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CONSULTATION SUMMARY CHART			
Agency Name or Stakeholder Group *(if applicable)*	**Agency Type – Target Population** *(if applicable)*	**Type of Outreach**	**Method of Notification** *(if applicable)* **– Materials Provided**
For consultation activities involving a single agency or targeting a specific stakeholder group, the name of the agency or stakeholder group should be provided in the first column.	*Provide the agency type and target population served, if applicable. Where possible, use agency types (public, private, etc.) and target populations (low-income individuals and families, children, etc.) outlined in lists above.*	*Use this column to briefly describe the type of outreach (public hearing, meeting, webinar, etc.)*	*Briefly describe how participants were notified of the outreach event, if event was open to the public, and list materials provided for consideration to participants.*
Representatives from all Norfolk's Civic Leagues; interested residents	Norfolk Civic League: **Target Population**: Norfolk Neighborhood residents with unmet needs from the qualifying disaster	Hands-on workshop with civic leagues representatives and interested residents	Distributed 2000 flyers. Advertised at the City of Norfolk website; distributed through City's and community organizations' mail lists. Presentation slides describing approach and preliminary designs for the NDRC grant. Maps and Fact Sheets; also included interactive story boards with a range of different design and project alternatives
Chesterfield Heights Civic League	Norfolk Civic League: **Target Population**: Norfolk Neighborhood residents that will be most directly affected by the proposed projects	Email, phone call, presentation and hands-on workshop with the civic league's members	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed projects/designs for the NDRC grant. Maps and fact sheets; also included interactive story boards with a range of different design and project alternatives
Tidewater Gardens Public Housing Community	Norfolk Civic League: **Target Population**: Norfolk Neighborhood residents that will be most directly affected by the proposed projects	Email, phone call, in-person meeting, presentation and hands-on workshop with the residents	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed projects/designs for the NDRC grant. Maps and fact sheets; also included interactive story boards with a range of different design

			and project alternatives
St. Paul's Quadrant community leaders, faith leaders, and residents (YMCA Granby)	Community organization – **Target Population**: Residents located directly in the proposed project area	In-person meeting, presentation	Presentation slides describing approach, preliminary designs and proposed projects for the NDRC grant; also included interactive story boards with a range of different design and project alternatives
Grandy Village Civic League, all interested residents, Norfolk Housing and Redevelopment Authority	**Target Population**: Norfolk residents and businesses. The public hearing took place directly in the proposed project area – Grandy Village community center in the Ohio Creek Watershed, serving to the neighborhood's public housing community.	Public hearing combined with hands-on workshop	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed projects/designs for the NDRC grant. Also included interactive story boards with a range of different design and project alternatives
Weekly meetings with representatives of all City of Norfolk departments, ARCADIS and various community leaders and private, non-profit stakeholders – these varied based on the project sub-target areas being discussed	Non-profit environmental and community groups, community "trusted leaders" representing residents or civic leagues, private businesses most affected by the proposed projects	Emails, in-person meetings and presentations	Presentation slides describing preliminary project designs, maps, for the NDRC grant
Norfolk Housing and Redevelopment Authority (NHRA)	Housing Development— **Target Population**: Public Low-income individuals and families, children that would be most directly affected by the proposed NDRC projects	Multiple in-person meetings, emails and phone conversations	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed designs and later projects for the NDRC grant; maps
Dutch Dialogues Workshop with interested residents, Hampton Roads	Private, Public, Non-profit, Higher Education, residents –	4-day hands-on workshop open to the	Email lists, advertised on the various websites – development

Planning District Commission (HRPDC), representatives from various City of Norfolk and City of Hampton departments; regional universities (Old Dominion University, Hampton University, William & Marry, University of Virginia); regional and local environmental groups (Wetlands Watch, Elizabeth River Projects)	**Target Population:** Residents in the target areas proposed for the NDRC projects	public	of designs with the community for the NDRC target areas; maps, sketches, briefing books with background information, story boards
Residents, businesses and community organizations in Chesterfield Heights and Grandy Village – The Ohio Creek Watershed	**Target Population:** Residents in the target areas proposed for the NDRC projects	Multiple in-person charrettes, meetings and workshops with the community conducted by Wetlands Watch, Old Dominion University and Hampton University over one year period (2014) as part of "Tidewater Rising Resiliency Design Challenge." The City of Norfolk	The City of Norfolk refined these designs with the community during a multi-day Dutch Dialogues workshops and then further with ARCADIS during the NDRC project development process. The refined designs and project alternatives were then brought back to the community.
Residents, businesses, community organizations, schools and faith community in the Newton's Creek Watershed	Public, private, non-profit – **Target Population**: Residents, businesses, community organizations, schools and faith community in the broader St. Paul's Area proposed for the NDRC projects	Community meetings, charrettes, advisory committee meetings, tenant management council updates, NRHA Board of Commissioners meetings, City Council meetings and one-on-one interaction	

		with community members conducted as part of St. Paul's Quadrant Plan and Choice Neighborhoods Planning resulting in Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Transformation Plan. The proposed NDRC projects in the City of Norfolk address many of the concerns and aspirations raised during this 24-month planning process with the community (2012-2014)	
Norfolk Southern	Private Sector - **Target Population:** Business that would be directly affected by the proposed NDRC projects	Email	N/A
Tides Baseball Stadium	Private Sector - **Target Population:** Business that would be directly affected by the proposed NDRC projects	Multiple in-person meetings	Presentation slides describing approach and preliminary designs for the NDRC grant
Naval Station Norfolk (Navy) – Commander/Head of facilities for Mid-Atlantic Region; Department of Defense	Department of Defense – **Target Population**: The Greater Hampton Roads local communities	Three in-person meetings and one presentation	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed designs and then final projects for the NDRC grant. Discussion about future cooperation.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Federal government – **Target Population**: USACE regional body/permitting agency	In-person meeting	The City of Norfolk met with a representative of the Norfolk District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on October 13, 2015. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the Corps with an overview of the proposed flood control project. The meeting covered 1) background on recent flooding within the City of Norfolk during the period of October 9-11, 2) a review of the flood control concepts planned by the City, 3) the design principals integrated into the project concepts to minimize impacts to wetlands and waters of the U.S. (WOUS), and 4) the type of permits required and the timeframe for securing them. We also discussed the NEPA process as it relates to the acquisition of wetlands and water quality permits including opportunities to utilize the "Combined NEPA/404 Process". The Corps supported the design principles for "avoidance and minimization" of impacts discussed in the meeting and indicated that, based on the briefing presented today, it does

			not see any "red flags" associated with the project.
The City of Norfolk's Council	City government – **Target Population:** The City of Norfolk Council members	In-person presentation during a Council meeting streamed online	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed projects for the NDRC grant
100 Resilient Cities Steering Committee: Virginia Port Authority; ForKids, Opportunities Inc.; Old Dominion University; Norfolk City Council and City Manager; The Planning Council; Hampton Roads Planning District Commission; Eastern Virginia Medical School; Wetland Watch; Tidewater Community College; Virginia Ship Repair Association	Representatives of public, private, environmental and non-profit stakeholders serving on Norfolk's 100 Resilient Cities Steering Committee created by Norfolk's Chief Resilience Officer (CRO).	In-person presentation	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed projects for the NDRC grant
100 Resilient Cities Coastal, Economic, and Neighborhoods Working Groups focused on analyzing and addressing resilience needs: Various City of Norfolk departments; Up Center, Monarch Bank; S.L. Nusbaum Insurance Agency; Greater Norfolk Corporation; The Planning Council; Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority; Hampton Roads Community Foundation; Elizabeth River Project; Lafayette Wetlands Partnership; Hatch; Downtown Norfolk Council	Representatives of public, private, environmental and non-profit stakeholders serving in working groups (focused on Coastal, Economic, Neighborhood resilience) created by Norfolk's Chief Resilience Officer (CRO). **Target Population**: Stakeholders representing Norfolk vulnerable population, private sector, environmental issues, city's departments (budget, planning, storm water, economic development, human services, neighborhoods development, public works,	In-person presentation	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed projects for the NDRC grant

	office to end homelessness		
The Norfolk Planning Council	Non-profit planning organization – **Target Population**: Hampton Roads residents	Meeting, phone calls and emails	Presentation slides describing approach and projects for the NDRC grant
Lyon Shipyard	Private sector – **Target Population:** Business that will be affected by the proposed project	Email, in-person meeting	Presentation slides describing approach and specific projects for the NDRC grant
Christ Pentescostal Church	Faith community – **Target Population**: House of worship in the proposed project target area	Email, phone call	
Wetlands Watch	Environmental advocacy nonprofit restoring wetlands: **Target Population**: Citizens of Hampton Roads, implementing partner already working with the residents in the project target area	Multiple in-person meetings, emails, and phone calls	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed projects, sketches, maps, for the NDRC grant
Elizabeth River Project	Environmental advocacy nonprofit restoring wetlands: **Target Population**: Citizens of Hampton Roads, implementing partner already working with the residents in the project target area	Multiple in-person meetings, emails, and phone calls	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed projects, sketches, maps, and then final projects for the NDRC grant
Pastors Roundtable	Faith community – **Target Population**: Houses of worships representing faith community city-wide	In-person meeting, presentation	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed projects, for the NDRC grant; also included interactive story boards

Greater Norfolk Corporation	Non-profit organization composed of senior business leaders, mostly CEO's – **Target Population**: Hampton Roads businesses	Email conversation and in-person meeting with the board members	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed projects for the NDRC grant
Downtown Norfolk Council	Non-governmental organizations comprising over 300 businesses and individuals – **Target Population**: downtown Norfolk residents and businesses	Email, and in-person meeting, presentation and subsequent discussion	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed projects for the NDRC grant
Norfolk Master Gardeners	Non-profit organization composed of Master Gardeners implementing green parcel level solutions (e.g. rain gardens) across the city – **Target Population**: representatives of environmental organizations; Norfolk residents	In-person meeting, presentation	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed designs and later projects for the NDRC grant; maps
Recurring Coastal Flooding Subpanel of the Secure Commonwealth Panel	Public organizations. **Target Population**: Various Virginia delegates serving on the panel, representatives of regional universities, and planning district commissions.	In-person meeting, presentation	Presentation slides describing approach and proposed projects for the NDRC grant
Open to all residents of Chesapeake, but targeted group were the residents of the HUD-approved target area, Bainbridge Blvd corridor (Rivercrest and South Norfolk), Crest Harbor (Mains Creek), and Fernwood Farms	Local Government (City of Chesapeake)-HUD NDRC target area, low to moderate income households in and one repetitive flood loss neighborhood (Fernwood Farms) that is not LMI	Charrette-style public input community meeting Meeting held 09-14-15	Home page of City of Chesapeake web site; Public Works Web site; local newspaper ad; City Facebook page; contacted civic leagues by email and mail; electronic message board on main

			roadway; City's TV station WCTV; Facebook/Twitter; Nextdoor social media; distributed self-addressed comment sheets for residents to take and to distribute to neighbors and a brochure with an overview of HUD NDRC projects and contact information to call, mail, or email comments or ask questions. Materials provided included maps of proposed project area and city's asst. engineer and environmental specialist explained all projects; flyer on the proposed projects; comment sheet for citizens to write and return comments; contact information for pertinent city staff.
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			residents to take and to distribute to neighbors and a brochure with an overview of HUD NDRC projects and contact information to call, mail, or email comments or ask questions. Materials provided included maps of proposed project area and city's asst. engineer and environmental specialist explained all projects; flyer on the proposed projects; comment sheet for citizens to write and return comments; contact information for pertinent city staff.
Targeted residents in the HUD-approved target area, Bainbridge Blvd corridor (Rivercrest and South Norfolk), Crest Harbor (Mains Creek), and Fernwood Farms	Local Government (City of Chesapeake)-HUD NDRC target area neighborhoods, low to moderate income households in and one repetitive flood loss neighborhood (Fernwood Farms) that is not LMI	Letter mailed by USPS on 9/23/15 to residents of target area neighborhoods of South Norfolk, Crest Harbor (Mains Creek), and Fernwood Farms. Letter gave information of HUD NDRC and projects and directed people to Chesapeake city staff for questions and comments.	Letter with contact information and directing people to Chesapeake staff for questions and information. Materials provided: letter w/contact information.

Open to all residents of Chesapeake, but targeted group were the residents of the HUD-approved target area, Bainbridge Blvd corridor (Rivercrest and South Norfolk), Crest Harbor (Mains Creek), and Fernwood Farms. Chesapeake had leadership/directors of departments that work on resiliency set up information tables and present information on resiliency; included were the Asst. to the City Manager, Director of Public Works, Director of Development & Permits, Director of Chesapeake Redevelopment & Housing, Asst. City Engineer, Environmental Specialist II, two Senior Planners, IT-E Govern-ment officer, Principal Planner, and CERT leader. CONT	Local Government (City of Chesapeake)-HUD NDRC target area, low to moderate income households in and one repetitive flood loss (Fernwood Farms) that is not LMI.	Commonwealth of Virginia Public Hearing in Chesapeake VA on 10-15-15 for presentation of the grant proposal and public hearing. Chesapeake included a charrette-style public input community meeting and also featured other departments involved in resilience. Meeting held 10-15-15 at Tidewater Community College Student Activity Center	State placed an ad in Southside and Peninsula daily newspapers; announcement on home page of VA Dept. Housing and Community Development home page including the draft of the proposal; Chesapeake had an electronic message board on main roadway; Facebook/Twitter; Nextdoor social media; city website and Public Works home page; public works mailed a letter to all residents of target area. Materials provided included maps of proposed project area and city's asst. engineer and environmental specialist explained all projects; PowerPoint presentation by Chesapeake Public Works Director on flooding, HUD NDRC grant, and other measures being taken to increase resiliency and decrease flooding; PowerPoint by state on HUD-NDRC grant; flood maps and SLOSH maps; Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) information; and FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance grant information. Additionally,

			all leadership and directors stayed to answer all Chesapeake residents' questions until all residents had left the public hearing, which extended an hour past the set deadline. ***Continued on next page***
Additionally, Commonwealth of VA had the following state or regional agency representatives attend the meeting: • Deputy Director of the VA Dept of Housing and Community Development • Research Development, Old Dominion University Office of Research • Regional Planner for the VA Dept of Emergency Management • EM Administrator Hampton Roads Planning District Commission			
Southeast Community District meeting September 17, 2015, Newport News, Virginia	Public Agency, Low to Moderate Income families.	Public Monthly meeting.	This is a monthly meeting for the Southeast Community conducted by City Council members. Information is shared by email to leaders of community and neighborhood groups and the meetings are open to the public. Maps for the Salters Creek Watershed project area were

			provided for reference for those who attended. Guided discussion of alternative approaches and citizen ideas about the projects.
Citizens and Property Owners in the City of Newport News – FEMA Flood Map Open House	Public Agency, All citizens in the City of Newport News.	Public Meeting/ Open House	Letters to property Owners, newspaper and website. Handout materials for flood risk and updated FEMA maps for people to review and ask questions about.
Regional Mitigation Plan Public meeting.	Public meeting for all citizens	Public meeting	Public Service announcement and website. Reviewed information reference the Regional plan.
Southeast Neighborhood Watch Group meeting	Citizens in Southeast Community, Low to Moderate Income families.	Public Monthly Meetings	Email and website announcements reference improvements and support for resiliency in the Southeast Community to include flooding and coal dust in the neighborhood.
Dutch Dialogues	All Citizens	4 day meeting and event	Email and announcements to community leaders to discuss and address community resiliency issues.
Fort Eustis Community Town Hall meeting.	All Citizens, Community leaders, business leaders, military personnel and military families.	Public meeting	Email, newspapers, announcements throughout the community to meet and discuss the operations of Fort Eustis military base and to address community support for the base operations and quality of life issues.

HUD NDRC Public Hearing October 15, 2015 Downing Gross Cultural Center 2410 Wickham Avenue Newport News, Virginia 7-8 p.m.	Public meeting for all citizens, Community leaders and members in the Southeast Community in this Low to Moderate Income Community.	Public Hearing	Email, website announcements, newspaper to community leaders to discuss the Salters Creek project to improve resiliency in the Southeast Community.
Virginia thRIVe Steering Committee. Representatives from the Cities of Chesapeake, Newport News, and Norfolk; the Departments of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Emergency Management; Old Dominion University; the Commonwealth of Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Natural Resources, and Public Safety and Homeland Security; the Governor's Office on Intergovernmental Affairs; the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission;	Team responsible for managing the development of the Virginia NDRC proposal.	In person, email, phone.	Invitation to members. Materials on NRDC and Virginia's proposed project provided. Meetings occur weekly. Share project and proposal materials.
All Virginia Colleges and Universities.	Created a workgroup to engage the institutions of higher education in Virginia.	In person, email.	Email invitation to all colleges and universities.
Department of Planning and Budget	Works with the Governor's Office, the General Assembly, and other state agencies to develop and execute the Commonwealth's budget.	In person	Invitation only to select staff. Visited potential projects in person.
Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Maurice Jones; Secretary of Natural Resources, Molly Ward; Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Brian Moran.	The Secretary of Commerce and Trade oversees the economic, community, and workforce development of the Commonwealth. Each of the	In person	Invitation only to select staff.

	13 Commerce and Trade Agencies actively contributes to Virginia's economic health and high quality of life. The Secretary of Natural Resources advises the Governor on natural resources issues and works to advance the Governor's top environmental priorities. The Secretary oversees six agencies that protect and restore the Commonwealth's natural and historic resources. The Secretariat of Public Safety and Homeland Security is comprised of eleven public safety agencies that help enhance the quality of Virginia's citizens, visitors and businesses of the Commonwealth through public awareness, education, training, emergency response, disaster preparedness, prevention, policy development, enforcement, response, recovery and reentry. The Secretariat also assists the Governor in the development and implementation of public safety and homeland security policies.		

Virginia Resources Authority	The Virginia Resources Authority provides innovative, cost-effective and sustainable financial solutions to build vibrant and healthy Virginia communities.	Email, in person.	Invitation by email and phone, targeted to VRA staff.
Hampton Roads Center for Civic Engagement	The Hampton Roads Center for Civic Engagement is an independent, nonpartisan, 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization which serves Hampton Roads residents who seek to address the issues and challenges facing the region and its municipalities, neighborhoods, and organizations. The organization's primary activities are advocating for, and building awareness of, good civic engagement processes and designing and facilitating civic engagement initiatives.	Email, phone	Invitation by email, targeted to HRCCE staff.
Steering Committee and Stakeholder Visioning Session	Steering Committee and Key Project Stakeholders	Email, phone, in person	Invitation to Steering Committee, consultants, select Higher Education institutions, and state agencies. Shared maps, background information on issues Hampton Roads is facing, proposed projects, and overall proposal objectives.
Agency Head Debriefing	All agency directors in the Commonwealth were	In person, mail, email.	Invitation to members. Materials on NRDC and Virginia's

	convened to discuss the Resiliency competition, brief them on the Commonwealth's vision, and to discuss how each can participate.		proposed project provided
Eastern Shore Planning District Commission - David Annis, Elaine Meil	The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC) is the Eastern Shore of Virginia's regional organization. Tasked with supporting local planning and community development efforts and providing technical assistance on behalf of the Commonwealth, the A-NPDC focuses on issues of regional importance.	Email, Phone	
Old Dominion University, City of Norfolk		In person	Planning for the regional lab and accelerator.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATED TO VIRGINIA'S PHASE 2 HUD NDRC APPLICATION

A. Overall Format of Comments Presented at the HUD NDRC Public Hearings and Electronically

Most comments were received from public hearings held concurrently on October 15, 2015 at three locations, one each in target areas in Chesapeake, Norfolk, and Newport News. Each public meeting included a PowerPoint presentation on the HUD-NDRC picture and the Commonwealth of Virginia's application, followed by project presentations of local impact, including maps, photos and renderings, by NDRC project team members and city engineers and environmental specialists explaining the project activities. Questions were answered on site by the teams, which included municipal personnel, representatives of the Commonwealth, and Old Dominion University. Opportunities were provided for residents to submit comments online, via mail or at additional public meetings held in Chesapeake on September 14th and September 17th as detailed in the Consultation Summary Chart.

B. Summary of Comments Presented at the HUD NDRC Public Input Meetings and Electronically, by Date and Topic, with Responses from the Commonwealth of Virginia and/or Partners including the Cities of Chesapeake, Newport News, and Norfolk with the Commonwealth of Virginia on the HUD NDRC

1. *Comments Related to Voluntary Buyouts in the City of Chesapeake, Virginia*:

Questions related to the voluntary buyouts comprised the majority of questions at three public meetings held in Chesapeake as well as phone calls and emails to Chesapeake in response

to a letter sent to homes in the Target area including Fernwood Farms, Harbor Crest (Mains Creek) and South Hill. Meetings were held at accessible locations including Tidewater Community College, Oscar Smith High School, and the South Norfolk Community Center and yielded many of the same responses from residents.

The vast majority of the residents present at all sessions were in favor of the projects and gave testimonials, often with pictures, detailing challenges faced from past flooding that led them to be supportive of buyouts, even stating, "this grant could literally save my future and my life." Residents expressed need for relocation assistance and wanted to ensure that they were given what they considered to be a fair value for their homes.

Some residents spoke of how their neighborhood was a great place for families, and were interested in how the City of Chesapeake could assist with micro mitigation grants or other ways to remain in their homes or otherwise protect the homes that remain because they are at a slightly higher elevation. One resident had recently completed renovation of his house in South Hill and expressed concern for his investment if he were to remain.

A few had photos on their cell phones recording flooding from October 2-5, 2015, and many noted how this storm could have been even worse had we also been impacted by Hurricane Joaquin. The parents of a "special needs" boy showed a photo of their pre-teen son in a child's wagon which they used to transport him from the school bus to home, since the bus was unable to drive through the high water. This family told of the fear and embarrassment their son felt. They also told of buying their renovated house in June of 2015 and receiving a letter from FEMA after closing that reported their house had flooded a few times; flood damages are not required to be disclosed in Virginia.

A teenage girl told her story of not being able to return home from school on Friday, October 2, 2015 because of the flooding, instead having to stay with an aunt. The girl returned home during low tide but became worried that she would miss work on Saturday due to high tides.

One woman told of the numerous floods she had encountered but had not claimed on her NFIP policy because she was afraid her premiums would go up so high she would not be able to afford her policy, and she was afraid she would lose her home. She pays for flood damages from her net disposable income. Another woman told of being upside-down in the equity of her home and she fears that she will never be able to escape the flooding unless this program will pay off the mortgage of the house, while another resident expressed concerns about aging in place. Overall, the majority of residents attending the meeting are hopeful they will be able to sell their property and move to a higher elevation.

Response:

The Commonwealth of Virginia and Chesapeake explained the process for the grant and that this is a competition; we gave full-page comment sheets so we would have a written record of their suggestions and comments; Chesapeake's Assistant City Engineer and Environmental Specialist II explained why the city believes the voluntary buyout project and Bainbridge Blvd. corridor improvements will be the best, long-term resilient solution to the flooding from sea level rise and land subsidence and hazardous spill risks. Most attendees hoped that the Bainbridge Blvd. corridor will be funded for improved access, and all who spoke on South Hill hope the South Hill neighborhood can be relocated to a safer/higher location.

Chesapeake responded to all email and phone questions with information on the specifics of the grant, the potential award date, and that notification regarding an award for the voluntary

buyout program would be mailed to all residents in the project areas. Of the 11 phone calls, 10 were in favor of the buyout projects and one had other ideas such as silt removal from, and cleaning of, the ditches. Of the 12 emails, nine were in complete favor of the buyout projects, one wants to wait and decide when he knows how much he can receive for the buyout, one wanted drainage and silt removal improvements rather than a buyout, and one said maybe it was a good idea.

Related Written Comment Samples Related to Buyouts in Chesapeake, VA:

a. My family and I are interested in keeping our home and exploring the options through micro mitigation grants. Our neighborhood is quiet and has been a great place to raise our 5 kids. I would like for the city to help me to keep my home. I think installing a levee to keep the water from flooding the neighborhood is good. I am concerned that offering fair market value for all homes will benefit some residents, but each individual family has its own unique financial situation.

b. During the recent storms I was forced from my home due to flood waters. I could not get to my driveway with either of my vehicles…I am a first time homebuyer and I don't have enough to just uproot and find a new home without some type of assistance. Had I known the severity of the flooding I would have gone and looked somewhere else for my wife and I to settle. This grant could literally save my future and my life. It breaks my heart to know that something like flooding could turn my first home into a nightmare.

c. What about a pumping station being built to return tidal waters back to the river that floods our neighborhood/region? What would the plan be to <u>PROTECT</u> the

homes in the voluntary buyout regions that don't suffer damage because they sit slightly higher?...what will happen to those who stay?

d. The October 2, 2015 Hurricane Joaquin had a big impact in my neighborhood [Crest Harbor/Mains Creek]. The flooding was the worst I've seen in years. I was unable to return home and had to live with my aunt for almost a day. Being 16 years old, living with these conditions that occur affects the outside activities and responsibilities that I have to do. The flooding kept me from going to work, which means I was unable to put money in my pocket that would not only benefit me but also, my family. The city needs to find a way to keep the water from entering our neighborhood so I am able to attend the same school, stay in the same house, and live in the same neighborhood. I love my area and community. I would love to stay.

e. After first-hand experience with the near miss of Hurricane Joaquin, we are willing and interested in participating in the voluntary buy-out program.

f. We are losing homeowners in our city because of flooding. This is ultimately affecting our tax base. Businesses are leaving specific areas. Moving to other cities again taking tax dollars and employees from Chesapeake.

g. I own the property at 818 South Hill St. I am will[ing to have] a buyout, however I will like to be brought out at least the city value based on the South Norfolk rate and not the South Hill rate….

h. We moved into our house about 2 years ago and were misled about the water problems. After living there a few weeks, we were notified by FEMA about the damage to our home in prior years. Nothing could prepare us for the flooding a

few weeks ago. We had to walk through knee high water just to make it to our house and check on the animals. Our flood insurance barely covers the damage from the water or the spider issue we have had since. If the hurricane would have hit, we would have lost everything.

i. I live at the end of Fernwood Farms Rd near the river [the Elizabeth River]. I have to deal and worry about the flood waters every hurricane, nor'easter, or major storm. The River rises and runs right through the neighborhood, as well as rises from underground. I am very open and interested in the HUD voluntary buyout program.

j. Please bless us (my family and I) along with our neighbors to grant us the funds we need and wish for to relocate from a horrible flood zone [Crest Harbor (Mains Creek)]. Living here has been a nightmare….

k. We need levees to hold the water back out of our neighborhood, or direct the water another way, instead of flowing into our neighborhood. Use funds to raise the air conditioner units higher so they will not get water damage. Also we need money to repair the damages that they don't have. They don't have money for deductibles. The flood insurance is too high. Some deductibles range from $2,000 to $10,000.

l. Insure people (homeowners) that live in low-income community that want to move out of the flooding area be given "fair" market value for their property. I have heard to many horror stories about how people thought they were getting one thing and when it was time to get the check they were disappointed in the amount they were offered.

m. Need more bigger drain lines in Crest Harbor [(Mains Creek)]

n. As new residents of the proposed project in Fernwood Farms neighborhood in Chesapeake, we witnessed firsthand what a "major" impact of a hurricane could potentially do to our home. We had minor damage in comparison to our neighbors. The situation could have been so much more devastating had Hurricane Joaquin actually made landfall. We will gladly participate in the voluntary buyout program to return the area to wetlands.

o. The identified low-lying areas in Chesapeake should receive revitalization to prepare for disaster. Many of the residents could not afford the improvements needed…they should receive the funds …to make the improvements. Residents should be able to keep their homes if they choose….The industrial area [South Hill] should be relocated.

p. …Mains Creek is a neighborhood that is dangerously low lying. Even a minor storm produces flooding. A pumping station located in the neighborhood is ineffective. …The grant funds for the neighborhoods [Fernwood Farms and Mains Creek] can best be used for: buyouts of residents; elevation of residences; relocation assistance…; drainage improvements; road elevation; develop an evacuation plan for residents.

q. My street and yard floods bad [Mains Creek]. The ditches are never cleaned out. I would love to see the drainage system replaced or repaired, clean out the ditches so the water could flow through to keep down the mosquitos and bugs. Love my community.

r. I believe the buyout would be the best option now, with all the building being done now around the area. If not things will only get worse.

s. Increasing the elevation of Bainbridge Blvd. will have far reaching positive impacts on the South Norfolk and Portlock communities. Long in need of such attention, it's easy to recall the effects of Irene, Isabel and numerous other storms that made roadways impassable, flooded homes, disrupting lives and commerce within this special community….It is vital to provide continuity for pedestrian/bike traffic on Bainbridge Blvd. across the railway overpass south of Chesapeake Ave. as it affords direct access by residents south of the overpass to Lakeside Park and the [proposed] amenities of the Poindexter corridor….

t. When water levels are high the school bus can't get down Bainbridge Blvd.

u. I think if a new construction area for new homes can be started in conjunction with a buyout, this would make for an easy transition.

v. Elevation and drainage is the most important areas that will prevent flooding and water damage.

2. *Comments Related to Other Methods of Solving Flooding Problems in the City of Chesapeake, Virginia*:

A few residents of Chesapeake had comments on other ways to solve flooding problems including cleaning ditches, ceasing building in low areas, making code changes requiring homes be built on piers, building pumping stations, or requiring disclosures of previous flooding when selling homes.

Response:

Chesapeake explained the process for the grant and that this is a competition. We gave full-page comment sheets so we would have a written record of their suggestions and comments and an information brochure explaining and mapping the projects with contact information for receiving more information and making further comments. We offered all present the opportunity to take additional comments sheets and information brochures to their neighbors so Chesapeake can receive additional comments. Chesapeake's Assistant City Engineer and Environmental Specialist II explained why the city believes the voluntary buyout project and Bainbridge Blvd. corridor improvements will be the best, long-term resilient solution to the flooding from sea level rise and land subsidence and hazardous spill risks.

***3. <u>Comments Related to projects in Southeast Newport News Community</u>*:**

Newport News residents and attendees had questions about the Southeast Community, including specific questions for project engineers about low-lying areas around the Magruder School and ditches. Other members of the Southeast Community asked how projects would affect or help Hampton Avenue and the area near the boat harbor. Some attendees noticed flashing signs when flooding occurred and commented on the signs. One gentleman had specific questions regarding ditch flooding behind properties along Jarvis Place and flooding along Orcutt and Chestnut Avenues and in the Salter Creek area. Additionally, a councilwoman asked for a plan to provide updates and follow-up projects. One attendee asked for a summary of the document to share with members of her community.

Response:

Project engineers went into great detail with the group and in many one-on-one conversations detailing the project and the impact it would have on the Southeast Community. For example, Newport News engineer Mohammad Shar spoke individually with a gentleman

about how some flooding would be addressed via Capital Improvement Projects or as part of overall watershed study areas, but that certain areas of his concern were included in the HUD NDRC project and would reduce flooding. Materials were provided to the attendee who wanted to share information with her community and advocacy organization, the Southeast Care Coalition.

4. ***Comments Related to keeping children safe near retention ponds in Norfolk:***

Attendees at the Grandy Village Community Meeting were concerned with safety and the risk of children drowning near the retention ponds where they would probably want to play.

Response:

Swimming lesson and awareness campaigns were proposed to the community of 363 residents so that children would be aware of the retention ponds and know how to safely escape.

5. ***Comments Related to flood insurance cost and accessibility:***

While residents in Chesapeake also cited unaffordable or unavailable flood insurance and hoped the buyouts would solve those issues, the Grandy Village Civic League President was also concerned about the impact to insurance availability. He noted that currently, residents are unable to get flood insurance. A representative of HRPDC also brought up how four years ago a community sponsor assisted with insurance costs paying up to ½ of residents' fees, but this program ended and residents were no longer able to get flood insurance.

Response:

The proposed project improvements will upgrade the area and potentially the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) for the target areas and flood insurance will be more readily available. There will be follow up education and outreach to homeowners and insurance companies to ensure residents are aware of how to make changes to their insurance policies.

6. ***<u>Comments Related to the HUD NDRC Block Grant Opportunity:</u>***

Some Norfolk attendees expressed confusion about whether Norfolk was competing with other cities within the region, and wanted to know if Norfolk had researched the "competition."

Response:

The Norfolk and Commonwealth team clarified that Virginia is competing against 39 other eligible applications (states or cities/counties), but HUD can choose which projects are funded within an application. The team also noted that the entire process has been very open with two "Resilience Academies" for applicants and the Rockefeller Foundation requesting applicants share plans and best practices. Moreover, draft narratives, including Virginia's, have been posted online as a grant requirement.

7. ***<u>Comments Related to the water plant at Kimball Terrace and water supply:</u>***

Attendees expressed concern about the water plant at Kimball Terrance and water supply.

Response:

No, the water plant is not a part of this HUD NDRC grant, but these issues are being addressed as part of the Rockefeller 100 Resilient Cities grant as part of a holistic approach to resilience by the City of Norfolk and the region.

8. ***<u>Comments Related to long-term maintenance and expenditure of funds:</u>***

Attendees expressed concern for money for long-term maintenance of new infrastructure, and how the money will be used over time.

Response:

New infrastructure will be maintained by the City of Norfolk and has been incorporated into the HUD grant as leverage.

9. ***<u>Comments Related to next steps if these projects were funded:</u>***

Questions were asked with regards to next steps for the community and whether education and outreach would be conducted if the grant was awarded. Specifically, one participant wanted to make sure the city was collecting names and emails of stakeholders.

Response:

Yes, there will be significant education and outreach if Virginia is awarded funds. City and state representatives will be back in the neighborhood and invite stakeholders to additional meetings to continue planning and implementing the proposed projects.

C. HUD NDRC Public Hearings, Phone Calls and Emails – List of Commenters, Organizations, and Meeting Attended*

Name	Organization	Meeting	Date
John Sadler	HRPDC	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Gene A. Moore	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
August Green	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Mr. & Mrs. Beck	N/A – Private Citizens (2)	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Brenna Willie	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Deanne Brown	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Victoria Dean	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Helena Smith	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Arthur Smith Sr.	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Sheila Smith	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
George McGladden	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
David Washington	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15

Diana Casillos	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Gustavo Gomez	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Leroy & Linda Turner	N/A – Private Citizens (2)	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Shawn Smith	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Richard Mumen	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Laurie Salerno	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Eboni Mundy	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Bettie Owens	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
David G. Brown	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Jonathan Braelford	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Tim & Maria Rountree	N/A – Private Citizens (2)	Chesapeake	10/15/15
David Andererer	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Bernadette Perkins	N/A – Private Citizen	Chesapeake	10/15/15
Dennis Hamilton	N/A - Private citizen	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
Arthur Robinson	N/A - Private citizen	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
James Brinkley	N/A - Private Citizen	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
Shirley Davis	N/A - Private Citizen	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
Effie Wilson	N/A - Private Citizen	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
Fred Davis and Wife	N/A - Private Citizens (2)	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
David Alexander	N/A - Private Citizen	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
Larry & Sandra Whitehurst	N/A - Private Citizens (2)	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
LaVonne Ellis	N/A - Private Citizen	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
Carolyn Abron-McCadden	N/A - Private Citizen	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
Oscar Harts	N/A - Private Citizen	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
Gene Moore	N/A - Private Citizen	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
Richard Knight and wife	N/A - Private Citizens (2)	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
Roger & Chrissy Gahm	N/A - Private Citizens (2)	Chesapeake	Phone/Email

Mimi & Barry Hodnett	N/A - Private Citizens (2)	Chesapeake	Phone/Email
Bernadette Perkins	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Russell Carter	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Lee Valentine	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Susan Old	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Christian Leon	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Lisa Edwards	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Michael & Michelle Burdick	N/A Private Citizens (2)	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Carl Young	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Daphene Brewer	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Sharon Brewer	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Beatrice Douglas	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Cullen J. Ricks	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Thomas Hill	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Renita Buns	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Beatrice Stokes	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Josenette Stevens	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Pauline Brown	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Robert Crewe	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Pamela Hyman	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Hattie Jackson	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Michelle Singleton	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Wanda Ferguson	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Kenisha Hodges	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Tina Young	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Derek Young	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Robin Harris	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Stan Harris	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Dwight Ford	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Chrissy Grahm	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Camilla Hunter	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Cherry McClees	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Brill and Doris Brittain	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Andrew H. Gras, Jr.	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Jacqui Bright	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Tamika Phillips	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Natasha Foreman	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Natalya Thomas	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Jaclyn Scott	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/14/15
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Petersen	N/A Private Citizens (2)	Chesapeake	09/14/15

Anthony & Wendy Corey	N/A Private Citizens (2)	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Harold Brown	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Sabrina & Dennis Brown	N/A Private Citizens (2)	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Gene A. Moore	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Danielle Isenhour	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Tanya R. Jenkins	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Beatrice Hudsen	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Paula Skull	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Kimyatta Martin	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Diane Bumpers	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Eva Marie Crump	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Larry & Sandra Whitehurst	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Shirley Davis	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Federico S. Davis	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Napolean Byrd	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Rebecca Baker	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Rumel Johnson	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Frank Lilley	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Carolyn A Abion-McCadden	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Leah Shea	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Lloyd Griffin	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Shalaura Griffin	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Princess Sarley	N/A Private Citizen	Chesapeake	09/17/15
Eushieka Holloway	N/A – Private Citizen	Norfolk	10/15/15
Pam Cowker	N/A – Private Citizen	Norfolk	10/15/15
Jeffery Tumen	N/A – Private Citizen	Norfolk	10/15/15
Vinesa Vannall	N/A – Private Citizen	Norfolk	10/15/15
Todd Solomon	Hampton Roads Center for Civic Engagement	Norfolk	10/15/15
Sheila S. Coppage	N/A – Private Citizen	Norfolk	10/15/15
Raytron White	Civic League President, Grandy Village	Norfolk	10/15/15
Margie Collins	N/A – Private Citizen	Norfolk	10/15/15

Denice Boney	N/A – Private Citizen	Norfolk	10/15/15
Tara Walker	HRPDC	Norfolk	10/15/15
Joanna Faletti	N/A – Private Citizen	Newport News	10/15/15
Evelyn Azeem	Pearlie's Restaurant	Newport News	10/15/15
McKinley Price	Mayor/City Council, Newport News	Newport News	10/15/15
D'Wayne Thomas	Moton Community	Newport News	10/15/15
Kim R. Grimes	Living Abundantly Youth Vision	Newport News	10/15/15
Robert W. Wembedy	Volunteer Neighborhood Watch, School Volunteer, Library Assistant	Newport News	10/15/15
Angela Harris	Southeast Care Coalition	Newport News	10/15/15
MarQuis Harris	N/A – Private Citizen	Newport News	10/15/15
Evenlyn E. Alston	First Baptist Church, East End	Newport News	10/15/15
Clarence L. Johnson	N/A – Private Citizen	Newport News	10/15/15
Colleen Garrison	Virginia Organizing Project	Newport News	10/15/15
Sandra Cherry	Newport News City Council	Newport News	10/15/15
Tina Vick	Newport News City Council	Newport News	10/15/15