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"The region and entire Commonwealth is fortunate to have such a renowned resource as William & Mary Law School's Virginia Coastal Policy Center. Through our work with the Secure Commonwealth Panel, it has been my pleasure to experience firsthand the professional, beneficial and timely products they are able to provide. I look forward to continuing a fruitful partnership with the Center well into the future."

-Jim Redick, Norfolk Emergency Preparedness and Response, Director

"MPPDC (Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission) staff relies on VCPC to help analyze complex environmental policy and land use issues. VCPC has provided the MPPDC with new opportunities to collaborate and as a result has helped to guide and improve decision making at the local and regional level."

-Lewis Lawrence, Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, Executive Director

"VCPC was a perfect opportunity to get environmental legal experience while in law school. My professors matched me to my project by my interests, and I got to prepare several legal documents throughout the semester."

-Emily Gabor, William & Mary Law School Class of 2017

"Working at the grassroots, local government level, we value the Virginia Coastal Policy Center's work. It moves Virginia's adaptation efforts ahead by providing high quality, Virginia-specific legal analysis needed to solve the challenges Virginia's communities face in the coming years and decades as we deal with the impacts of sea level rise."

-Skip Stiles, Wetlands Watch, Executive Director

The Virginia Coastal Policy Center (VCPC) at William & Mary Law School provides science-based legal and policy analysis of ecological issues affecting the state's coastal resources, by offering education and advice to a host of Virginia's decision-makers, from government and military officials and legal scholars to non-profit and business leaders. VCPC students' highly diverse interactions beyond the borders of the legal community provide the framework for their efforts to solve the complex coastal resource management issues that currently face Virginia and the nation.



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VCPC WHITE PAPERS

VCPC has published a number of papers focusing on the problems and solutions challenging local government efforts to adapt to sea level rise. Go to "VCPC Reports" at law.wm.edu/vacoastal to learn more.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIPS

VCPC itself is a partnership between the Virginia Institute of Marine Science at William & Mary, the Virginia Sea Grant program, and William & Mary Law School. In addition, VCPC is committed to community outreach efforts such as interviews and op-eds in Hampton Roads media outlets, and partnering with organizations like Old Dominion University and regional planning district commissions on issues regarding flood insurance, flooding resiliency and Chesapeake Bay restoration.

"Virginia Sea Grant could not achieve our mission without VCPC, which is a core, long-term, strategic partner for us and our work to advance the sustainability and resilience of coastal communities in Virginia."

-Troy Hartley, Director, Virginia Sea Grant

"VIMS is proud to partner with VCPC and Virginia Sea Grant to address coastal resource management issues in Virginia. At a time when our most pressing coastal resource management issues are complex, the development of wise policy often requires integration of science, economics and law; VCPC and its partners are uniquely positioned to provide such interdisciplinary analysis and advice."

-Mark Luckenbach, Associate Dean of Research and Advisory Services, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND GATHERINGS

VCPC serves as a center for dialogue and deliberation on Virginia's attempts to respond to the inevitable impacts of climate change and sea level rise. VCPC hosts an annual conference in the fall and co-hosts an annual conference in the winter/spring with William & Mary Law School's Environmental Law and Policy Review Journal. Past keynote speakers at the fall conference include Senator Tim Kaine (2014) and U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy (2015). In Fall 2016 VCPC partnered with the Muscarelle Museum of Art at the College of William & Mary to produce a speakers series on sea level rise and climate change issues. Visit VCPC's website (law.wm.edu/vacoastal) for dates and details of upcoming events and to read about past conferences.

- Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission
- Blue Moon Fund
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Chesapeake Bay Trust
- The Commonwealth of Virginia
- Commonwealth Center for Energy and the Environment
- Elizabeth River Crossings
- Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner
- Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
- Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment Inc.
- Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
- Muscarelle Museum of Art, College of William & Mary
- Nansemond River Preservation Alliance
- National Science Foundation
- North Carolina Sea Grant
- Old Dominion University
- University of North Carolina
- Virginia Coastal Coalition
- Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program
- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Virginia Environmental Endowment
- Virginia Institute of Marine Science
- Virginia Planning Association
- Virginia Sea Grant
- Virginia Secure Commonwealth Panel's Sub-Panel on Recurrent Flooding
- W&M Center for Energy and the Environment
- W&M Environmental Law & Policy Review Journal
- W&M Public Policy School
- W&M Student Environmental & Animal Law Society
- Wetlands Watch
- World Resources Institute

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