

**Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan**  
**Technical Advisory Committee – Federal Installation Partnerships Subcommittee**

<b>Subject</b>	Federal Installation Partnerships Subcommittee Meeting #4 Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Planning Framework	<b>Date</b>	May 19, 2021
<b>Facilitator</b>	Tom Crabbs	<b>Time</b>	1:00pm – 3:00pm
<b>Location</b>	WebEx - <a href="https://governor.virginia.gov/i/fhb9d">https://governor.virginia.gov/i/fhb9d</a>	<b>Scribe</b>	Ashley Samonisky/Emily Sokol

<b>Invitees/Attendees</b>			
<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization/Role</b>	<b>Attended?</b>
<b>Federal Installations Subcommittee Members and Staff Advisors</b>			
1.	Tom Crabbs	Chair - Captain, USCG (retired), Military Liaison, Office of the Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs;	Y
2.	Whitney Katchmark	Vice Chair - Principal Water Resources Engineer, Hampton Roads PDC	Y
3.	Jeff Flood - Staff	Coastal Planner, VA Coastal Zone Management Program	Y
4.	Elaine Meil	Executive Director, Accomack-Norhampton PDC	
5.	Kevin Du Bois	DoD Chesapeake Bay Program Coordinator, NAVFACSYS COM MID-ATLANTIC, N45R	Y
6.	Tom Emerick	District Counsel, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District	
7.	Stephen Moret	President & CEO, The Virginia Economic Development Partnership	
8.	David K. Paylor	Director, VA Dept. of Environmental Quality	
9.	Craig Quigley	Rear Admiral (Retired), US Navy, CEO, Hampton Roads Military & Federal Facilities Alliance	Y
10.	Dr. Jessica Whitehead	Executive Director, Institute for Coastal Adaptation & Resilience	Y
11.	Dillon Taylor	Chief of Staff & Senior Counsel, Virginia Department of Emergency Management	Y
12.	Scott Spencer	Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation	
13.	Samson Stevens	Capt., Sector Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Hampton Roads	
<b>Scheduled Speakers</b>			
14.	Jaime Simon	Deputy Program Director, DoD Readiness Environmental Integration Program (REPI)	Y
<b>Designated Alternates</b>			
15.	John Everett	Assistant District Counsel, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District – Alternate for Tom Emerick	Y
16.	Sharon Baxter	Alternate for David K. Paylor, VA Dept. of Environmental Quality	Y
17.	Bruce Sturk	City of Hampton	Y
18.	Doug Beaver	City of Norfolk	Y
19.	Rick Dwyer	Deputy CEO, Hampton Roads Military & Federal Facilities Alliance	Y
<b>Other Participants</b>			
20.	Ann Phillips	Rear Admiral, US Navy (Ret.) – Office of the Governor	Y
21.	Connor Winstead	VA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation	Y
22.	Matt Dalon	VA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation	Y
23.	Chris Stone		Y
24.	Emily Steinhilber	EDF	Y
25.	Zoe Goozner		Y
<b>Consultant Support</b>			
26.	Ashley Samonisky	Vision Planning and Consulting	Y
27.	Emily Sokol	Vision Planning and Consulting	Y
28.	Brian Batten	Dewberry	Y
29.	Johanna Greenspan-Johnston	Dewberry	Y
30.	Dale Morris	The Water Institute of the Gulf	Y

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1.	Welcome/FOIA Preamble/Roll Call	<p>Mr. Flood welcomed all attendees to the meeting and introduced Subcommittee Members, those serving as designated alternates, Subcommittee Advisors, and guest speakers.</p> <p>Tom Crabbs then called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and read the Section 1289 required language. He asked public attendees to ask questions through the chat box and advised Jeff Flood will moderate the chat. If there are connectivity issues, please call 703-994-8781 for assistance.</p> <p>Mr. Crabbs advised Mr. Flood to take roll, and Mr. Flood advised that a quorum was present. Mr. Crabbs asked for a motion to proceed with the meeting virtually. Kevin Du Bois motioned, and the motion unanimously passed.</p> <p>To provide feedback on the meeting please fill out the following form:  <a href="http://foiacouncil.dls.virginia.gov/sample%20letters/Requester%20public%20comment%20form%202017.docx">http://foiacouncil.dls.virginia.gov/sample%20letters/Requester%20public%20comment%20form%202017.docx</a></p>
2.	Chair Updates	<p>Mr. Crabbs provided an update on a recent meeting with the Dewberry Team in which the Subcommittee leadership were in attendance. In the meeting, they established that the project goals of the Master Plan and the Lines of Effort of the Subcommittee are currently aligned. Mr. Crabbs additionally noted that he would be calling for volunteers later in the meeting to contribute to current Lines of Effort. Mr. Crabbs also noted that he just sent the Subcommittee Members Dewberry’s Draft Prioritization Framework for feedback. This will be due next week to the Dewberry Team to be incorporated into their next Framework draft on June 2, 2021.</p>
3.	Readiness & Environmental Protection Integration Overview & Discussion	<p>Mr. Flood introduced Ms. Jaime Simon, Deputy Program Director for the DoD Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, as the first presenter. Ms. Simon presented on the challenges currently facing the DoD, as well as the policies it has leveraged and the planning tools it has used to maintain its mission and promote military installation resilience in the face of a changing climate, especially through the REPI Program (See Attached Slides).</p> <p>Ms. Simon also provided a list of Virginia installations with a REPI Program: Joint Base Langley Eustis, Fort AP Hill, MCB Quantico, Fort Pickett, NAS Oceana, NSA Hampton Roads-Northwest Annex, NSF Dahlgren, and NWS Yorktown.</p> <p>Mr. Crabbs opened the floor to the Subcommittee for discussion.</p> <p>Discussion Point- Mr. Du Bois: One great example is the Naval Weapons Station Earle (NJ), using an OLDCC grant to complete a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS), in which they determined a need for a regional approach to climate resilience. They applied for a REPI Challenge Award to approach the project and then, as a result of their regional focus, I believe they are seeking a Sentinel Landscape Designation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Simon: Earle has actually been one of our prime examples of the use of the REPI program. It was one of the first projects done using the resilience authority, and it is a good example of identifying the challenges currently facing a project and applying to the REPI Challenge Award with those obstacles in mind to better gain funding for implementation.</li> <li>• Q: Mr. Crabbs: Who is eligible to apply for the REPI Challenge program, and are the REPI Buffer and REPI Challenge pulled from the same source of funding?</li> </ul>

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4.	DoD Compatible Use Program (formerly JLUS) Overview & Discussion	<p>Mr. Flood then opened the floor to Ms. Katchmark for her presentation on the DoD Compatible Use Program as a mechanism that helps communities identify and address the concerns of military installations and promote federal assistance in resiliency projects (See Attached Slides).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q: Mr. Crabbs: OEA grants can be placed for design but not for implementation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A: Ms. Katchmark: Yes. We additionally had a study that was awarded an OEA grant for equipment as well. OEA Implementation grants require 10 percent match, while this may not be helpful for building projects, it can help with design.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Discussion Point: Mr. Crabbs: With the list of studies that Ms. Katchmark just described, would they be well-poised to be leveraged for an REPI opportunity? I am unsure of your definition of shovel-ready, Ms. Simon, but it appears that they would be good candidates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Simon: Because the REPI program must obligate its money within a year, shovel-ready means that the projects are basically ready for implementation. One question that we ask our REPI applicants is “Have you conducted a JLUS study” That is normally the first step, and then a broader plan of implementation is needed after that. As far as what has been presented, it does look like you have some projects or studies that could be shovel ready. There is a lot of overlap between REPI and some of the OLDCC financing sources. For those projects that are not accepted, we give a lot of feedback as to what needs to be accomplished in order to achieve shovel-ready status, as well as options of where you might find the most success in gaining funding. There is a lot of money to be spent, and the direction that you are moving regarding a focus on resiliency aligns with our purpose. All this to say, yes REPI might be a good opportunity for these projects.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doug Beaver: Norfolk has a number of projects that are currently shovel-ready and could be prime opportunities for REPI.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Crabbs asked the Subcommittee if there were any further questions for Ms. Katchmark or regarding this topic. No further questions were posed.</p>
5.	Lines of Effort & Dewberry Needs	<p>Mr. Crabbs introduced the topic of reviewing the current Lines of Effort proposed by the Subcommittee (See Attached Slides). He identified that the two presentations received in this meeting, particularly the JLUS brief, provided the Subcommittee with beneficial information needed to address the action items in the Lines of Effort. Additionally, he announced that the Coastal Resilience Joint Subcommittee Leadership Meeting for Community Outreach met earlier in the morning, which allowed the Dewberry Team to discuss how their outreach efforts could be aligned with the goals of the Subcommittee. He recognized this as an opportunity to leverage the Dewberry Team’s outreach efforts in the hopes of advancing some of the Subcommittee’s established Lines of Effort.</p> <p>Discussion Point: Mr. Crabbs gave the floor to Mr. Rick Dwyer to discuss a current gap that has been discussed in the need to support legislative language that enables USACE to include federal property in non-DOD funded feasibility studies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Dwyer: The problem we are currently trying to solve is that, when conducting projects involving multiple types of federal property, we need each individual federal entity to line up money in order for the project to be implemented, which has proven to be nearly impossible. We need language in legislation that says that when the Corps is executing these studies, they can study the federal property included in the area as well, in order for execution to be possible. This grew out of a Norfolk coastal resilience study that was unable to consider the Naval Station meant to be incorporated in the study. This concept has been promoted for years and hopefully it will finally be approved. This year the goal is to amend to the Defense Authorization Act. The current Administration is focused on resilience, so we are hopeful it passes.</li> <li>• Mr. Crabbs: We want to add this as a line of effort within the Action bucket so that it complements HRMFFA’s efforts. We would like this plan to identify gaps in studies between state and federal efforts. Are there any questions or comments regarding this proposal?</li> <li>• No questions or comments voiced by the Subcommittee.</li> <li>• Mr. Crabbs: Requested motion to add this to the action line of efforts. Rear Admiral Quigley motioned to take a voice vote, and Mr. Crabbs conducted the voice vote. The motion passed unanimously.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion Point: Mr. Crabbs asked the Subcommittee for volunteers to assist in addressing the three categories of the Lines of Effort: Awareness, Alignment, and Action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rear Admiral Quigley: HRMFFA will assist in all Lines of Effort within the awareness category and assist with the first and final Lines of Effort within the alignment category.</li> <li>• Ms. Katchmark: I will assist with all bullet points in the Alignment category.</li> </ul>

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		<p>next step is to return to OMB to request funding, hoping to stress that the financial need for this kind of mitigation project will be less than what would be requested post-damage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Crabbs asked Ms. Katchmark to draft language to create this line item.</li> <li>• Ms. Katchmark sent the formal language for this line item in the chat to the rest of the Subcommittee: “Pursue appropriations for CRSM studies for the area of Virginia included in the Coastal Resiliency Master Plan.”</li> <li>• Mr. Crabbs asked the Subcommittee if there was any further discussion regarding the addition of this line item. No further comments or questions were posed by the Subcommittee. Mr. Crabbs asked for a motion to take a vote to add the statement to the action Lines of Effort. Mr. Du Bois motioned, and the motion passed unanimously.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Crabbs asked if there was any further discussion from the Subcommittee regarding the Lines of Effort. No additional comments were posed.</p>
6.	Public Comment Period	<p>Mr. Flood opened the floor for public comment and read aloud a comment posed by Chris Stone earlier in the meeting regarding looking at the impact to Wallops, Yorktown, and Belvoir, etc., which had already been addressed. No other public comments were posed.</p> <p>Mr. Flood announced that the next Subcommittee meeting would take place on June 16, 2021 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. All meeting materials and the recording will be posted to the SNR’s resilience webpage shortly.</p>
7.	Wrap-Up and Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q – Rear Admiral Quigley – When the State of Emergency is over, how will this committee meet? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A - Rear Admiral Phillips – The next meeting will continue in virtual format. The emergency legislation expires June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and I would predict that anything beyond that is rather unknown. This topic has been brought up at various planning meetings this week. We have asked the FOIA Counsel about this and their opinion is the government will be moving to public meetings. There may also be a phase-in period going forward. As soon as we have guidance, we will let everyone know so they can prepare.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Recognizing that there were no additional comments from the Subcommittee, Mr. Crabbs thanked Ms. Simon and Ms. Katchmark for their thought-provoking presentations and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rear Admiral Quigley motioned, and Ms. Katchmark seconded. Mr. Crabbs adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.</p>

<b>Action Items</b>			
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1.	Any further comments for Dewberry on the prioritization framework should be sent to Brian Batten and Dan Medina, and should cc Ann Phillips and Matt Dalon.	All	TBD

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