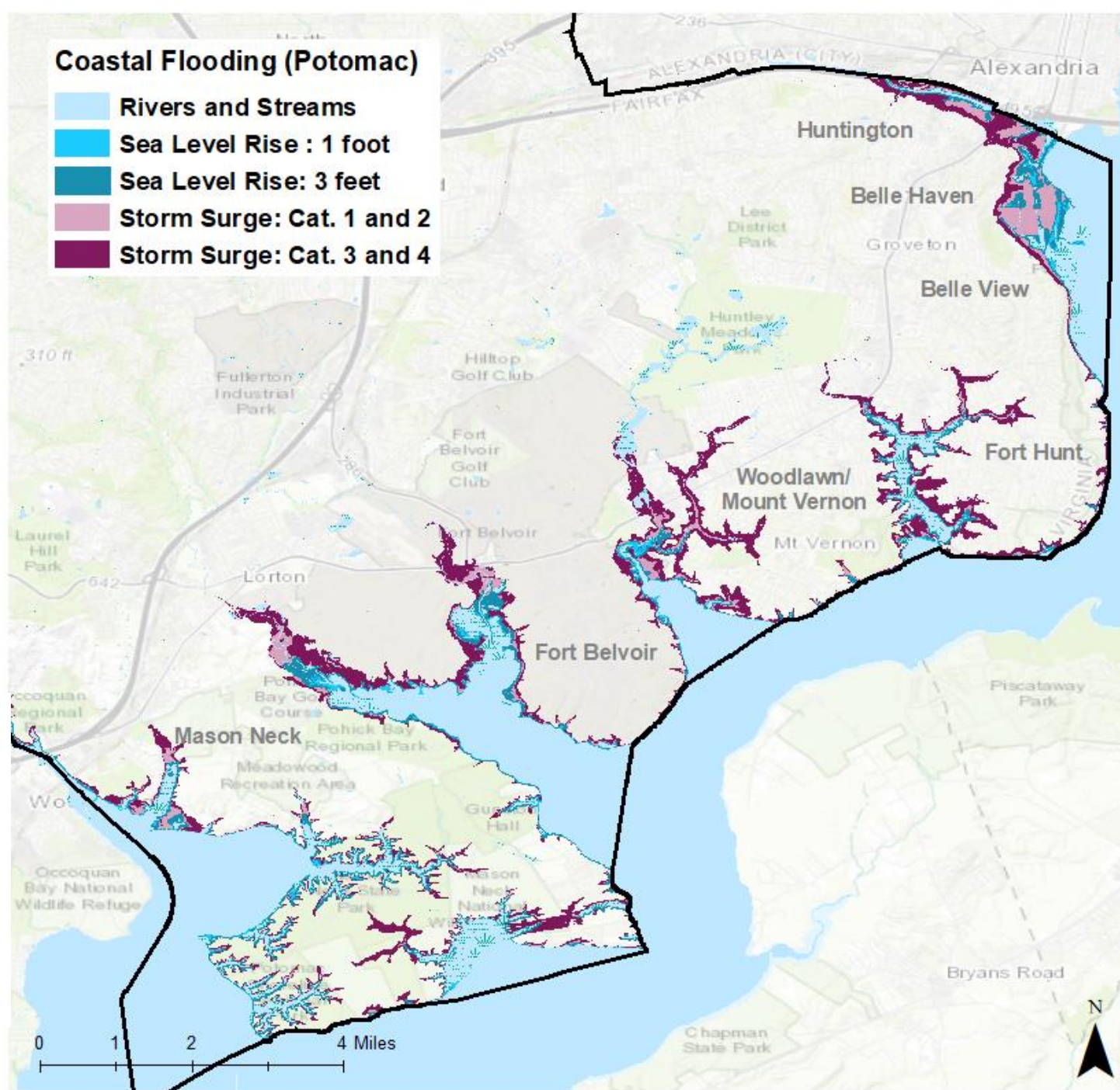
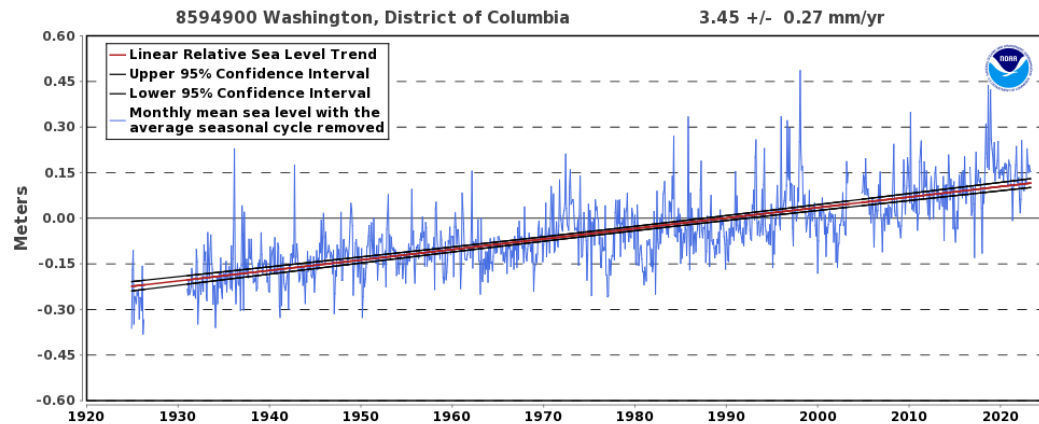






# 1. CPR., continued

- When the sea rises, the Potomac Rises
- **1924 – 2022: + 1.13 ft**
- **2050: additional 1.10 - 3.56 ft**
- **2080: additional 1.76 – 11.27 ft**





## Part 2: Vulnerability and Risk Assessment

Purpose: To find where/how your locality is most *vulnerable* to climatic hazards



# 2. Vulnerability & Risk Assessment (VRA)



## Water Infrastructure

- Wastewater
- Stormwater
- Drinking water



## Populations

- General population
- Vulnerable populations



## Natural & Cultural Resources

- Water bodies
- Wetlands
- Floodplains & RPAs
- Tree Canopy
- Agricultural districts & farms
- Cultural & historical resources



## Public Services

- Public & health services
- Emergency management
- Parks & recreation
- Waste management



## Energy & Comms Infrastructure

- Electricity
- Natural Gas
- Communications Infrastructure



## Transportation Infrastructure

- Roadways, private rail
- Public transportation, private rail
- Bike & pedestrian



## Buildings

- Residential, commercial, industrial
- Government buildings

$$\text{Vulnerability} = E \times S \times A$$

**Exposure:** How much are they exposed to each hazard?

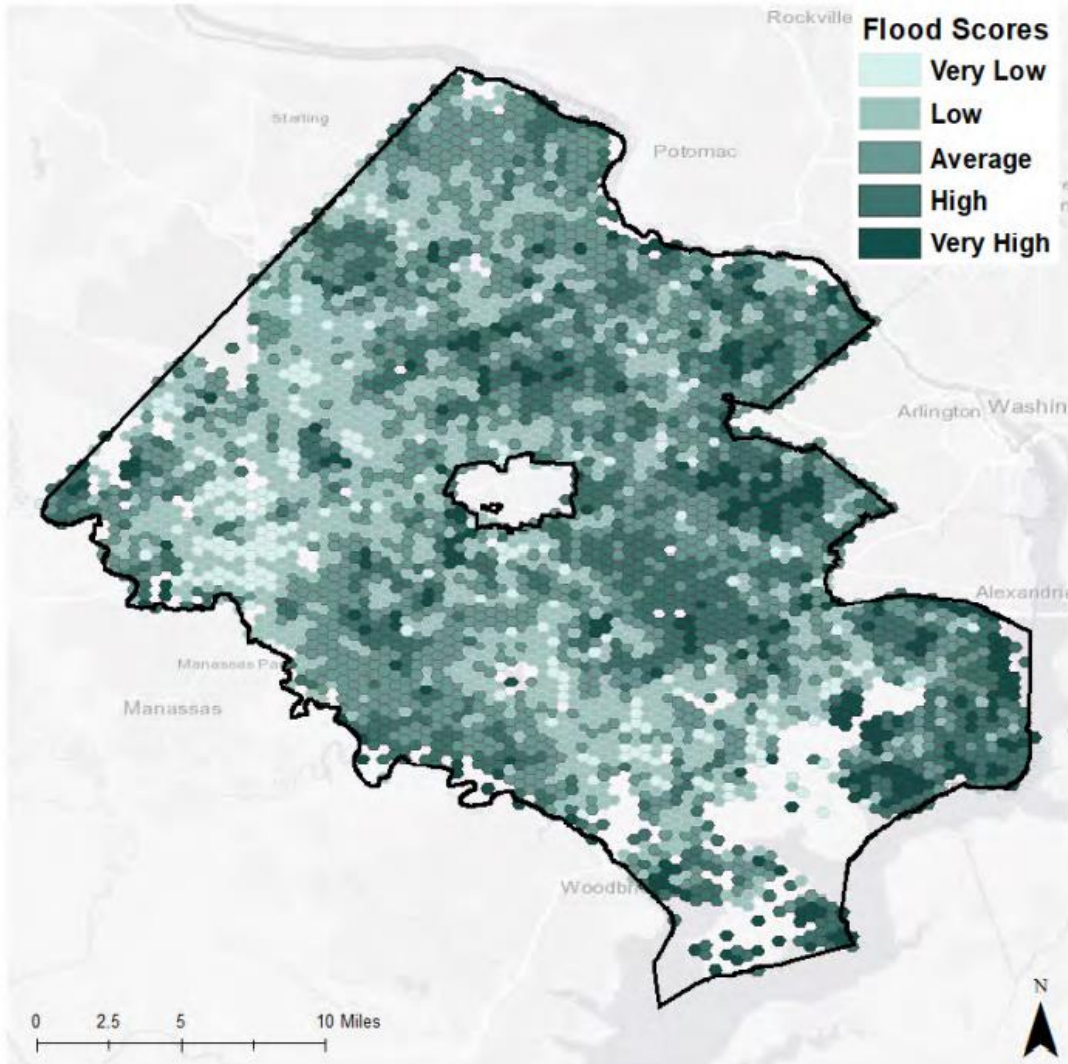
**Sensitivity:** Do bad things happen (damage) if they're exposed?

**Adaptive Capacity:** Can they adapt to changing conditions?

# 2. VRA: Example – Residential Buildings & Flooding

Exposure: Each parcel scored for 10 flood factors

Figure 7. Flood Exposure: 10-factor flood score. (Source: DPWES/GIS).



## Exposure

1. In a county floodplain?
2. In a FEMA floodplain?
3. How close to a water body?
4. Parcel in a sump?
5. Structure in a sump?
6. Built before modern SWM regulations?
7. Absence of stormwater infrastructure?
8. Outside a Facility Drainage Area?
9. Infill development?
10. Reports of flooding issues?

## Sensitivity

**(High):** Damage caused to buildings by flooding.

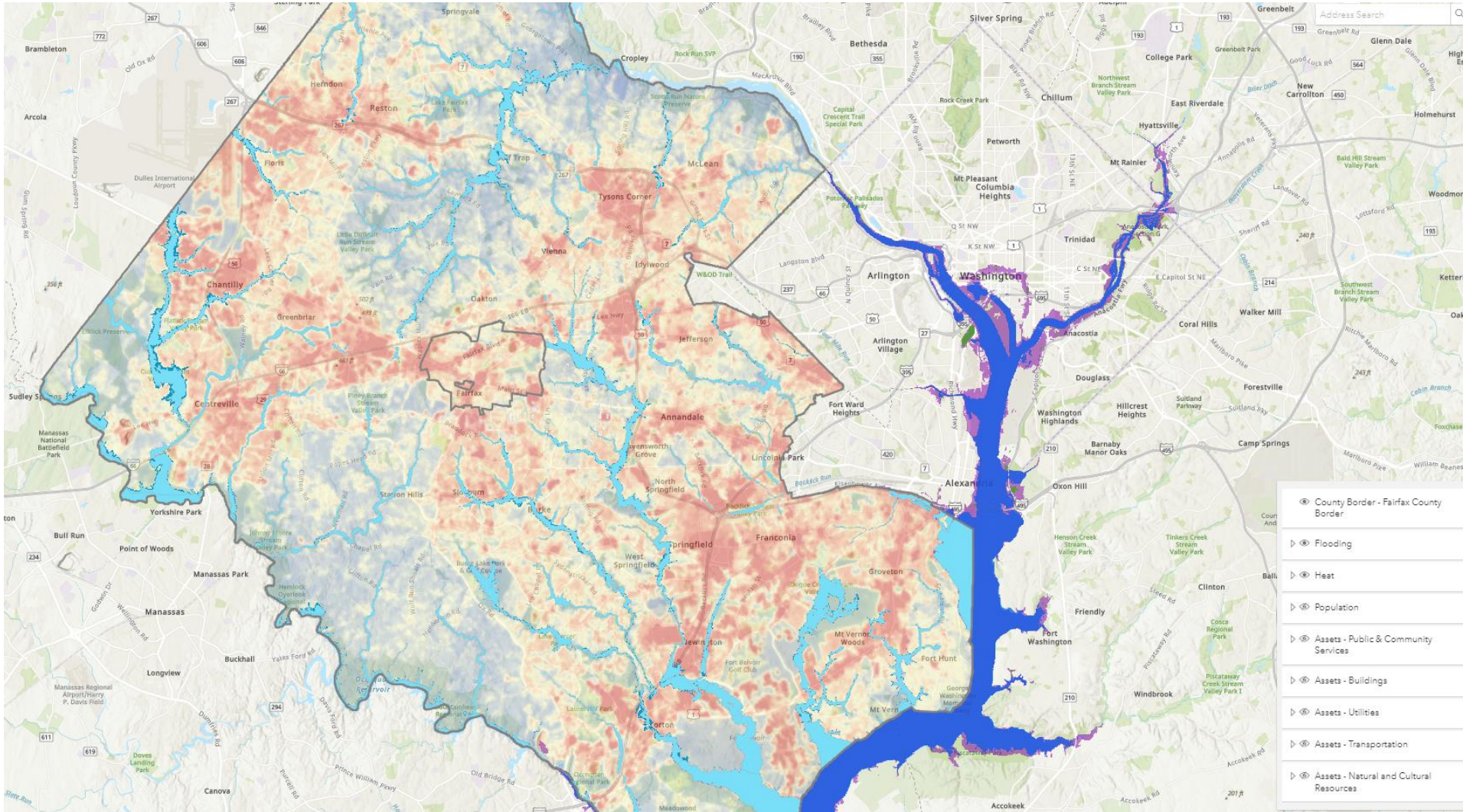
## Adaptive Capacity

**(Moderate):** Some ways to adapt/ upgrade.

Please see [VRA](#) for much more detail.



# 2. VRA: Interactive Climate Map Viewer



[Resilient Fairfax Interactive Map Viewer](#)

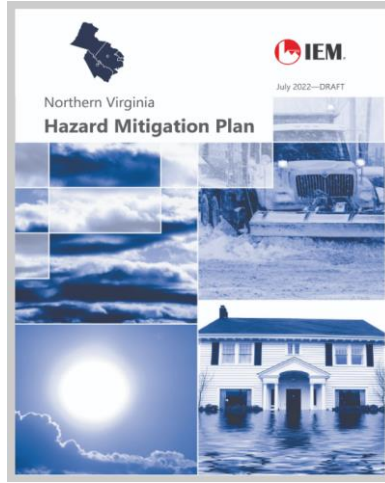


# 2. VRA: Results

Biggest issue: **Urban Flooding**. Sectors most at risk: **Populations, Roadways, Buildings, Electricity Inf., Cultural & Historic**







# Part 3: Audit of Existing Policies, Plans, and Programs









Purpose: To see how your government is currently doing in terms of resilience and find opportunities for improvement.



# 3. Audit of Existing Policies, Plans, and Programs

**“How are we currently doing in terms of climate resilience?”**

- ✓ 100+ Policies, Plans, and Programs reviewed by Consultants, Planning Team, IAG, CAG
- ✓ 50 Questions
- ✓ 8 categories

Category		Summary	
	<b>Governance</b>	Strong	Climate commitments, coordination, funding, staff
	<b>Water Infrastructure</b>	Strong	Drinking water, stormwater, wastewater plans & policies
	<b>Natural &amp; Cultural Resources</b>	Strong	Floodplain regs, insurance, NR protections, incentives
	<b>Transportation Infrastructure</b>	Neutral	Transportation assessments, design, standards, upgrades
	<b>Buildings &amp; Sites</b>	Neutral	Building code, site design, permitting, incentives
	<b>Energy Infrastructure</b>	Neutral	Grid assessments, back-up power, energy storage policies
	<b>Interdisciplinary/ Other</b>	Neutral	Data, resources, emergency management, incentives
	<b>Population Services</b>	Neutral	ID vulnerabilities, engagement, investments, resources



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## Parts 4 & 5: Strategies & Implementation Roadmaps

Purpose: To identify strategies to boost your locality's resilience, and roadmaps to make implementation easier.

# 4. Resilient Fairfax Strategy Pillars

<b>Integrated Action Planning (IAP)</b> 	<b>Climate Ready Communities (CRC)</b> 	<b>Resilient Infrastructure &amp; Buildings (RIB)</b> 	<b>Adaptive Environments (AE)</b> 
			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resilience into county plans and policies</li><li>• Resilience data collection</li><li>• Resilience funding</li><li>• Interagency coordination</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Network of safe &amp; resilient spaces</li><li>• Community capacity to prepare for, withstand, and recover from events</li><li>• Climate-ready development</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resilience in major county infrastructure decisions</li><li>• County building &amp; facility resiliency</li><li>• Advocacy for external infrastructure resiliency, i.e., energy grid &amp; transit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Protection of natural resources that enhance resilience</li><li>• Restoration of damaged areas with nature-based and natural solutions</li></ul>

**48 Resilience Strategies Organized into 4 Pillars**



# 5. Implementation Roadmaps for Each Prioritized Strategy

- ✓ Action Steps
- ✓ Leads
- ✓ Partners
- ✓ Timeline
- ✓ Cost
- ✓ KPIs/ Metrics
- ✓ Equity
- ✓ Co-benefits

**Goal CRC.1** Create Safe and Resilient Spaces for the Community

**STRATEGY CRC.1b** Pursue Development of a Network of Resilience Hubs in Climate-Vulnerable Areas of the County

**Strategy Description:** Resilience hubs are community-serving facilities (often existing facilities) that distribute and centralize information and resources, connect residents to county assistance, support residents' resilience to climate events, and build community capacity and connection. These facilities are sometimes upgraded to enhance their physical resilience to climatic effects, to ensure continuity of service during climate hazards. Resilience hubs are typically located in existing facilities that are trusted by community members, such as recreation centers, community centers, libraries, non-profit facilities, or faith centers. On a day-to-day basis, hubs function as a space for community gathering or events, location for trainings, and as a centralized place for community members to seek resources. Resilience hubs are most effective when there is strong partnership between the local government (the county) and community organizations and/or networks; resilience hubs should be community-led and community-serving. This strategy will explore options for development of a network of resilience hubs in the areas of Fairfax County, with a prioritization for areas with the greatest need and that are most vulnerable to climate change impacts. Resilience hubs should not be confused with "shelter" facilities, which follow specific emergency management protocols and plans. Resilience hubs help to build greater community connection and enhanced capacity to adapt and respond to climate related events.

**Climate Hazards Addressed:**

**What Are Resilience Hubs?**  
Resilience Hubs are community-serving facilities augmented to support residents, coordinate communication, distribute resources, and enhance communities' capacity to adapt to climate change. Existing community centers, libraries, and non-profit entities are among potential sites for resilience hubs.

<b>Lead:</b>	OEEC
<b>Partners:</b>	DEMS, DFS, DPD, DPSC, DPWES, FCHD, FCPA, FCPS, FMD, GIS, HCD, LDS, NCS, OCA, One Fairfax
<b>Timeline:</b>	Medium-Term (2-5 years)
<b>Cost:</b>	\$\$\$ (\$500k - \$1 million)
<b>Existing Staff:</b>	Partial

**Implementation Actions:**

- i. Identify areas of the county where there is the greatest need and greatest benefit for resilience hubs. Utilize data sources such as Resilient Fairfax, One Fairfax data, Adaptation Action Areas, and others to determine these locations.
- ii. Inventory existing network of centers that could serve as "resilience hubs." Prioritize trusted locations within community, such as community centers (NCS), recreation centers (FCPA), places of worship, and non-profit facilities that provide essential services to the community. Coordinate with DEMs' identification of places to stay cool and OEEC's ESCO (Energy Service Company) work.
- iii. Compile site information to support evaluation of location for resilience hub. Consider building condition, location, transportation and access, site capacity, key climate hazards impacting that community, planned and/or required retrofits, typical operations and staffing, and other needs as identified by the community.
- iv. Conduct outreach to community organizations, nonprofits, faith groups, or other community serving groups in identified areas (CRC.2a) to begin county-community collaboration on the visioning of a resilience hub network in the community.
- v. Identify a pilot resilience hub location and work with facility managers and community partners to build out community resilience offerings.
- vi. Evaluate potential network of resilience hubs, with priority consideration to identified areas in CRC.2a and in collaboration with community partners. Consider staffing and funding needs for resilience hub implementation. As appropriate, explore establishing working groups for each resilience hub location.

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**Key Performance Indicators:**

- Number of potential and actual Resilience Hub locations identified, pursued, and implemented by the county.
- Accessibility of Resilience Hubs within AAAs (e.g. travel distance, closest metro/transit, density per district).
- Number and demographics of community members served by Resilience Hubs.
- Number and type of community members aware of Resilience Hub locations and resources, measured through surveys.

**Equitable Implementation:**

- Work with communities to identify needs of vulnerable populations to ensure accessibility to resilience hubs.
- Work with communities to identify which areas of the county would benefit the most from or have greatest need for resilience hubs.
- Meet with community organizations and partners to foster collaboration and identify areas that will best serve as resilience hubs.
- Identify transportation/evacuation routes that would assist access to the hubs.
- Engage community members on what they want to see in a resilience hub.

**Funding and Resource Opportunities:**

- BRIC
- Community Development Block Grant

**Co-Benefits:**

**Community Partners**

Throughout the Resilient Fairfax plan development process, staff gathered recommendations for community partners, faith-based institutions, and other community organizations who may wish to participate in the implementation of this pillar's strategies. These organizations include but are not limited to: Cornerstones, George Mason Center for Climate Change Communication, Medical Society Consortium for Climate and Health, Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action, Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions, and American Lung Association.

















62 | 3. HOW WE WILL ENHANCE OUR RESILIENCE | CLIMATE READY COMMUNITIES





## Part 6: Implementation

Purpose: to bring the plan to life!

Status of 18 <u>Prioritized</u> Strategies		% of Implementation Actions from RF Plan Complete*	
1	IAP.1a: Comprehensive Plan Updates for Resilience	7%	
2	IAP.2a: Resilience Metrics and Tracking System	42%	
3	IAP.3a: County Climate Fund	10% **	
4	IAP.3b: Pursue Federal and State Funding Opportunities	63%	
5	IAP.4a: Long-term Interagency Collaboration System	60%	
6	CRC.1a: Adaptation Action Areas	13%	
7	CRC.1b: Resilience Hubs	33% **	
8	CRC.2a: Community Aid and Services for Resilience Needs	6%	
9	CRC.2b: Climate Resilience Guidance & Education	14%	
10	CRC.3a: Flood Risk Reduction Plan	17%	
11	CRC.3b: Heat-Resilient Design, Development, Practices	0%	
12	CRC.3c: Zoning and Other County Code Amendments	5%	
13	RIB.1a: Capital Improvement Program Process Updates	0%	
14	RIB.1b: Flood Resilience for County-owned Buildings & Facilities	5%	
15	RIB.2a: Advocate and Partner for Energy Resilience	25%	
16	AE.1a: Consolidated Natural Resources Management Plan	<5%	
17	AE.1b: Survey and Protect Areas that Provide Natural Resilience	10%	
18	AE.2a: Green Infrastructure Projects for Climate Resilience	20%	

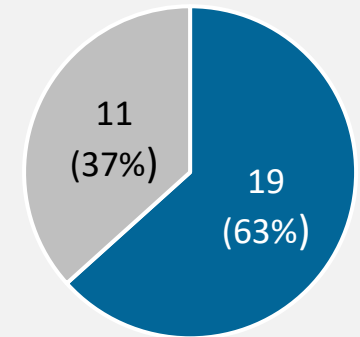
\*Based on number of Implementation Actions complete out of total number \*\*Staff recommend a potential change in approach based on new information and opportunities



## Many of the 30 Additional (non-prioritized) Resilient Fairfax strategies have also started.

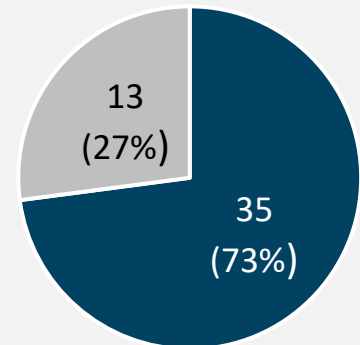
Status of <u>ADDITIONAL</u> Strategies	Started		Started
IAP.1b: Strategic Plan Updates for Resilience	Yes	CRC.2d: Expand Heat Warning System	Yes
IAP.1c: Complete the Climate Health Plan	Yes	CRC.3d: Update Public Facilities Manual	
IAP.1d: Hazard Mitigation Coordination	Yes	RIB.1c: Energy Resilience for County Bldgs	Yes
IAP.2b: Climate Research Support	Yes	RIB.2d: Heat Resilience for County Bldgs	
IAP.2c: Consolidated Flood Database		RIB.1e: Resilient Procurement	
IAP.2d: Rainfall Data	Yes	RIB.2b: Advocacy for Resilient Bldg Code	Yes
IAP.2e: Database for Hazard Mitigation Action	Yes	RIB.2c: Advocacy for Transportation Resilience	Yes
IAP.2f: Tree Canopy Data	Yes	AE.1c: Conservation Easement Updates	
IAP.2g: LiDAR Data Updates		AE.1d: Climate in Urban Forestry	Yes
IAP.2h: Climate Vector-Borne Disease Data		AE.2b: Stream Restorations	Yes
IAP.3c: Funding for Long-Term Data Collection		AE.2c: Urban Reforestation	Yes
IAP.3d: Additional & Private Funding		AE.2d: Living Shorelines	Yes
IAP.4b: Build Staff Capacity on Resilience	Yes	AE.2e: Wetland & Floodplain Restorations	Yes
CRC.1c: Targeted Tree Plantings	Yes	AE.2f: Regenerative Agriculture	
CRC.1d: C-PACE Expansion	Yes		
CRC.2c: Resilience Related Workforce Devel.			

Status of ADDITIONAL Strategies



■ Started ■ Not Started

Status of ALL Resilient Fairfax Strategies



■ Started ■ Not Started

# CRC.3a: Flood Risk Reduction

Implementation Actions Progress Bar

17%

## Progress Updates

- Big picture purpose: reducing flood risk through:

### 1. Physical projects constructed by the county

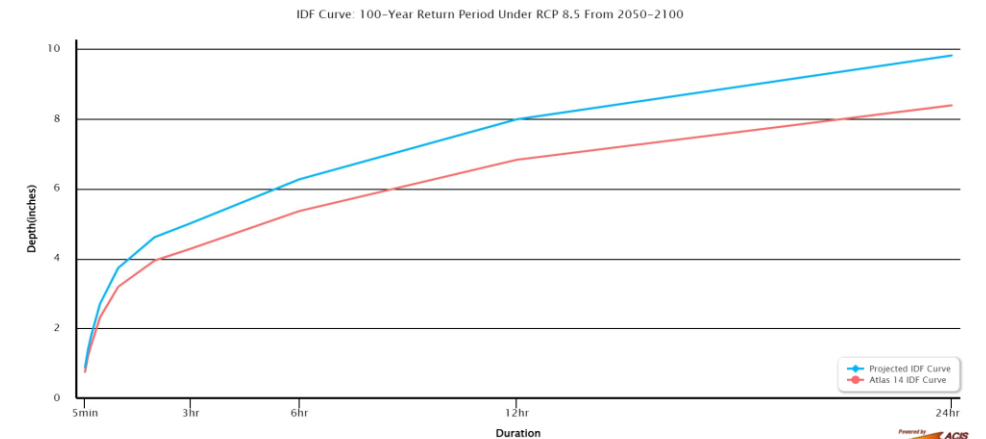
- DPWES manages dozens of [Stormwater Improvement Projects](#)
- Resilient Fairfax implementation → updates how/where projects are prioritized (AAAs, CIP updates)

### 2. Development/ design standards

- Interagency team led by LDS and DPWES for analysis of flood risk areas, design standards, flooding level of service, and options
- Task Order with Consultant for study
- Climate change included, using Resilient Fairfax data

### 3. Community outreach and education

- DPWES and NVSWCD currently provide outreach and education
- Resilient Fairfax: boost education, interagency collaboration





# RIB.1a: Update Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Prioritization to Include Resilience

## Two Major Purposes

1. **Ensure that infrastructure and facilities built today can withstand new climatic conditions, for durability.**
  - i.e., ensure roads, facilities, SWM pipes in CIP are using updated design standards and/or updated data.
2. **Ensure that critical stand-alone resilience projects are prioritized.**
  - E.g., flood risk reduction projects in most flooded neighborhoods



### \$ Funding and Resource Opportunities:

- BRIC
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

### Climate Hazards Addressed:

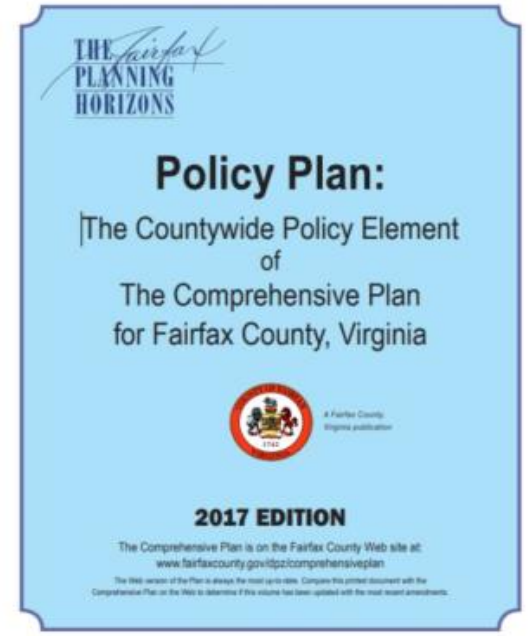


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<b>Partners:</b>	DEMS, DPD, DPWES, FCDOT, FCPA, OCA, One Fairfax, UFMD
<b>Timeline:</b>	Medium-Term (2-5 years)
<b>Cost:</b>	\$\$ (\$100k - \$500k)
<b>Existing Staff:</b>	Partial

- ✓ Alignment with other strategies, such as CRC.3a (Flood Risk Reduction Plan), CRC.3c (Amendments to County Code)
- ✓ Interagency team currently working to update stormwater design standards

## Strategy IAP.1a: Comprehensive Plan Updates

## Strategy CRC.3c: Zoning & Other County Codes



- A **guide** for development and land use
- **Public Facilities Element** amendment underway
- **Environmental Policy Plan** amendment started 2023
- **Transportation, Land Use** also starting; aligned
- **CECAP** (emissions reduction) simultaneously



- **Regulate & enforce** development and land use
- **Landscaping and Screening & Parking Reimagined** underway
- Additional **Zoning** and other **Code** updates upcoming, to implement Flood Risk Reduction (Strategy CRC.3a) and other needs

### Examples of Relevance to Climate Resilience

- Public facilities resilience to flooding, heat
- Avoiding flood-prone areas (both urban and floodplain)
- Protecting natural resources that provide resilience
- Encouraging developments to be in climate-safe areas and designed to be climate-resilient.
- Green building standards

### Examples of Relevance to Climate Resilience

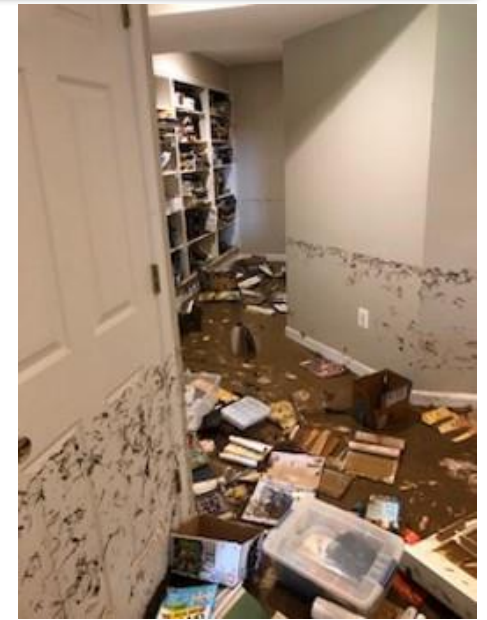
- Reducing impervious cover, encouraging green space and native/adapted plant species
- Development that is climate-ready and resilient
- Locating homes and facilities away from hazardous areas
- Building setbacks and elevations above floods
- Stormwater conveyance design standards



## CRC.2a, CRC.2d: Community Aid and Services

### Flooding-Related Aid and Services for Populations

- **Exploring:** New DPWES/NVSWCD Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (small grants for residential flood mitigation)
  - *Window protections/floodproof windows*
  - *Flood gates, flood barriers*
  - *Sump pumps, flood vents, drains*
  - *Utility protections, flood alert systems, flood pumps*
  - *Flood-resistant building materials*
  - *Exterior flood risk reduction, grading, drains, obstruction removal*
- **Continuing:** Flooding service requests (DPWES)
- **Continuing:** Conservation Assistance Program (NVSWCD)
- **Continuing:** Emergency response, preparedness (DEMS)
- **Continuing:** Aid and health and human services for especially exposed populations, such as those experiencing homelessness (DHCD, OPEH, CSB, FCHD, NCS, FCPS, One Fairfax)
- (There are a range of services for extreme heat and other hazards, too).



# Survey and Protect Areas that Provide Natural Resilience



- Details: [Resilient Fairfax Plan – Pg 81](#)
- Field surveys of sensitive land
  - **FCPA:** Natural vegetation surveys happening in northern and western part of Park Authority land currently.
  - **DPWES:** Conducting surveys as well
- Update GIS database of natural areas in need of stronger protections
- Identify land prioritized for protective status
- Strategic partnerships and financing for conservation & protection



**Climate Hazards Addressed:**



<b>Lead:</b>	FCPA, NVSWCD
<b>Partners:</b>	DPD, DPWES, FCDOT, OCA, OEEC, UFMD
<b>Timeline:</b>	Long-Term (5-8 years)
<b>Cost:</b>	\$\$\$ (\$500k - \$1 million)
<b>Existing Staff:</b>	Partial



## AE.2b, AE.2e: Stream, Wetland, Floodplain Restorations

- **At any given time, there are many stream, wetland, and floodplain restoration projects ongoing in the County.**
- **[FCPA: Helping Our Land Heal Program: 20 projects](#)**
  - [Ellanor C. Lawrence Forest Restoration](#)
  - [Green Spring Gardens Park Wetland Restoration](#)
  - [Huntley Meadows Wetland Restoration](#)
  - [Old Colchester Park and Preserve Wetland Restoration](#)
- **[DPWES: Stormwater Improvement Restorations: 103 projects](#)**
  - [Accotink Tributary at Danbury Forest](#)
  - [Crook Branch at Mantua Elementary](#)
  - [Little Pimmit Run Tributary at Terrace Stream](#)
  - [Long Branch Central Watershed](#)
  - [Old Courthouse Spring Branch at Ashgrove](#)
  - [Popes Head Creek at Breacon Ridge](#)



# AE.2a: Green Infrastructure Projects with Resilience Benefits



- Can support stormwater management & Urban Heat Island reduction
- Project should have genuine net benefits (e.g., not clear-cutting forest for a building with GI)
- **DPWES:** GI within stormwater projects
- **FCDOT:** GI within transportation projects and plans
- **NVSWCD:** Small-scale GI for residents, private properties
- **DPD:** GI in plan review



**Funding and Resource Opportunities:**

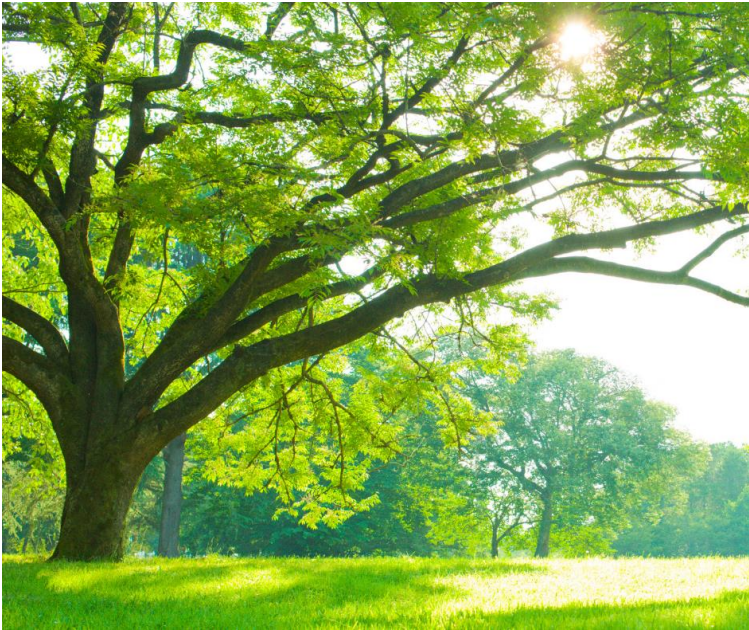
- BRIC
- HMGP
- Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant
- Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund
- Healthy Streets Program

<b>Climate Hazards Addressed:</b>	
<b>Lead:</b>	FCDOT, DPWES, NVSWCD
<b>Partners:</b>	DPD, FCPA, FCPS, LDS, OEEC, UFMD
<b>Timeline:</b>	Medium-Term (2-5 years)
<b>Cost:</b>	\$\$\$ (\$500k - \$1 million)
<b>Existing Staff:</b>	Partial

- ✓ Guidance for businesses, homeowners, HOAs
- ✓ Workshops & promotion of existing GI programs
- ✓ Integration of GI into CIP projects where appropriate
- ✓ Prioritization of native or climate-resilient plants



## AE.1d, AE.2c, CRC.2c: Tree Plantings and Urban Forestry



- **19+ existing tree planting programs** in Fairfax County
  - Government: [Alien Invaders Program](#), [Buy Virginia Trees](#), [NVSWCD Programs](#), [Park Volunteer Programs](#), [Tree Planting and Preservation Fund \(TPPF\)](#), [Tree Planting at Your School](#), [Trees Please](#), [Watch the Green Grow](#). Additionally, these entities [enforce tree rules and protections](#), conduct tree planting, maintenance, and science, and provide a range of tree-related education and resources.
  - [Arbor Day Foundation](#), [Audubon Naturalist Society of Northern Virginia](#), [Earth Sangha](#), [Fairfax ReLeaf](#), [Falls Church Neighborhood Tree Program](#), [McLean Trees Foundation](#), [Plant NOVA Natives](#), [Plant NOVA Trees](#), [Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association](#), and [Virginia Native Plant Society](#),
- Streamlining and expanding these efforts through the new **Fairfax County Tree Canopy Program**

# Consolidated Natural Resource Management Plan

## Details:

- [Resilient Fairfax Plan – Pg 79](#) | [CECAP Implementation Plan – Pg 58](#)



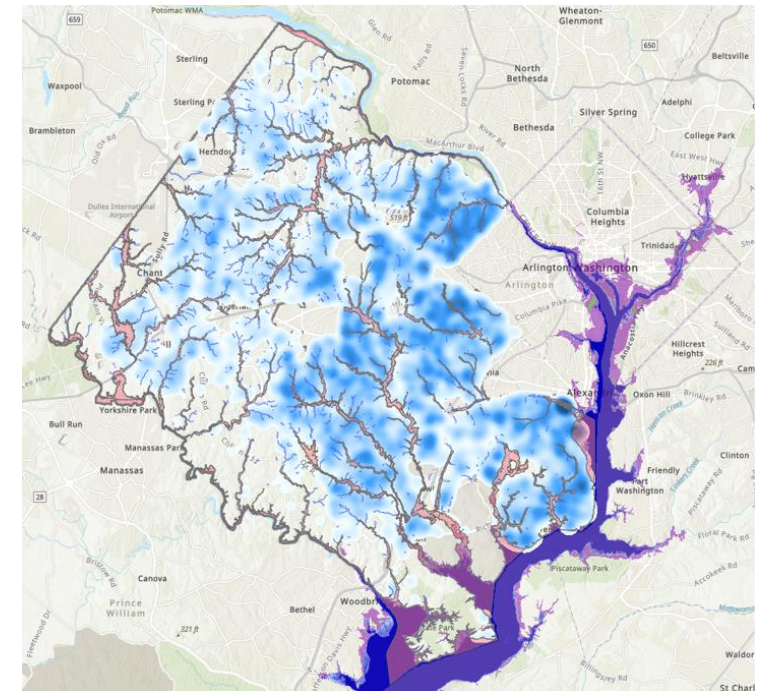
## To more systematically plan and manage:

- Tree canopies and forests
- Parkland
- Conserved land
- Stream corridors and valleys
- Water bodies
- Shorelines
- Wetlands
- Green infrastructure
- Critical habitats
- Other natural resources





- **Fairfax County + GMU's Virginia Climate Center**
  - Vector-borne disease research
  - Digital Twin and other modeling
  - Resilience Hub Step-by-Step Guide Creation
- **Fairfax County + NVRC + MARISA**
  - Flooding and precipitation change
  - How design standards should change
- **Fairfax County + various tree partners**
  - Urban forestry and tree data updates
- **Adaptation Action Area Mapping**
  - Prioritizing areas on a map that are both climate-vulnerable and socioeconomically vulnerable.



# IAP.3b: Pursue Federal and State Funding Opportunities

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## Progress Updates:

- ✓ **Funding and Grant Tracker shared with all relevant departments**
- **Lost:** Applied for but did not receive RAISE grant (DOT)
- ✓ **Won:** DPWES recently won 4 Community Flood Preparedness Fund grants for flood risk reduction (\$15.7 million)
- ✓ **Pending:** OEEC applied for EPA EJG2G Grant for Resilience Hub w/ FACS, GMU, Rising Hope, NVSWCD. (\$1 million)
- ✓ **Pending:** DPWES applied for USDA IRA Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) grants for street tree planting (\$11.5 million) and urban forestry management (\$10.7 million)
- ✓ **Pending:** DPWES & Fort Belvoir applied for Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) for Accotink wastewater pump station rehabilitation (\$24 million, \$7.2 million local match)



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