

**VIRGINIA COASTAL  
RESILIENCE  
MASTER PLAN**  
2021



# Public Meeting

## Crater Planning District Commission

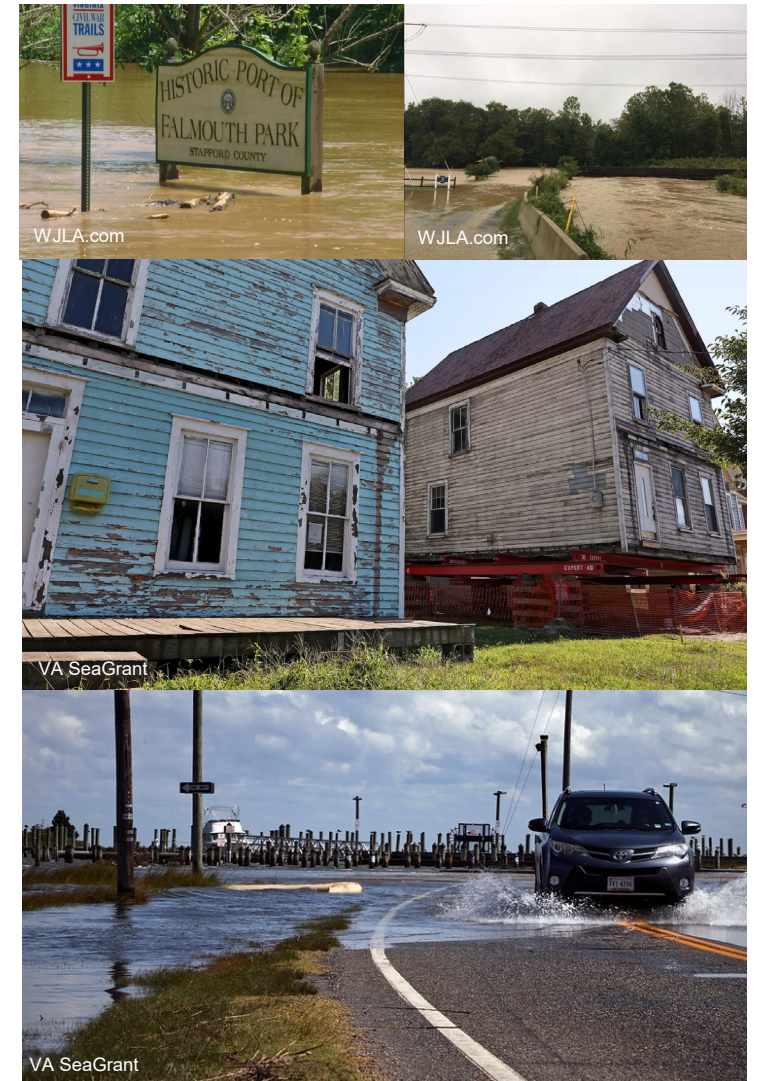
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# An Overview of Tonight's Meeting

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Why does Virginia need a Coastal Resilience Master Plan?**
- **How will the plan work?**
- **Introduction to Interactive Stations**

# The Challenge

- Over 6 million people, or 70% of Virginia's population, live in coastal areas at risk of flooding.
- In 2018 and 2019, Virginia experienced nine major floods; damage of \$1.6 billion.
- Virginia has the highest rate of sea level rise in the east coast, endangering billions of dollars in private property and public infrastructure.



# What is driving increased flooding?



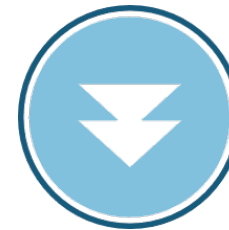
New development



Changing weather patterns and severe storms



Rising seas

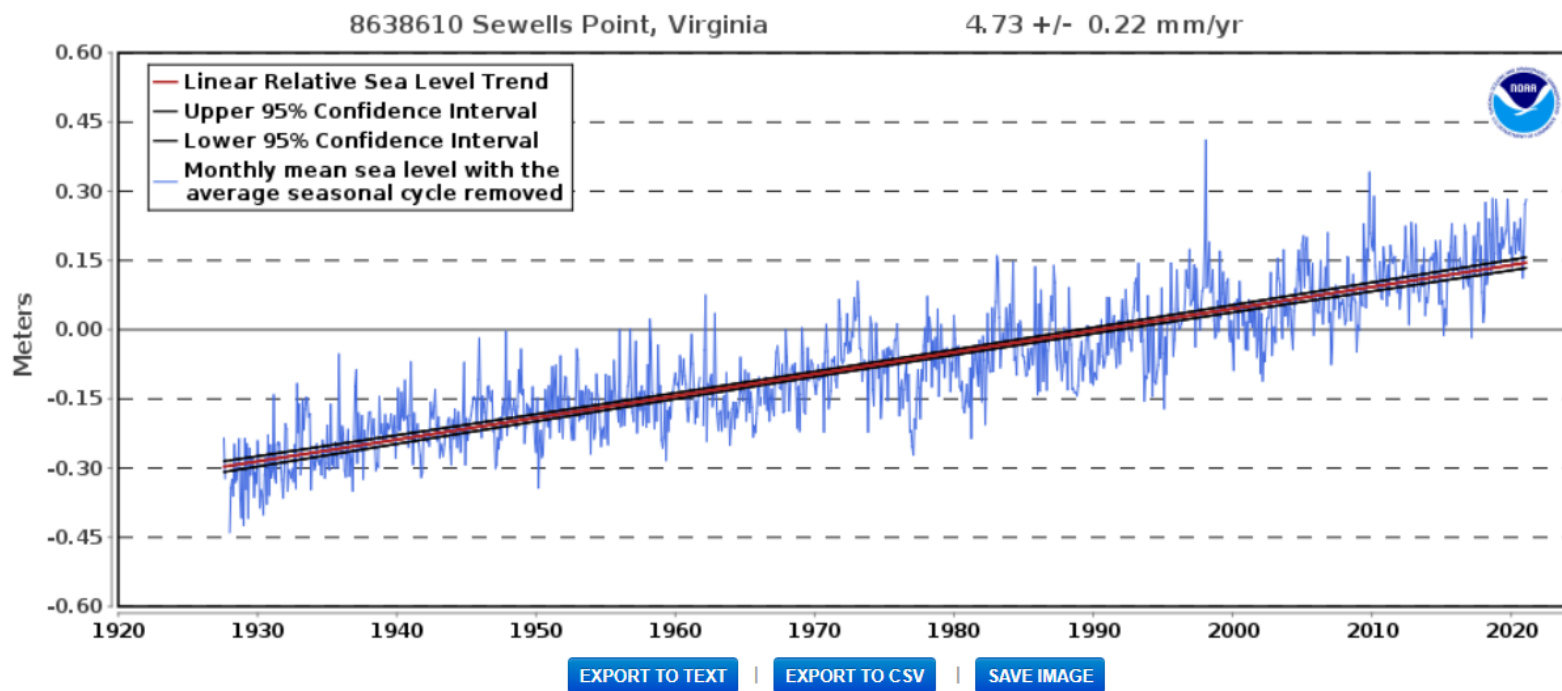


Sinking land



# Sea Level Change in Virginia

Relative Sea Level Trend  
8638610 Sewells Point, Virginia

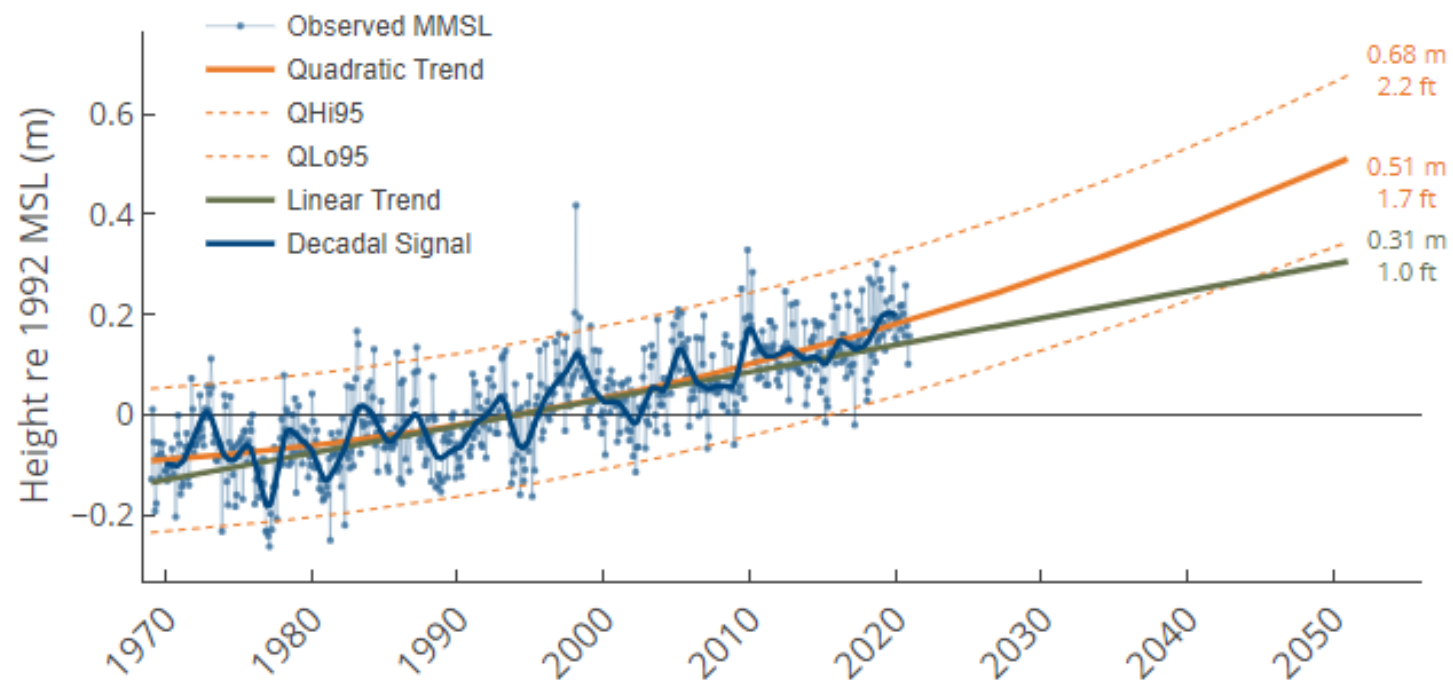


The relative sea level trend is 4.73 millimeters/year with a 95% confidence interval of +/- 0.22 mm/yr based on monthly mean sea level data from 1927 to 2020 which is equivalent to a change of 1.55 feet in 100 years.

# Sea Level Rise is Accelerating

2050 Projection

Norfolk (Sewells Point), Virginia



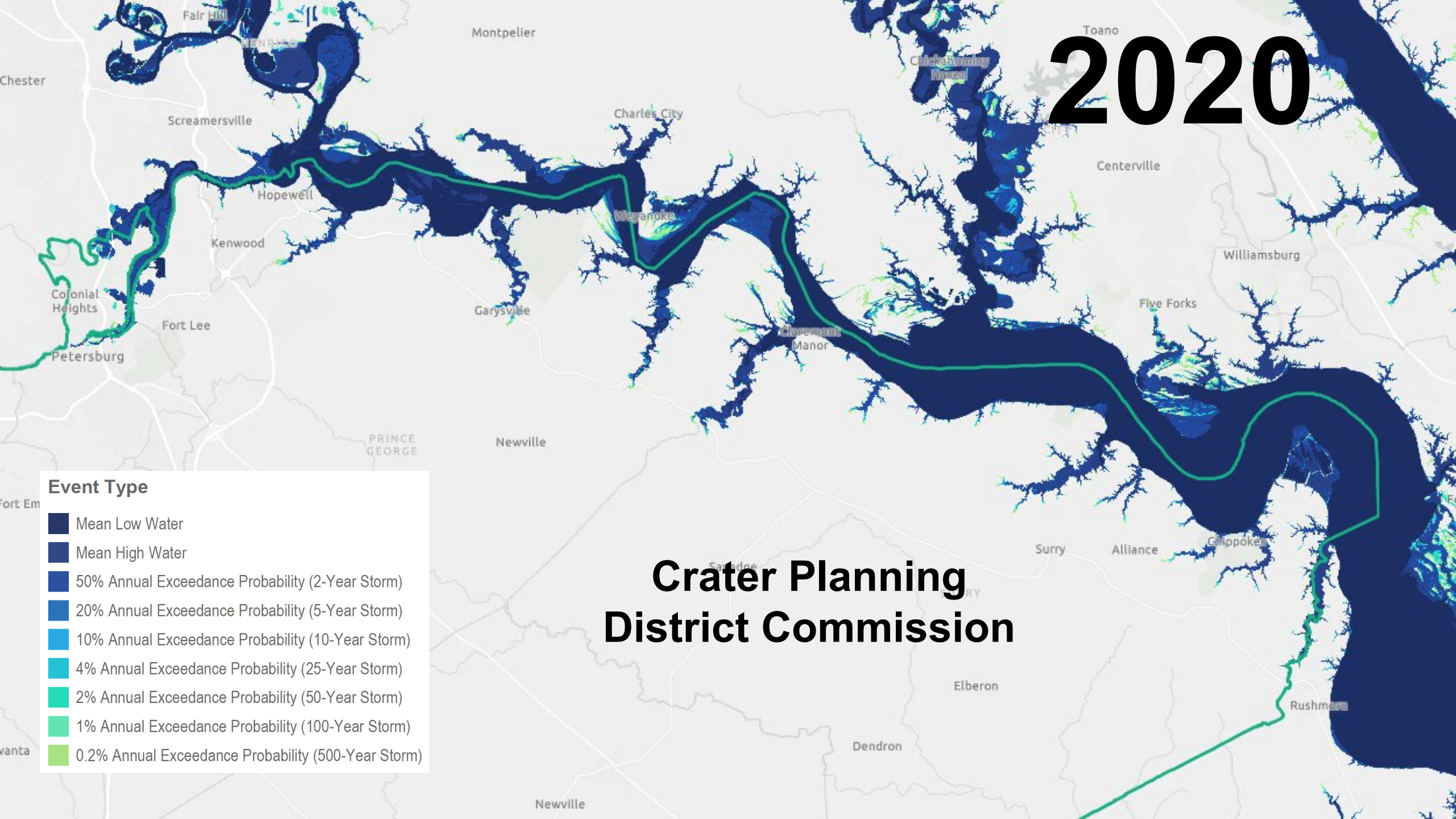


# 2020

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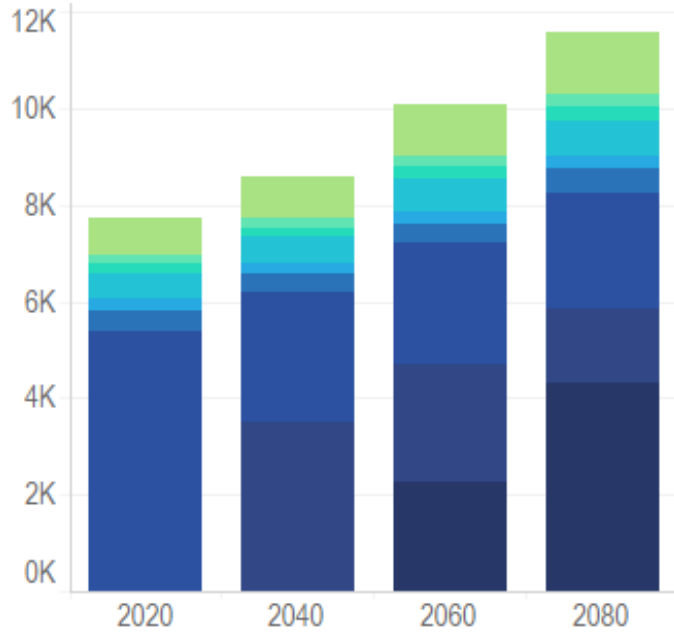
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- Mean High Water
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- 20% Annual Exceedance Probability (5-Year Storm)
- 10% Annual Exceedance Probability (10-Year Storm)
- 4% Annual Exceedance Probability (25-Year Storm)
- 2% Annual Exceedance Probability (50-Year Storm)
- 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (100-Year Storm)
- 0.2% Annual Exceedance Probability (500-Year Storm)





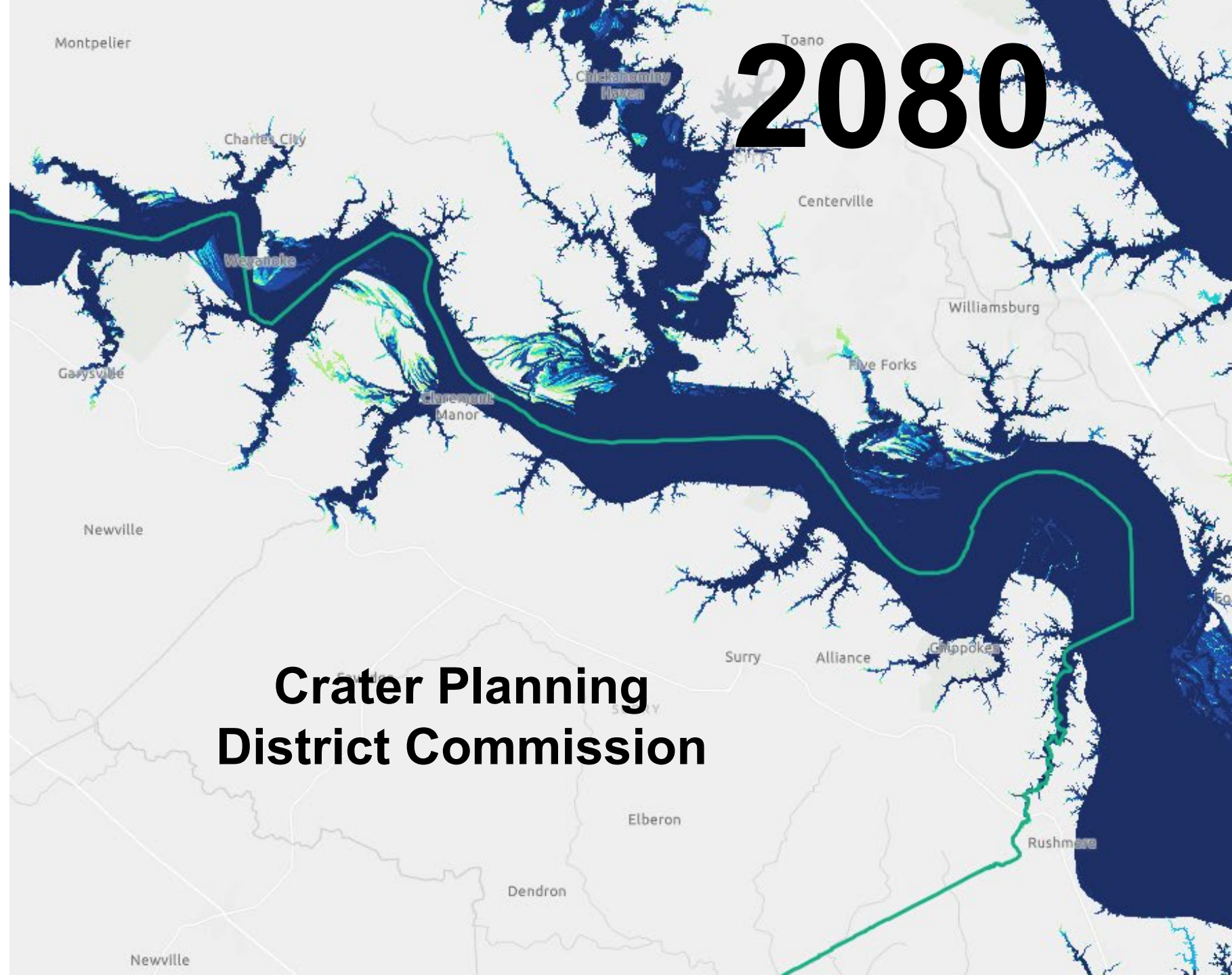
## Land Area

Acres of land area inundated by event type, relative to 2020 mean high water.



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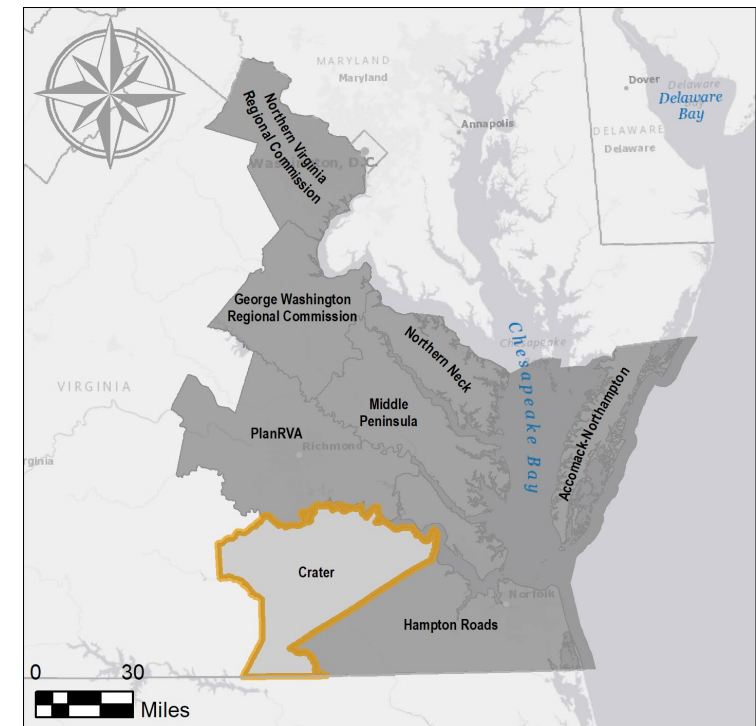
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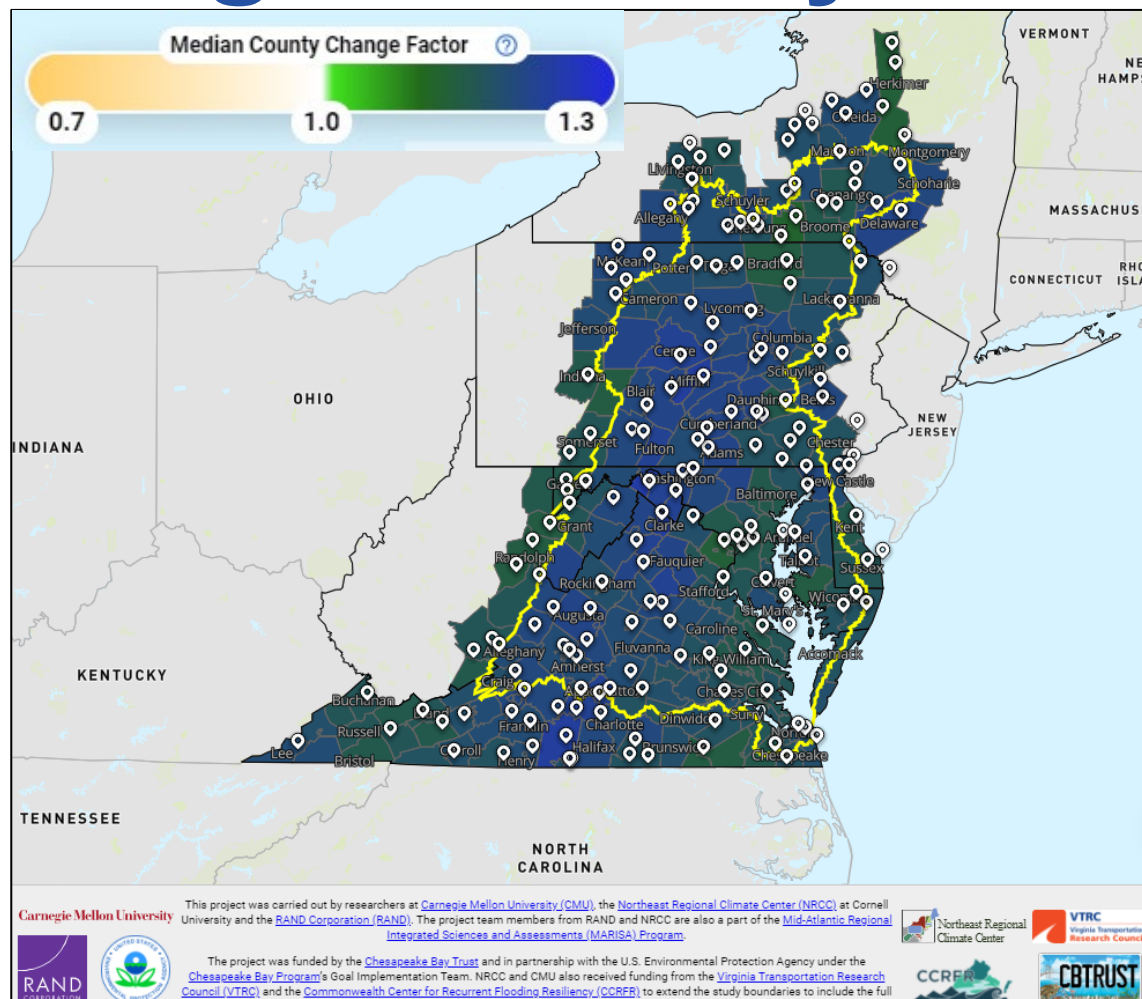


# Coastal Flooding - Projected Changes

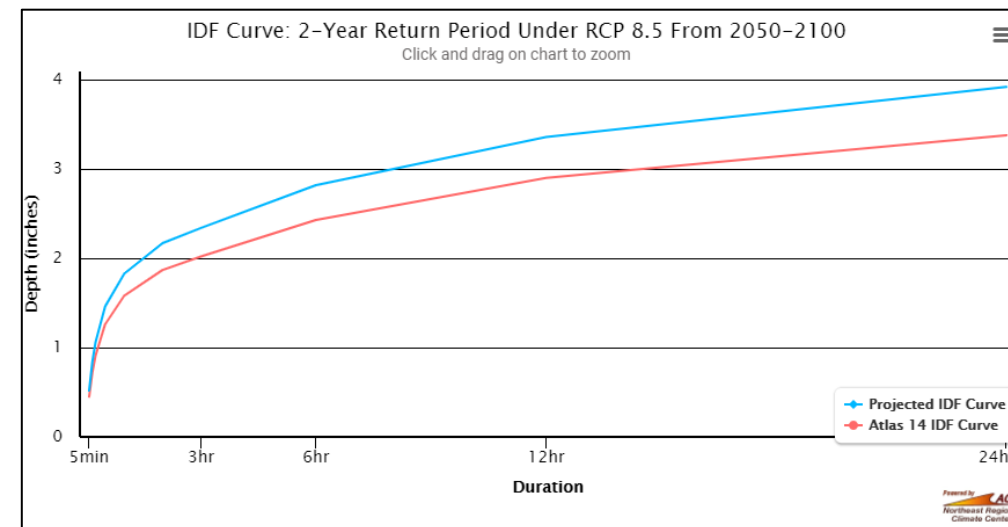
- Crater PDC
- In the next 40 years, coastal flooding is projected to impact:
  - 2,400 more acres of land
  - 240 more people
  - 160 more buildings



# High-Intensity Rainfall is Increasing



<https://midatlantic-idf.rcc-acis.org/>



## HOPEWELL

### Atlas 14 Change Factors for Hopewell City:

10th Percentile:	1.01
25th Percentile:	1.08
Median:	1.16
75th Percentile:	1.20
90th Percentile:	1.27

See "Using the Data" above for correct and incorrect application of these change factors.

# What is resilience?

Strengthen communities' capability to **anticipate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from** hazards

Minimize damage to **social well-being, public health, the economy, and the environment.**

# Why a coastal resilience master plan?

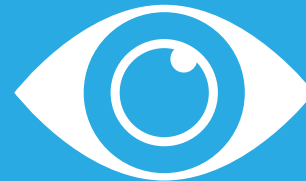
Whole of  
Government  
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Community  
Approach



Ensure  
Equity



Broader  
View



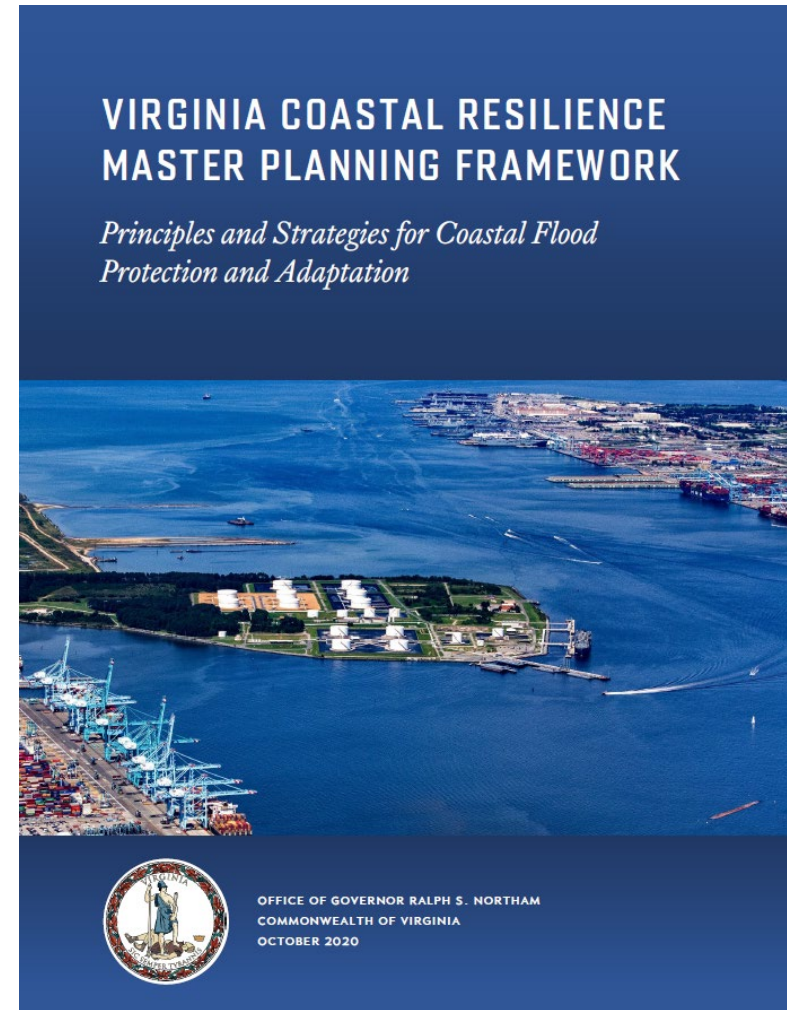
Funding  
Strategy





# Guiding Principles

- Acknowledge climate change and its consequences, and base decision-making on the best available science.
- Identify and address socioeconomic inequities and work to enhance equity through coastal adaptation and protection efforts.
- Recognize the importance of protecting and enhancing green infrastructure like natural coastal barriers and fish and wildlife habitat by prioritizing nature-based solutions.
- Utilize community and regional scale planning to the maximum extent possible, seeking region-specific approaches tailored to the needs of individual communities.
- Understand fiscal realities and focus on the most cost-effective solutions for protection and adaptation of our communities, businesses and critical infrastructure.



# Goals:

1. Identify and prioritize projects to increase the resilience of coastal communities, including both built and natural assets at risk due to flooding and sea level rise
2. Establish a financing strategy, informed by regional differences and equity considerations
3. Incorporate and promote climate change projections into Commonwealth's programs addressing coastal adaptation and protection
4. Coordinate state, federal, regional, and local coastal region adaptation and protection efforts

# 2021 Coastal Master Plan





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