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## SHOW ME THE MONEY

**The Economic Realities  
of Responding to Coastal Change and Adaption in Virginia**  
**Friday, NOVEMBER 13, 2015**

### CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 8:30 am Welcome and Opening Remarks  
Davison Douglas—Dean, William & Mary Law School  
Roy Hoagland—Director, Virginia Coastal Policy Center
- 9:00 am Keynote: The Honorable Ralph Northam  
Lieutenant Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia
- 9:45 am Panel: Financing Coastal Change and Adaptation  
*Can local government challenges such as maintenance of bond ratings be met through the innovative use of existing Virginia governmental structures?*  
Moderator: Stephanie Hamlett, Esq.—Executive Director, Virginia Resources Authority  
Neal Menkes—Director of Fiscal Policy, Virginia Municipal League  
Christopher Thompson—Deputy Director of Housing, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development  
Sarah Frey—Financial Advisor, The PFM Group  
Roland Kooch—Financial Advisor, Davenport & Company  
Ron Williams—Deputy City Manager, City of Norfolk  
Matthew Wall—Hazard Mitigation Officer, Virginia Department of Emergency Management
- 11:00 am Break
- 11:15 am Panel: State Trust Funds & Banks: What's Happening?  
*Some states are utilizing the concept of governmental banks or revolving loan funds to assist in responding to the economic challenges of coastal change and adaptation. Should Virginia consider adopting such a tool? How would it be funded?*  
Moderator: Joseph Maroon—Executive Director, Virginia Environmental Endowment

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Jim Gebhardt—Senior Advisor to the US EPA Deputy for Water, US EPA Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center  
The Honorable Lynwood Lewis—Virginia Senator (6<sup>th</sup> District)  
Walton C. Shepherd, Esq.—Staff Attorney, Energy & Transportation Program, Natural Resources Defense Council; Member, Virginia Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission

12:05 pm

Lunch

12:30 pm

Keynote: The Honorable Gina McCarthy  
US EPA Administrator

1:30 pm

Panel: Integrating Environmental Justice in Economics of Resiliency Decisions

*When examining the economic realities of responding to sea level rise and recurrent flooding, relying on a cost-benefit analysis that looks at 'the biggest bang for the buck' may well ignore the interests of disenfranchised, minority, and other socially vulnerable communities. How do we factor environmental justice considerations into economic decisions?*

Moderator: Troy Hartley—Director, Virginia Sea Grant Program  
Jalonne White-Newsome, Ph. D.—Director of Federal Policy, WE ACT  
Vernice Miller-Travis—Senior Associate, Skeo Solutions

2:30 pm

Break

2:45 pm

Panel: A Snapshot of Creative Local Government Responses to the Economic Challenges of Resiliency Actions

*Some local governments in coastal Virginia have already begun to respond to the economic challenges that climate change impacts present. These are a few of them.*

Moderator: Skip Stiles—Executive Director, Wetlands Watch  
Lewis L. Lawrence, III—Executive Director, Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission  
Meg Pittenger—Environmental Manager, City of Portsmouth  
Ellen Roberts—City Engineer, City of Poquoson

3:45 pm

Break

4:00 pm

Keynote: The Honorable Rob Wittman  
US Congressman (VA-1)

4:45 pm

Closing

Roy Hoagland—Director, Virginia Coastal Policy Center

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