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# **Presentation Overview**



• Community Synopsis

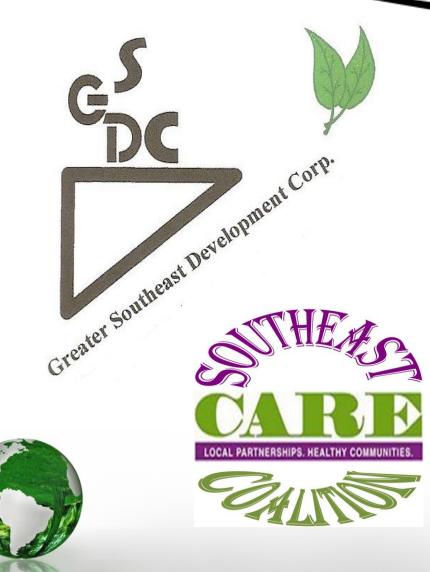
• Local Climate Change Impacts

 The Need for New Community Engagement



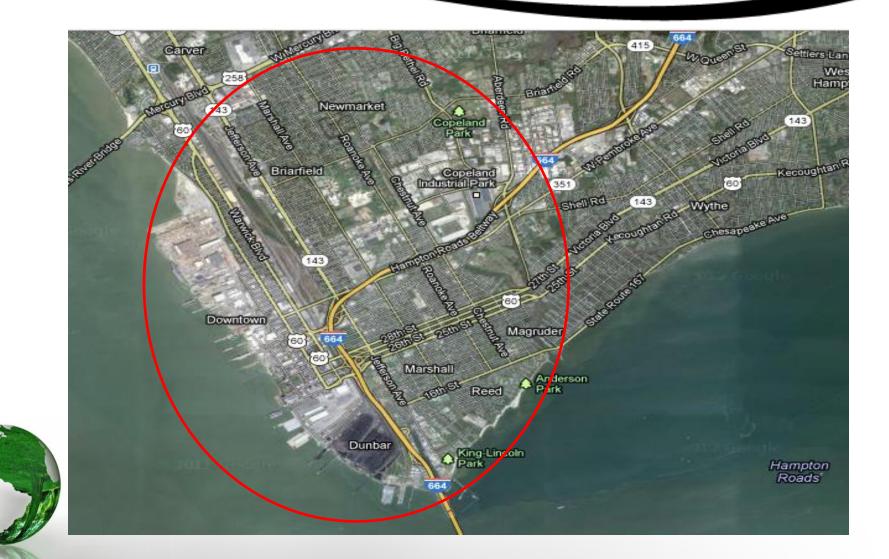
# Southeast CARE Project





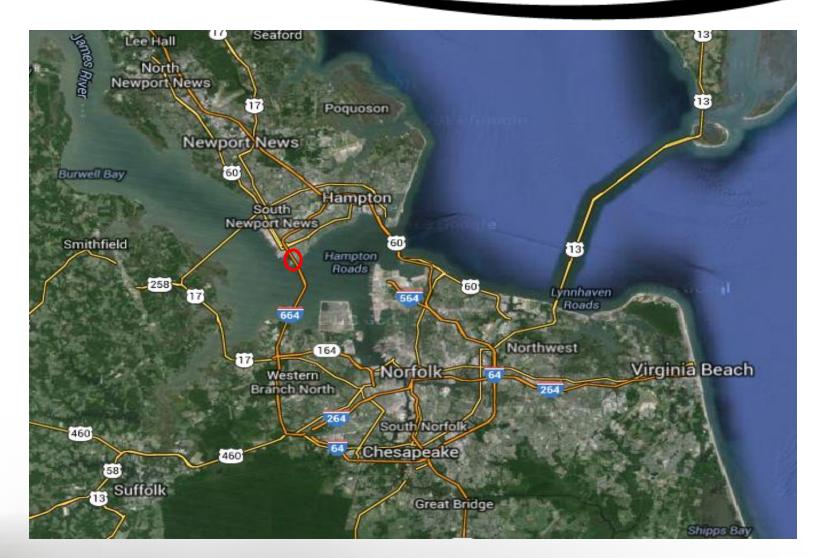
In 2011, the Greater Southeast Development Corporation (GSDC) partnered with US EPA's **CARE** (Community Action for a Renewed **Environment**) program under a Level I Cooperative Agreement

#### Southeast Community of Newport News, Virginia





#### Hampton Roads, Virginia





# Sea-Level Rise











Joe Fudge / Daily Press / September 9, 2014

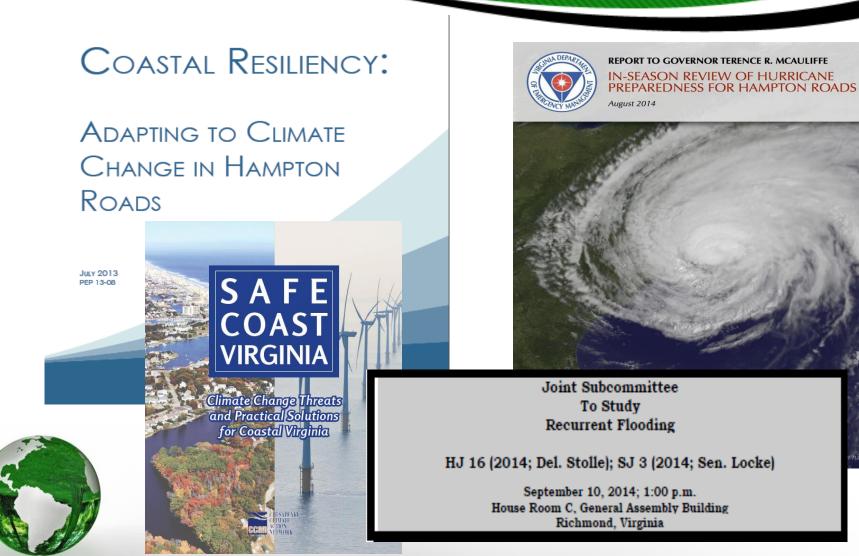


#### Engagement of Low-Income, Minority, Tribal and Indigenous Communities Requires Authentic Commitments at the Federal, State, and Local Levels.



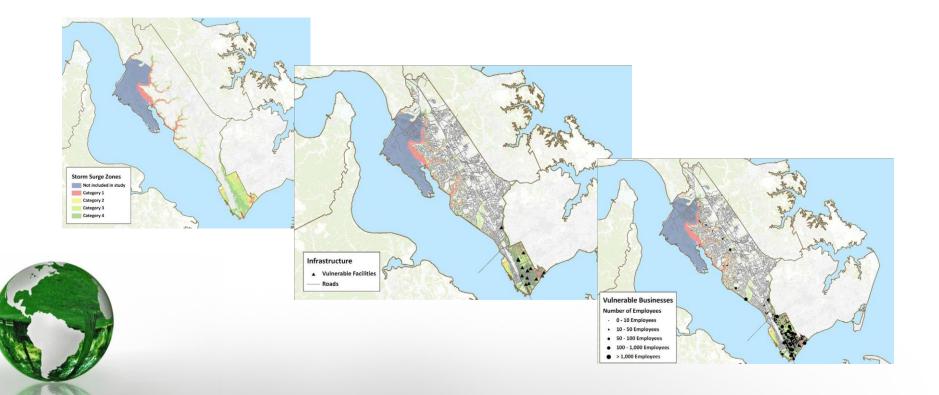


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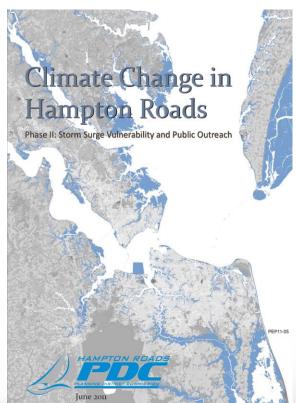


# Engagement of our Communities Must be a Forethought and not an Afterthought.





#### Engagement of our Communities is Different than Engagement of the General Public/Population.



#### **OUTREACH MATERIALS**

As part of its efforts to educate local officials, staff, and the general public about the potential impacts of sea level rise and possible measures for addressing those impacts, HRPDC staff has developed presentations, to be delivered at outreach events such as those described above, and other materials that can be given out at public events or made available online for anyone interested in learning about HRPDC's coastal resilience work. Each of HRPDC's reports funded by the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program is made available online and can be viewed in person at HRPDC's offices in Chesapeake, Virginia. However, these reports are often long and technical documents. As part of this grant, HRPDC staff has summarized the various findings and efforts related to coastal resiliency and sea level rise to develop a series of short "one-pager" handouts or flyers that will be made available through the HRPDC website. These flyers cover topics such as climate change, climate change adaptation, and sea level rise. These documents are included in this report in Appendix B.





#### Engagement of our Communities is a Must to Ensure Resiliency in the Aftermath of Climate Change Impacts.





Remnants of Ernesto ; Sangjib Min, Daily Press / September 1, 2006











