



Virginia's Progress on Climate Resilience

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Priority Climate Resilience Actions

Define	State Leadership
Require	A State-Level Plan
Establish	A State Advisory Group
Dedicate	Resilience Funding
Enhance	Research
Allow	Resilience Improvement Eligibility
Maintain	Riparian Buffers
Require	Local Plans for Resilience
Disclose	Flood Risk

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Define

State Leadership

- Centralized role in the Governor's Office
- Broadly define resilience
- Clarify roles and responsibilities
- Staffing plans and funding

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Require

A State-Level Plan

- Statewide plan to address complexities of climate change
- Detailing regional and local needs
- Prioritizing vital programs and projects
- Aligning partner goals
- Establishing funding needs
- Regular updates

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Establish

A State Advisory Group

- A permanent oversight entity
- Provides transparency
- Governor appointees with General Assembly confirmation

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Dedicate Resilience Funding

- Meaningful and sustained funding required
- Prepare to receive and leverage federal funds
- Provide multiple avenues for funding
- Provide flexibility for types of projects funded

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Enhance

Research

- Data collection and research are vital to understanding impacts
- Integration of science, policy and planning required
- Gateways for public information are critical
- ADAPTVA is a successful tool with ongoing support needed

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Allow

Resilience Improvement Eligibility

Resiliency improvement:

An improvement that increases the capacity of a structure or infrastructure to withstand or recover from natural disasters, the effects of climate change, and attacks and accidents, including, but not limited to:

1. Flood mitigation or the mitigation of the impacts of flooding;
2. Inundation adaptation;
3. Natural or nature-based features and living shorelines, as defined in § 28.2-104.1;
4. Enhancement of fire or wind resistance;
5. Microgrids;
6. Energy storage; and
7. Enhancement of the resilience capacity of a natural system, structure, or infrastructure.

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Maintain

Riparian Buffers

- Implement specific requirements for Virginia's Construction General Permit Stream Protection Zones

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Require

Local Plans for Resilience

- Require all localities to include strategies to address resilience within their jurisdictions as a part of their comprehensive plans
- Define resilience consistent with existing plans

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Disclose

Flood Risk

Adopt comprehensive flood hazard disclosure requirements including:

- Whether the home has ever been damaged by a flood and the extent of the damage.
- Whether the home is in a floodplain and, if it is, the flood zone classification (100-year or 500-year) of the property and the source and date of this information.
- Whether the seller and/or previous owners ever received federal disaster aid, which requires that all future owners obtain and maintain flood insurance on the property.



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