

Resilience Authority of Charles County



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- **The Process of Establishing a Resilience Authority (RA)**

- SB457 - 2020 Maryland legislative session
- Bill 2020-07 adopted by the County Commissioners on 12/08/2020
- Separate non-profit entity, yet an instrumentality of the incorporating local government
- Independent Board of Directors appointed on 2/23/2021

- **Staff Support**

- New Capital Project Management (CPM) Department
- CPM Director will be Executive Director for the RA
- Support from other departments, such as Planning & Growth Management, Fiscal and Administrative Services, and Legal
- New Climate Resilience & Sustainability Officer position (FY22 budget) approved by the BOCC in May of 2021.

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- **Project Focus**

- Initial focus on stormwater drainage improvement projects
- Community Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement Program
- High priority projects identified in the Nuisance and Urban Flood Plan
- Projects that address climate change

- **Funding Mechanisms**

- Range of financing structures and funding techniques to leverage public and private investment
- BOCC approved operating funds for RA budget in May 2021
- Grants
- May periodically issue and sell bonds

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- **Advantages**

- **Outside the county government procurement process**
- **Any debt service incurred by the RA as a separate entity does not accrue to the county's debt ceiling policy and thereby limit the number of projects underway at any given time**
- **Eligible to receive grant funding for which county governments may not be eligible or competitive**
- **Can make decisions outside of the political process**
- **Embrace innovative solutions**
- **Scalable to manage larger projects as the county grows**
- **The nexus of climate competency to identify multiple sources of revenue and opportunities**

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- **Current Resilience Grant Projects**

- **\$800,000 Community Development Block Grant through the MD Dept. of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) for the Westdale Drive Stream Relocation and Restoration Project.**
- **\$65,000 Chesapeake and Coastal Grant through MD Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to analyze 3 areas in the Zekiah Watershed that experience frequent urban flooding in order to identify solutions.**
- **\$400,000 grant through the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) to conduct a Military Installation Resilience Review for Naval Support Facility Indian Head and the Town of Indian Head.**

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- **Planning Efforts**

- **Climate Resilience Action Strategy**
- **Nuisance and Urban Flood Plan**
- **Shoreline Management Plan**
- **Climate Action Planning Process**

- **Climate-Smart Work Force**

- **Maryland Climate Leadership Academy**
- **Climate competency requirement added to 83 of 822 full-time permanent positions.**

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Questions?