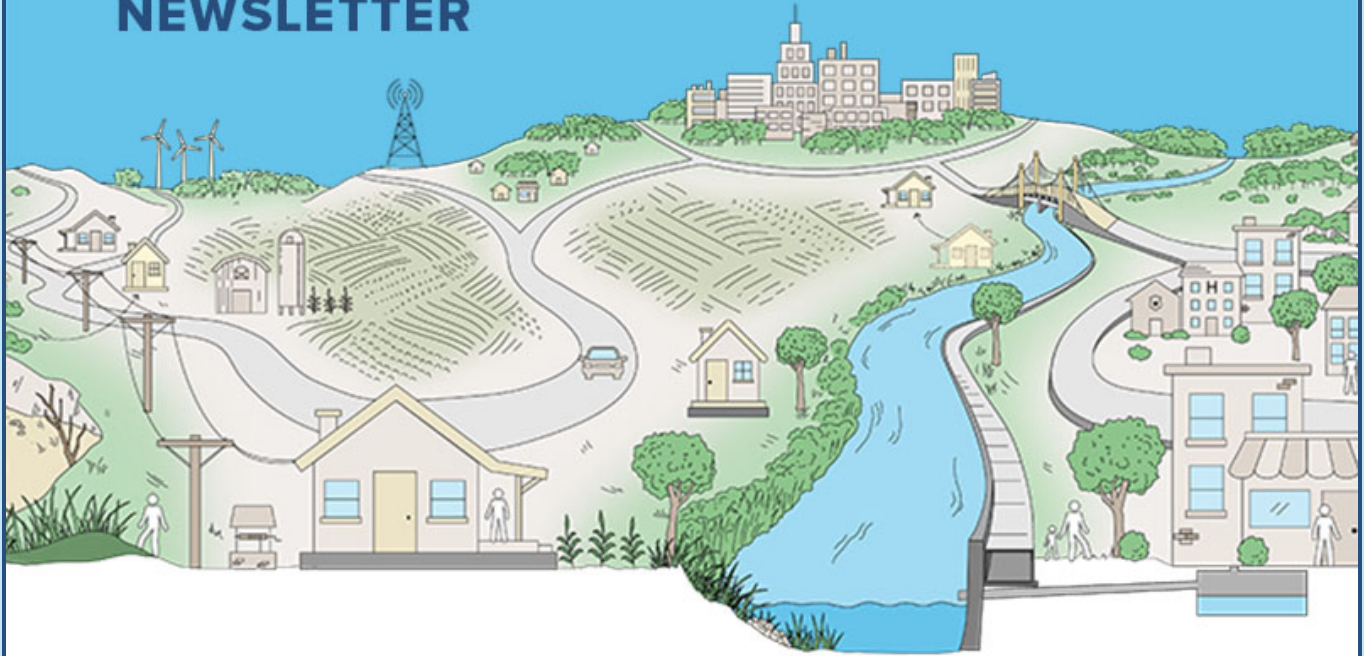


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Learn about the Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan

What is the Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan (VFPMP)?

The VFPMP aims to **reduce current and future flood risks** across the state by developing long-term, coordinated strategies and maximizing the benefits of flood resilience efforts. It will serve as the plan for the Commonwealth to use in developing policies and programs that lessen the impacts of flooding on people, the economy, and the environment.

Phases of Development

Development of the VFPMP is occurring in phases. Each phase builds upon the previous one to ensure the plan is cohesive and aligned. Check out these resources to learn about the phases completed so far:

- [Stage Setting](#)
- [Determine Vision, Goals & Objectives](#)
- [Prioritize Gaps to Address](#)

Provide Input Today to Inform the Plan

DCR has launched a [public survey](#) to solicit feedback from all residents of the Commonwealth. Your input will directly influence the outcomes of the VFPMP.



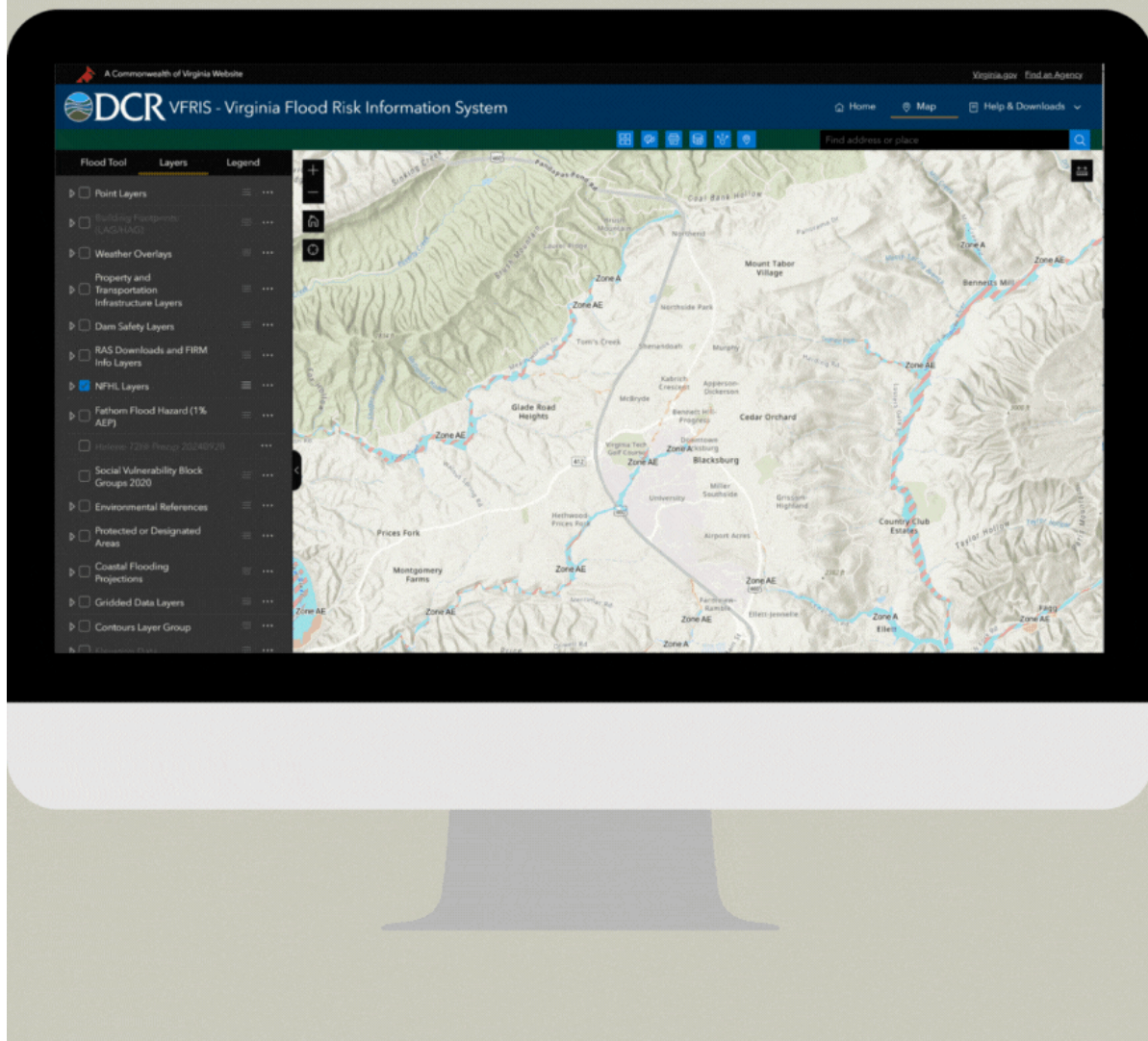
Access new, statewide flood risk data

DCR recently refreshed the [Virginia Flood Risk Information System](#) (VFRIS). This tool helps users determine their flood risk. It now includes more data layers.

One of the new layers is the **Fathom Flood Hazard (1% AEP)**. This layer displays a **non-regulatory** 1% [annual exceedance probability](#) (AEP) floodplain extent that includes coastal, rainfall-driven, and riverine flood sources. It is appropriate for larger-scale planning applications. Users can view the data and compare it to other data layers available via the VFRIS.

DCR is leveraging this data to fill gaps in outdated and incomplete FEMA flood hazard data for the Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan. The statewide dataset includes areas vulnerable to rainfall-driven flooding not typically mapped by FEMA.*

Additional Fathom data is available for certain public entities in Virginia to sub-license from DCR for planning purposes. [Contact us](#) to learn more about available products.



* It is important to note that the Fathom data is not verified against local conditions through field surveys and therefore may include localized inaccuracies.

Flood Resilience Advisory Committee updates

The next meeting of the [Flood Resilience Advisory Committee](#) is **May 27, 2025, from 1-3 p.m.** The meeting will cover updates from the VFPMP, including a statewide impact assessment and flood resilience strategies.

The meeting will be held in person in Richmond and livestreamed. An opportunity for public comment will be provided approximately 20 minutes before the conclusion of the meeting.

[Register](#) to receive a virtual meeting link and access the agenda for the meeting via [our calendar](#).

Join our team

DCR is hiring a Resilience Planner to join our team. Help distribute knowledge and coordinate action to achieve a flood-resilient future for Virginia.

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