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Adaptive Planning for Flooding and Coastal Change in Virginia: Next Steps for the Commonwealth

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**Virginia Coastal Policy Clinic at the William & Mary Law School
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Last year, the Virginia Coastal Policy Clinic (VCPC) at the William & Mary Law School and the Center for Coastal Resources Management (CCRM) at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) hosted a forum for state and local government officials as well as coastal stakeholders to discuss the legal and policy challenges presented by coastal flooding.

Described as a “game-changer” for Virginia, the event generated recognition that the magnitude and complexity of these challenges places local governments in a position of needing a variety of assistance if they are to meet their responsibilities to protect health, safety, and welfare.

Since this precedential gathering, state level action in response has included:

- The Virginia Secure Commonwealth Panel established a Sub-Panel on Recurrent Flooding. The Sub-Panel has recently released its findings, making a series of recommendations for improving planning for, and responding to, recurrent flooding.
- The Virginia General Assembly created a Joint Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding. It has met twice, receiving testimony from sectors ranging from the Army Corps of Engineers to insurance providers and is considering potential legislation for the 2015 General Assembly Session.

- Governor McAuliffe launched the Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission, charging it to provide him within a year with a set of significant, achievable outcomes that focus on adaptation.

At the regional and local level, planning district commissions, academia, and city and county governments have undertaken actions ranging from adopting new freeboard ordinances to analyzing new intergovernmental collaborative structures.

Adaptive Planning for Flooding and Coastal Change in Virginia: Next Steps for the Commonwealth will move forward the current dialogue by providing a forum for the next meeting of the Governor’s Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission. It will also bring together for discussion national, state, and local experts and leaders on current actions being taken to adapt to flooding and coastal change and highlight key legal and policy matters currently confronting both the public and private sectors.

The Next Steps are happening now. Come and learn, and help shape, what they are.

Agenda

8:30	Registration and Coffee
9:00	Welcome and Introduction to the Conference Davison M. Douglas, Ph. D., J.D., Dean, William & Mary Law School Roy A. Hoagland, Esq., Director, Virginia Coastal Policy Clinic, William & Mary Law School
9:15	Call to Order of the Governor’s Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission The Honorable Molly Ward, Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources The Honorable Brian Moran, Virginia Secretary of Public Safety Members of the Commission
9:30	Commission Meeting Report on Climate Change Progress in Virginia James Redick, Co-Chair, Secure Commonwealth Panel, Recurrent Flooding Subpanel Carlton H. Hershner, Jr., Ph. D., Director, Center for Coastal Resources Management, Virginia Institute of Marine Science Colonel Paul Olsen, District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers Bill Shelton, Director, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development <i>Q&A from the Commission members</i>
10:30	Break
10:45	Commission Meeting (continued) Action Items

	<p><i>Discussion among Commission members</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend Chief Resilience Officer • Appoint Work Group Chairs • Appoint Commission liaison to Joint Legislative Subcommittee on Recurrent Flooding • Request development of sea level rise protocol • Request development of legal framework and recommendations related to recurrent flooding • Recommendation regarding potential HUD grant activities
11:30	Adjournment of Commission Meeting
11:30	Lunch
12:00	<p>Keynote Address</p> <p>THE HONORABLE TIM KAINE, UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR VIRGINIA John T. Wells, Ph.D., Dean, Virginia Institute of Marine Science</p>
1:00	Break
1:15	<p>FEMA, National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System, and Local Government Liability</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Patricia Roberts, J.D., Director, Clinical Programs, William & Mary Law School James Andris, VCPC Student, Fall 2014 Kristen Clark, VCPC Student, Spring 2014 Shannon Hulst, CFM, Assistant Director, Wetlands Watch Bill Lesser, CRS Coordinator, FEMA, Mitigation Planner, FEMA Region III</p> <p><i>Panelists will discuss issues surrounding FEMA reforms to the NFIP, how stormwater management actions can assist local governments in response to those changes, and what liabilities exist for governments.</i></p>
2:00	Break
2:15	<p>Adaptation: Market Sector Responses</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Skip Stiles, Executive Director, Wetlands Watch Scott Hunter, Founder and President, Comparity Insurance Simplified Lewis L. Lawrence, III, Executive Director, Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission Janet E. Milne, Esq., Director, Environmental Tax Policy Institute, Vermont Law School Michael Vernon, Business Development Director, Flood Mitigation Hampton Roads</p> <p><i>Panelists will share information on new business opportunities evolving out of recurrent flooding occurrences, new renovation loan solutions, and innovative financing opportunities.</i></p>
3:15	Break

3:30	<p>Social Vulnerability</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Lynda L. Butler, J.D., Professor of Law, William & Mary Law School Erica Holloman, Ph.D., Project Director, Southeast CARE Coalition Molly Mitchell, Senior Scientist, Center for Coastal Resources Management, Virginia Institute of Marine Science Lisa Schiavinato, Esq., Co-Director, NC Coastal Resources Law, Planning, and Policy Center Sarah L. Stafford, Director, Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy, William & Mary</p> <p><i>Panelists will share their perspectives and analyses on the intersections among race, law, science and environmental justice in community vulnerability assessments.</i></p>
4:30	<p>Next Steps: Where Do We Go From Here?</p> <p>Michelle Covi, Ph. D., Assistant Professor of Practice, Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Old Dominion University</p> <p>Roy A. Hoagland, Esq., Director, Virginia Coastal Policy Clinic, William & Mary Law School</p> <p><i>Adaptation Voices from Virginia</i> Ben McFarlane, Regional Planner, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission Curtis Smith, Director of Planning, Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, Coastal Adaptation Working Group (CAWG) Ray Toll, Director of Coastal Resilience Research, Old Dominion University, Hampton Roads Intergovernmental Pilot Project</p> <p><i>Audience Poll and Dialogue:</i> What should be the Commonwealth’s priorities over the next few years?</p> <p><i>Audience Adaptation Efforts:</i> One minute ‘advertisements’ by registrants on adaptation efforts underway in their organization, business, or community.</p>
5:00	<p>Adjourn to Wine & Beer Reception</p>

Registration Information

Registration is required to attend. Seating is limited.

Please click here to [Register Now!](#)

Public Participation: In addition to registrants having the opportunity to provide a one minute public announcement that captures the adaptation efforts in their organization, business, or community, the event will include a number of audience participation polls administered through “Poll Everywhere” via

an online service or its smart-phone app. **Please download the app in advance to participate.**
<http://www.polleverywhere.com/app>

Please direct any questions to: Mary-Carson Stiff at mbsaunders@wm.edu

The Virginia Coastal Policy Clinic is a collaboration among William & Mary School of Law, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, and Virginia Sea Grant.