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Resilient Coastal Communities Program





Introductions





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Review of Scope of Work



Program Steps and Requirements

• Phase 1: Community Engagement and Risk/Vulnerability Assessment

- ✓ Step 1: Develop a Community Action Team
- ✓ Step 2: Set Vision and Goals
- ✓ Step 3: Review Existing Local Plans & Efforts
- ✓ Step 4: Develop a Community Engagement Strategy
- ✓ Step 5: Map Critical Assets and Natural Infrastructure
- ✓ Step 6: Conduct a Risk and Vulnerability Assessment
- Phase 2: Planning, Project Identification, and Prioritization
 - Step 1: Identify a Suite of Potential Solutions
 Step 2: Consolidate and Prioritize Projects











Schedule

Phase	Step	Task	Schedule
1	1	Develop a Community Action Team	May 2021
	2	Set Vision and Goals	July 2021
	2a	CAT meeting #1	July 7, 2021
	3	Review Existing Local Plans	May – July 2021
	4	Develop Community Engagement Strategy	June 2021
	5	Map Critical Assets/Natural Infrastructure	June – July 2021
	5a	Public Meeting	August 2021
	6	Conduct a Risk and Vulnerability Assessment	July – September 2021
		Community Action Team Meeting #2	September 2021
2	1	Identify a Suite of Potential Solutions	November-December 2021
	1a 🤇	Community Action Team meeting #3	December 2021
	2	Consolidate and Prioritize Projects	December 2021
	3	Finalize Report	January 2022





Review of Scope of Work



Deliverables and Project Duration

- Deliverables
 - Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Report
 - Quantitative and qualitative risk assessment performed
 - Vulnerability of critical assets, natural infrastructure, and vulnerable populations
 - Project Portfolio
 - Series of options aimed at reducing exposure and sensitivity and increasing adaptive capacity to hazards
 - GIS Products
 - Maps provided in map package format

Project Duration

• Aim to complete deliverables by January 31, 2022.

Vision and Goal Statements

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Review of Vision and Goals



Vision Statement

To promote the health, safety, and overall well-being of the residents, visitors, and patrons of Leland by creating a more resilient community, particularly with regard to floodplain and stormwater management, sheltering and evacuation, data and research, transportation and infrastructure, community planning, communication, economy, and the environment.





Review of Vision and Goals



Goal Statements

1. Theme: Floodplain and Stormwater Management

Statement: Evaluate and identify specific risks and vulnerabilities, particularly with regard to FEMA flood zones and stormwater problem areas, and establish projects and activities to evaluate, communicate, and provide solutions to reduce those risks

2. Theme: Sheltering and Evacuation

Statement: Identify, establish, and provide information on facilities for use as shelters and staging areas, and identify key roadways within the community for emergency evacuations and mobility during disaster events







Review of Vision and Goals



Goal Statements

3. Theme: Data and Research

Statement: Update and use the most recent data and innovative research to inform and support resilience activities within the community

4. Theme: Transportation and Infrastructure

Statement: Create solutions for critical building and transportation infrastructure with regard to flood hazards within the community

5. Theme: Plans, Policies, and Ordinances

Statement: Review, revise, and implement/enforce plans, policies, and ordinances, including land use, zoning, and inspections, and incorporate incentives for strong resilience practices within the community







Review of Vision and Goals



Goal Statements

6. Theme: Communication

Statement: Enhance education, communication, and collaboration within the community, particularly with regard to vulnerable populations in flood-prone areas, as well as outside the community with neighboring jurisdictions, County departments, State agencies, and regional and Federal resources

7. Theme: Economics

Statement: Work with appropriate stakeholders and partners to enhance the economic viability and resiliency of the local economy

8. Theme: Environmental

Statement: Identify nature-based solutions that restore the natural beneficial functions of floodplains and wetlands to help alleviate flooding, reduce health and safety risks, and enhance the environmental appeal of the community



Risk and Vulnerability Assessment

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Hazard Mitigation Overview



Socioeconomic Status

Minority/Language



Household Composition



Housing/Transportation



		Below Poverty
	Socioeconomic	Income per Capita
∠	Status	Unemployment
		High School Education
BI		Aged 65 and Older
RA	Household	Aged 17 and Younger
۳	Composition	Older than Age 5 with Disability
Ы		Single-Parent Household
>	Minority Status	Minority
	& Language	Speaks English "Less Than Well"
SAI		Multi-Unit Structures
Ĕ	Housing &	Mobile Homes
8		Crowding
-	Transportation	No Vehicle
		Group Quarters

Summary of Risk and Vulnerability Assessment





Hazard Mitigation Overview



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Summary of Risk and Vulnerability Assessment





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Hazard Mitigation Overview



Summary of Risk and Vulnerability Assessment

		Flooding		Storm Surge				Sea Level Rise			
		100 vear	500 vear	Cat	Cat	Cat	Cat	Cat	1 ft	3 ft	5 ft
	FastMed Urgent Care	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	AssistedCare Home Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical Facilities	Wilmington Health Today's										
	Care	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	NHRMC Express Care	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fire Otetiens	Village Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fire Stations	Station 52	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-
	Leland Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	North Brunswick High										
	School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education	Kinderstop Kids LLC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education	Puddle Jumpers Forest	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-
and Day Cares	Christian Academy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Childcare Network	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-
	Excel Learning Center	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-
	Kids World Academy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Leland Town Hall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Brunswick Center at Leland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Leland Public Library	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-
Government Buildings	Municipal Operations Center	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	H2GO Office	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-
	United States Postal Office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	NC State Government Adult Probation and Parole	-	-	-	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-

Exposure of critical facilities to identified hazards (- denotes no exposure and X denotes potential damage from specified hazard)



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CAT Vulnerability Index Exercise



Asset	Exposure score	Sensitivity score	Adaptive Capacity	Vulnerability Score
	0-3	0-3	0-3	0-6
Asset name	0 = no exposure I = low 2 = medium 3 = high	0 = no sensitivity I = low 2 = medium 3 = high	0 = no adaptive capacity I = low 2 = medium 3 = high	0 - 2 = Low 3 - 4 = Medium 5 - 6 = High

NC DCM Planning Handbook



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CAT Vulnerability Index Exercise

		Exposure	Sensitivity	A daptive Capacity
	FastMed Urgent Care	0	0	
Medical	AssistedCare Home Health	0	0	
Facilities	Wilmington Health Today's Care	0	0	
	NHRM C Express Care	0	0	
Eiro Stationa	Village Road	0	0	
File Stations	Station 52	1		
	Leland Middle School	0	0	
	North Brunswick High School	0	0	
Education	Kinderstop Kids LLC	0	0	
	Puddle Jumpers Forest	1		
and Day	Christian Academy	0	0	
Cares	Childcare Network	1		
	Excel Learning Center	1		
	Kids World Academy	0	0	
	Leland Town Hall	0	0	
	Brunswick Center at Leland	0	0	
Government	Leland Public Library	1		
Duildingo	Municipal Operations Center	0	0	
buildings	H2GO Office	1		
	United States Postal Office	0	0	
	NC State Government Adult Probation and Parole	1		

Exposure: Degree to which a resource is subjected to a hazard **Sensitivity:** Degree to which a resource's function is impaired by hazard exposure **Adaptive Capacity:** Ability of a resource to adapt to hazards

Phase 2: Project Planning and Prioritization

Moffatt & Nichol







Objective

- In Phase 2, Moffatt & Nichol will work with the Town, CAT, and community members to identify, plan, and prioritize a combination of policy, nonstructural, structural, and hybrid actions, including the use of natural and nature-based solutions (NNBS), organized within a project portfolio.
- Previously-identified as well as new, innovative solutions should be explored and included.
- These projects and actions will be organized within a portfolio.
- Developing this portfolio includes the following key steps:
 - 1) Identify a Suite of Potential Solutions
 - 2) Consolidate and Prioritize Projects



Project Planning and Prioritization



Strategies

Nature-based Traditional Infrastructure Hybrid Solution Policy and Regulations Infrastructure Solution Solution Elevating Water Utility and Conservation Marsh Sills: Low Impact Development (LID) & Green Infrastructure **Transportation Assets** A Type of Living Shoreline **Overlay Zone** Shoreline stabilization technique using natural habitat elements (e.g. tall · Replacing impervious surface with Changes like elevating critical and vulnerable transportation grasses and wetlands) that increases resilience to coastal erosion and Using multi-criteria land suitability analysis or other natural features allows for more routes above the level of potential floodwaters, or ensuring flooding screening tool can help prioritize areas that are most effective water quantity and quality access to critical water facilities ensure that these services Traps sediment reducing wetland or marsh edge loss, dissipates wave valuable in terms of protecting or enhancing natural habitat and public infrastructure are designed for their lifespan and energy and storm surges, provides ecosystem services management *NEW* Marsh Sill General Permit (15A NCAC 7H .2700) and ecosystem services, reducing hazard (flood, sea level Example measures include: account for future conditions. rise, storm surge) risks, and other benefits - these areas can Downspout Disconnection • Permeable Pavements New construction or repairs should consider the future Rainwater Harvesting Green Streets and Alleys Little to No Damage to be identified as part of a Conservation Overlay Zone risks of sea level rise and other hazards using scenario Rain Gardens Green Parking Morris Landing Rock Sill · Limit intensity and density of uses and location of planning when possible 1-month Post-Florence Planter Boxes Green Roofs Shoreline stabilization technique: Holly Ridge, NC Bioswales Urban Tree Canopy development to minimize impacts to these critical Land Conservation conservation areas Conservation Priority Area (CPA) 2019 Sea Level Rise Assessment Cape Fear Crossing - Alternative B -N.C. Coastal Reserve and NERR Wellhead Elevated above BFE Intermediate and High SLR Scenarios (U.S. EPA) (NC DOT) Georgetown Climate Center: Green Infrastructure Toolkit Swansboro Conservation Priority Area Overlay & Underlying Conservation Suitability







Baldwin Drive Stormwater Management

- Project Description: The Town of Leland already has plans for the Baldwin Drive Roadway Improvement project (this road will be paved and an adjacent sidewalk will be added). An additional goal of this project is to incorporate a regional stormwater feature for flood mitigation.
- Hazard(s) addressed by project: Flooding
- Type of solution: Hybrid Infrastructure
- Project Estimated Cost:
- Potential Implementation Funding Sources:
- Projected Estimated Timeline:
- Priority Rating:









Sturgeon Creek Watershed

- Project Description: Plans are in place already for the Town of Leland to apply for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant funding program. Funding will allow for the Town to evaluate the Sturgeon Creek watershed and identify drainage and flood control solutions.
- Hazard(s) addressed by project: Flooding
- Type of solution: Nature-based Infrastructure
- Project Estimated Cost:
- Potential Implementation Funding Sources:
- Projected Estimated Timeline:
- Priority Rating:









Demolition/ FEMA Buyout Program Feasibility Studies

- Project Description: Feasibility studies would be conducted on a number of sites (number and location of sites to be identified) within five years. Purpose of these studies is to provide support and justification in demolition or buyout options of property within flood-prone areas
- Hazard(s) addressed by project:
- Type of solution:
- Project Estimated Cost:
- Potential Implementation Funding Sources:
- Projected Estimated Timeline:
- Priority Rating:











Emergency Fuel Preparedness

- Project Description: This project entails the Town of Leland acquiring emergency fuel supplies and putting together plans for storage and distribution of supplies during natural disasters.
- Hazard(s) addressed by project:
- Type of solution: Hard Infrastructure
- Project Estimated Cost:
- Potential Implementation Funding Sources:
- Projected Estimated Timeline:
- Priority Rating:









Land Use Plans/ Policies/ Ordinances

- Project Description: This idea entails incorporating new policies and regulatory tools into the Future Land Use planning process. The expectation is for policies to go above listing environmental constraints and outline what high hazard areas are prohibited for development.
- Hazard(s) addressed by project:
- Type of solution:
- Project Estimated Cost:
- Potential Implementation Funding Sources:
- Projected Estimated Timeline:
- Priority Rating:









Highway 133 Flood Mitigation

- Project Description: A sitescale/neighborhood-scale nature-based solution will be used to mitigate flooding of Hwy 133, which runs parallel to the Brunswick River and is prone to frequent flooding, posing a transportation concern.
- Hazard(s) addressed by project:
- Type of solution: Hybrid Infrastructure
- Project Estimated Cost:
- Potential Implementation Funding Sources:
- Projected Estimated Timeline:
- Priority Rating:



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Old Fayetteville Road Flood Mitigation

- Project Description: A sitescale/neighborhood-scale nature-based solution will be used to mitigate flooding of Old Fayetteville Road by North Brunswick High School, which currently floods during heavy precipitation events and is a transportation concern.
- Hazard(s) addressed by project:
- Type of solution:
- Project Estimated Cost:
- Potential Implementation Funding Sources:
- Projected Estimated Timeline:
- Priority Rating:









Education and Outreach Programs

- Project Description: This project would increase public awareness to garner more support on projects and grants. Program ideas include: Stormwater Education for HOAs, Improved communication between Town and HOAs, Educational materials on nature-based strategies for residents.
- Hazard(s) addressed by project:
- Type of solution: Communication
- Project Estimated Cost:
- Potential Implementation Funding Sources:
- Projected Estimated Timeline:
- Priority Rating:









Lanvale Trace Stormwater Wetland

- Project Description: Located in Lanvale Trace (off of Lanvale Road), this project involves construction of a stormwater wetland for the purposes of flood mitigation.
- Hazard(s) addressed by project: Flooding
- Type of solution: Green Infrastructure
- Project Estimated Cost:
- Potential Implementation Funding Sources:
- Projected Estimated Timeline:
- Priority Rating:









Low Country Boulevard Culvert Enhancements

- Project Description: This project involves enhancements to the culverts under Low Country Boulevard for flood mitigation purposes. This area flooded during Hurricane Florence and has been a concern for residents since.
- Hazard(s) addressed by project: Flooding
- Type of solution: Grey Infrastructure
- Project Estimated Cost:
- Potential Implementation Funding Sources:
- Projected Estimated Timeline:
- Priority Rating:



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Magnolia Green Stormwater Solutions

- Project Description: This project is located in the Magnolia Greens Subdivision and would consist of some type of nature-based infrastructure for flood mitigation of the existing stormwater pond and low-lying road.
- Hazard(s) addressed by project:
- Type of solution:
- Project Estimated Cost:
- Potential Implementation Funding Sources:
- Projected Estimated Timeline:
- Priority Rating:









Mallory Creek Drive Drainage Plan

- Project Description: This project is located on Mallory Creek Drive near Hemlock Way, where there is frequent flooding during storm events. This would entail conducting a survey of this site and putting together a drainage plan, which requires consulting an engineer.
- Hazard(s) addressed by project:
- Type of solution:
- Project Estimated Cost:
- Potential Implementation Funding Sources:
- Projected Estimated Timeline:
- Priority Rating:









Lift Station #14 Relocation

- This project will relocate Lift Station #14 from its current location within the 100-year flood zone to another site owned by the Town of Leland. The new site of this lift station will be outside of the 100-year flood zone, reducing its exposure to natural hazards.
- Hazard(s) addressed by project: Flooding
- Type of solution: Hard Infrastructure
- Project Estimated Cost:
- Potential Implementation Funding Sources:
- Projected Estimated Timeline:
- Priority Rating:





Project B

Project C

Project D

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Project Planning and Prioritization



Prioritization

STAPLEE Criteria

- Social
- Technical
- Administrative
- Political
- Legal
- Economic
- Environmental

Criteria (Social)							Answer	Score
Will the proposed action adversely affect any segment of the population?							No	5
Will the action disrupt established neighborhoods, school districts, voting districts, or cause the relocation or hardship of lower-income people?							No	5
Is the action	Is the action compatible with current and future community values?							5
Will the ac	Will the actions adversely affect cultural values or resources?							5
AVERAGE SCORE								5
	Social	Tech.	Admin.	Political	Legal	Econ.	Environ.	Relative Totals
Project A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7

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23

35







RCCP Funding Updates

•DCM has received about \$545,000 from the <u>National Fish & Wildlife Foundation Coastal Resilience Fund</u> and \$1.15 million from the <u>General Assembly</u> to continue and expand the North Carolina Resilient Coastal Communities Program!

•DCM is currently drafting a "Request for Applications" for Phase 3 of the RCCP. Phase 3 will fund the Engineering and Design of a prioritized project. We estimate a total of \$40k will be available for each selected project. The Phase 3 RFA is anticipated to be posted in early 2022 (with an application deadline of March 2022).

• Phase 4 RFA is anticipated to be posted late summer/early fall 2022.

Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership

Barrier Assessment





Barrier Assessment

- SARP uses a standardized protocol at road stream crossings to determine if a culvert or structure is a barrier for fish, constricts flow, or is in poor condition.
- SARP's Southeast Aquatic Barrier Prioritization Tool (<u>https://connectivity.sarpdata.com</u>)
- With funding from the NFWF Coastal Resilience Fund, SARP will be using new data on flood extent from TNC to identify over 200 sites for assessment in tidally influenced waters spread out between the Cape Fear and Chowan river basins.



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THE SOUTHEAST AQUATIC CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

Kat Hoenke, GIS Coordinator





SOUTHEAST AQUATIC RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP

Mission

SARP will, with partners, protect, conserve and restore aquatic resources including habitats throughout the Southeast for the continuing benefit, use and enjoyment of the American people.







SARP CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM



Natic Barrier Prioritization Tool

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Aquatic Barrier Prioritization Tool

Improve aquatic connectivity by prioritizing aquatic barriers for removal using the best available data.

Aquatic connectivity is essential. Fish and other aquatic organisms depend on high quality, connected river networks. A legacy of human use of river networks have left them fragmented by barriers such as dams and culverts. Fragmentation prevents species from dispersing and accessing habitats required for their persistence through changing conditions.

Recently improved inventories of aquatic barriers enable us to describe, understand, and prioritize them for removal, restoration, and mitigation. Through this tool and others, we empower you by providing information on documented barriers and standardized methods by which to prioritize barriers of interest for restoration efforts.

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Dams





Instructions to Edit Barriers in Each Webmap: 1) Click on the appropriate box below. 2) When the map opens, select "I want to use this." 3) Then, click "Open in ArcGIS online." 4) Now, you will be able to edit individual points. If performing social feasibility reconnaissance, click below to read instructions.

Read Dam Recon Instruction Manual



Road Crossings



 Crossings are assessed by multiple partners using AOP assessment protocols (green)

26k total assessed

	A ADVACT RECUES WARRENAME SACRESSION STREAM DATA F	m Crossing Survey	DADABASE ENTRY BY	ENTRY DATE REVIEW DATE				
1	Crossing Code		Local ID (Optional)					
	Date Observed (00/00/000)Lead Observer							
	Town/CountyStream							
	Road	Type 📰 MULTILAN	E PAVED UNPAVED	DRIVEWAY				
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Inventory



NFWF TIDAL ROAD STRUCTURES

- Assess 100 structures in 5 basins using tidal protocol
- Ensure structures help with community resiliency
- Work closely with local communities to identify priority structures
- Must address both coastal resiliency and aquatic habitat



PROPOSED STRUCTURES

- Selected 100 structures working with Dawn
- Sturgeon creek and beyond
- Surveyed between now and August 2022
- Want to align with town priorities
- Results provided for your use!

New proposed basin Lower Cape Fear



RESULTS PREVIEW

- Identify possible pinch points / flood risk
- Identify issues for fish passage
- Quantify connectivity benefit



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Southeast Aquatic Barrier Prioritization Tool

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Prioritization

PRIORITIZATION

- Improve or maintain watershed connectivity
- Move from opportunistic to a strategic approach to barrier removal fish passage improvement
- Support management decisions



ROAD BARRIER PRIORITIZATION

😹 Aquatic Barrier Prioritization Tool

modify filters

Explore results

113 prioritized road-related barriers

Road-related barriers are binned into tiers based on where they fall within the value range of the combined network connectivity and watershed condition score. Tier 1 includes road-related barriers that fall within the top 5% of values for this score, and tier 20 includes road-related barriers that fall within the lowest 5% of values for this score.

Choose top-ranked road-related barriers for display on map



Use this slider to control the number of tiers visible on the map. Based on the number of road-related barriers visible for your area, you may be able to identify road-related barriers that are more feasible in the top several tiers than in the top-most tier.





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Functional network information

3.21 total miles could be
reconnected by removing
this road-related barrier,
including 3.21 miles of
perennial reaches.

0% of the upstream network is in altered stream channels (coded as canals / ditches). **0 river size classes** could be gained by removing this barrier. 96% of the upstream floodplain is composed of natural landcover.

Network statistics:	upstream network	downstream network
Total miles	8.52	3.21
Perennial miles	8.52	3.21
Ephemeral / intermittent miles	0	0
Altered miles	0	0
Unaltered miles	8.52	3.21

Prioritization Results

HOLLY CREEK, GA EARTH DAY 2021



Next Steps Discussion





What's Next?

- Complete Vulnerability scoring and ranking for critical assets
- Finalize Risk and Vulnerability Assessment
- Prioritize projects and complete project portfolio
- Compile Resilience Strategy and submit to NCDCM and Town

M&N would like to extend our staff and resources to the Town in support of the Phase 3 application process, if needed.

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