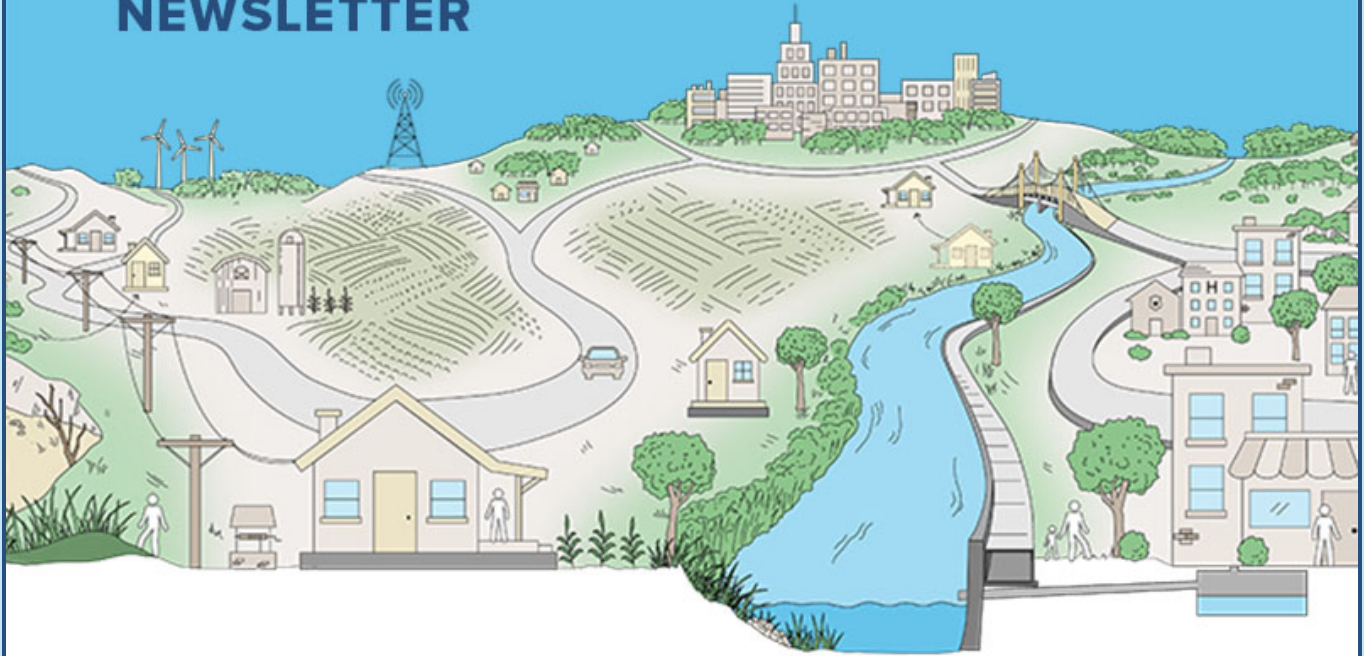


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NEWSLETTER



Submit your projects and initiatives to the Coastal Resilience Master Plan by April 1!

DCR is collecting information on flood resilience projects and initiatives to include in the Coastal Resilience Master Plan, Phase 2. The plan will include an updated inventory of activities across the region. It will also identify areas of high flood hazard – from rainfall-driven, riverine and coastal sources – where no actions are planned.

Only activities that appear in the [Coastal Resilience Web Explorer](#) will be considered in the plan's inventory and analysis.

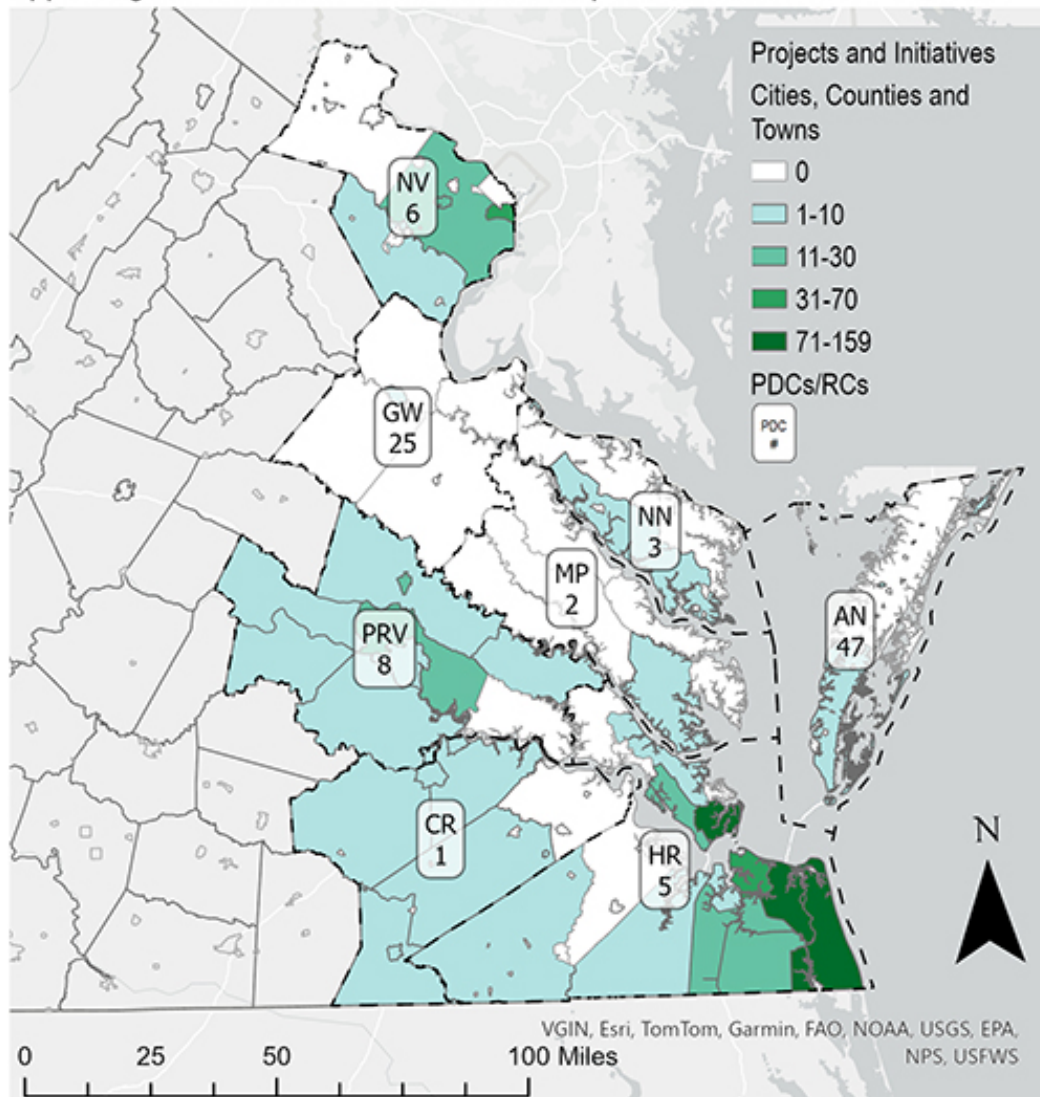
State agencies, planning district commissions, localities and others can submit new activities or update existing activities provided in Phase I via the User Portal: <https://varesilienceexplorer.com/>. You can find more information and training materials on [DCR's website](#). To get started, submit this [User Access Form](#) to DCR via email at Resilience.Explorer@dcr.virginia.gov.

The deadline to submit is April 1, 2024.

Unable to meet the deadline? DCR will offer technical assistance to localities and PDCs who are unable complete updates in the User Portal due to capacity or resourcing challenges. To request support, contact us at flood.resilience@dcr.virginia.gov.

The map below shows the number of projects and initiatives in the web explorer for which a county, city, town or planning district commission is designated as the primary organization responsible for implementation.

Number of Local Government Projects and Initiatives Appearing in the Coastal Resilience Web Explorer as of December 30, 2023



Read two new Resilience Reports from the Commonwealth

The [Resilience Coordination Working Group](#) (RCWG) concluded its work in 2023. The Final Report of the group is now available on [DCR's website](#). Included in the report's recommended 23 legislative and administrative actions is a proposed "hub and spoke" resilience model in which a re-established Chief Resilience Officer position, supported by professional staff, would facilitate coordination and communication between state agencies.

The Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources published its first **Status of Flood Resilience in the Commonwealth Report** this month. The report provides an update on the Coastal Resilience Master Plan and Virginia Flood Protection Master Plan. It also outlines an approach to critical infrastructure flood resilience, including

Get involved in the Coastal Resilience Master Plan, Phase 2



Phase 2 of the [Coastal Resilience Master Plan](#) is underway. DCR's full list of planned outreach and engagement activities for the plan in 2024 are now available [on our website](#). In the first half of this year, you can expect:

- Meetings of the **Coastal Resilience [Technical Advisory Committee](#) and Subcommittees**. All meeting details are posted on [our calendar](#). The meetings are open to the public for comment, and live-streamed online. Subcommittees will convene next between Jan. 23 - Feb. 22. *Timeline: ongoing, quarterly.*
- **Workshops and trainings with local governments and tribal governments**. DCR will share information about the master plan products, and request feedback on planned resilience efforts, challenges and opportunities. *Timeline: spring.*
- **Community meetings** co-hosted with community-based organizations interested in learning more about the master plan and how to build their flood resilience. This effort will prioritize meetings with organizations serving or representing underserved communities. [Contact us](#) to learn more. *Timeline: spring-summer.*

Stay tuned to our newsletter and website throughout the year for updates!



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