



Summer 2021 Strategy Meeting

July 28, 2021 10A-2P

Brownsville Preserve, Nassawadox VA

Welcome & Introductions -

Those present:

Jessica Steelman, A-NPDC

Jill Bieri, TNC

Susan Bates, TNC

Chris Guvernator, Accomack County

Beth Hart, Mayor of Keller

Hali Plourde-Rogers, VESLT

Shannon Alexander, DCR

Robbie Lewis, DOF

Aaron Wendt, DCR

Community Flood Preparedness Fund Review -

- Discussion ensued with regard to the CFPF, with a focus on what plans qualify as “resiliency plans” for funding and identifying a means for encouraging localities to apply.
- Mayor Hart expressed interest in applying for funding for Keller’s storm drain improvement/management
 - Mayor Hart offered to reach out to other locality leaders to facilitate a Locality Leaders Meeting and invite CAWG partners to discuss the CFPF qualifications and process for funding
- Mayor Hart intends to apply for CFPF on behalf of the town of Keller for the Planning and Capacity Building funding with a goal of applying for the first round of applications due 9/3/2021
 - CAWG partners will provide technical assistance for this process by developing a boilerplate application and Letters of Support as requested by the town of Keller
 - Potential to seek interest from locality Mayors in resurrecting the Mayors Meetings and identifying communication channels/preferred meeting times and locations

- CAWG partners will develop a timeline and roles for action items related to the CFPPF (i.e. the boilerplate application to assist localities in ease of applying)

Review CAWG Resiliency Projects Database -

- Inclusion of Virginia Coastal Resilience Master Plan (CRMP) database criteria was added... this will simplify the process of adding resiliency projects to the CRMP database for inclusion in the CRMP as it is developed and published later in Fall 2021
- Jessica and Susan filled in the data gaps created by including the additional CRMP criteria, conducted outreach to “project leads” for any unknowns, and completed the CRMP Data Call Survey to input the 86 projects into the CRMP database
- The remaining projects in the CAWG database can be added to the CRMP database as data gaps are filled; as can any new projects proposed/presented

Guest Speaker Presentation -

[Accelerating the Scale and the Rate of Living Shoreline Implementation in Rural Coastal Virginia](#) -

Aaron Wendt, DCR - a brief presentation on living shorelines and the NFWF 2021 Innovative Nutrient & Sediment Reduction Grant awarded to DCR

Review & Feedback on [TNC Coastal Resiliency Tool](#) -

- Susan demonstrated how to use the Coastal Resiliency (CR) Tool
- CAWG partners and meeting attendees provided reviews and feedback