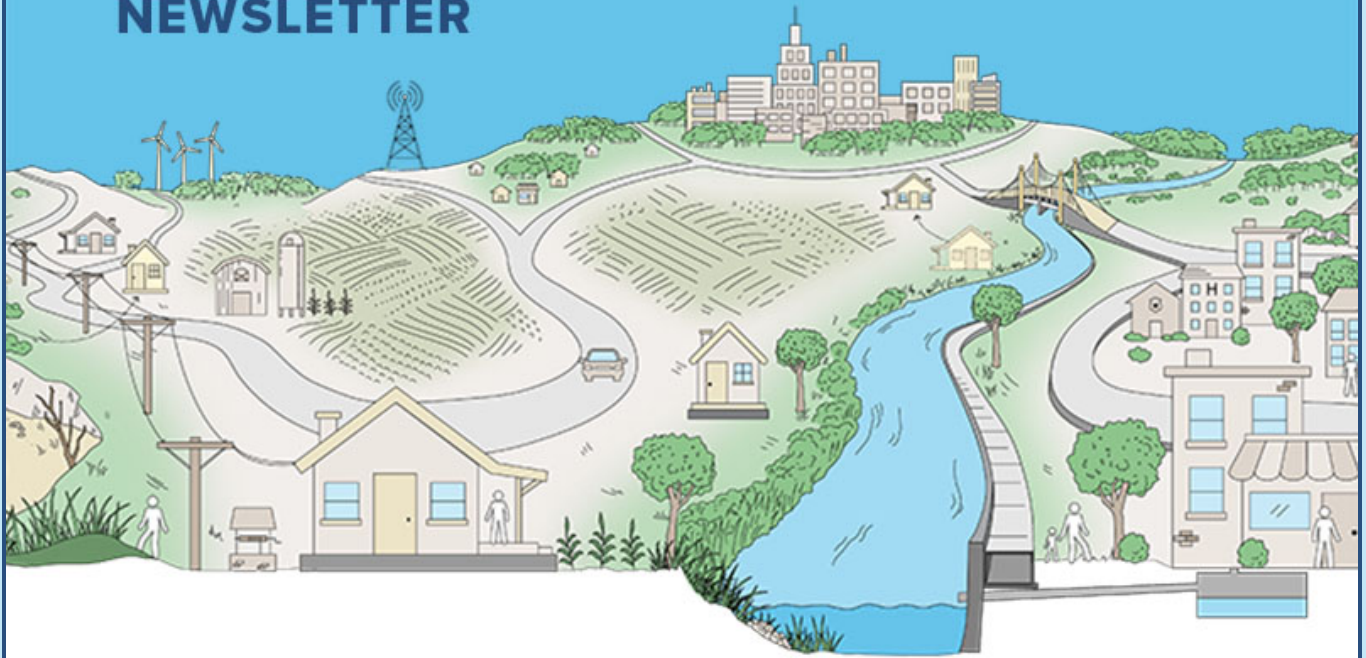


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Delve Into the Updated Coastal Resilience Web Explorer

We are pleased to share that the updated [Coastal Resilience Web Explorer](#) is now live! The Coastal Resilience Web Explorer is a publicly accessible online tool that allows users to visualize coastal, riverine, and rainfall-driven flood hazard and impact data at a variety of geographic scales within coastal Virginia using maps and dashboards in an interactive format.

The Coastal Resilience Web Explorer also includes an inventory of ongoing and planned resilience projects and initiatives, as well as flood resilience funding opportunities. This inventory is a “living” resource that DCR and stakeholders update on a periodic basis, providing timely information on opportunities for building flood resilience.

You can use this resource to better understand local and regional flooding challenges, develop comprehensive plans or hazard mitigation strategies, advance flood resilience actions, make informed decisions, secure funding and policy-maker support, and educate public audiences.

We encourage you to dive in, [explore the resource](#), and as always, don’t hesitate to [reach out](#) if you have any questions, comments, or would like more information.



Meet Our New Resource Specialist

Join us in welcoming Kelsey Liske to the Office of Resilience Planning team!

Kelsey is a sustainability professional with a diverse background and education including Bachelor's degrees in English and Public Policy, and a Master's degree in Environmental Science where she focused primarily on sustainable food systems, community engagement, and environmental justice.

She is passionate about advancing climate and community resilience and has strong experience in developing food access programs and advancing local resilience initiatives. Kelsey most recently has worked with the Virginia Tech Coastal Collaborator and James City County to implement the Resilience Adaptability Feasibility Tool in coastal Virginia.



We are very excited for the enthusiasm and skills that Kelsey brings to the Office of Resilience Planning Team!

Download the Local Plan Integration Tool Developed by VCU Wilder Fellow

Over the last two years, the Office of Resilience Planning has been fortunate to host VCU Wilder Fellow, Ellie Plisko, as she develops and implements a project to support the flood resilience planning efforts of localities in Virginia.

As part of this project, Ellie is developing a flood resilience plan alignment tool, which provides a step-by-step framework for local governments to:

- Identify regional resilience actions relevant to their jurisdiction
- Evaluate alignment and integration opportunities with existing local planning mechanisms
- Close policy gaps and resolve conflicts
- Embed resilience into routine planning, budgeting, and decision-making processes

The tool was [piloted with the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission and Fauquier County](#). The tool will be available for use by interested localities throughout the Commonwealth in the near future.



Ellie graduates in May with a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning and will be an invaluable addition to any team (we would keep her if we could)!



Connect With DCR's Office of Resilience Planning at an Upcoming Event

We look forward to sharing flood resilience ideas and progress with you at one of these upcoming gatherings:

- [Virginia Flood Awareness Week](#) (March 8-14)
- [Virginia Lakes and Watersheds Association Annual Conference](#) (March 8-10)
- [Virginia Emergency Management Association Symposium](#) (March 16-19)
- [Environment Virginia Symposium](#) (March 24-26)
- [Virginia Academy of Science Engineering, and Medicine Workshop - Virginia Crossroads: Flood Resilience across the Commonwealth](#) (March 27)
- [Virginia Floodplain Management Association Annual Conference](#) (April 23-24)

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