#### **Coastal Resilience Community of Practice Meeting**

Monday, September 12, 2022 - 1:00pm - 3:30pm

**Purpose of the COP:** Bring together diverse coastal stakeholders to focus on how ecosystem resilience can build local community resilience. We don't necessarily have to have a "thing" to work on but will take on projects as appropriate and mutually agreed on. Website: <a href="https://deq.nc.gov/coastal-resilience-cop">https://deq.nc.gov/coastal-resilience-cop</a>

#### In attendance:

- Adrianna Weber Town of Leland
- Anna Cherry Currituck County
- Cat Bowler NC Audubon
- Cayla Cothron NC Sea Grant
- Charlan Owens Elizabeth City District Planner, NC Division of Coastal Management (DCM)
- Dawn York Moffatt & Nichol
- Eryn Futral NC Department of Public Safety
- Jeff West Cape Lookout National Seashore
- Joe Heard Town of Duck
- Kara Nunnally NC Coastal Federation
- Krista Early Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP), DCM
- Lisa Williams Mid-East Commission
- Lora Eddy The Nature Conservancy
- Rachel Love-Adrick Morehead City District Planner, DCM
- Mackenzie Todd RCCP, DCM
- Nathan Dollar DEEPP, UNC Chapel Hill
- Robin Hoffman Basin Planning, NC Division of Water Resources
- Sam Burdick Town of Beaufort
- Steve Bevington North Carolina Land and Water Fund
- Terry DeMeo Battleship NC
- Whitney Jenkins, NC Coastal Reserve, DCM

NC Sea Grant Climate Resilience Advisory Group Update – Cayla Cothron

- Schedule a special session with COP to get through Cayla's program framework (needs/issues),
   please complete meeting poll: <a href="https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/aAn00Q1b">https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/aAn00Q1b</a>
- Cayla will send out a follow up email

Living with Water project update – Terry DeMeo, Development Director for the Battleship North Carolina & Dawn York, Moffatt & Nichol (See Terry's Presentation)

- Battleship was commissioned in 1941, highest decorated ship, served in Pacific theater
- Transferred to NC in 1961, national historic landmark
- Noticed high tide, sunny day flooding, live oaks dying
- Battleship on 65 acres of waterfront property, with marsh land
- Don't receive state tax revenues for operations, all paid for through visitor receipts. If folks can't access due to flooding, can't pay for operations
- 2019 MOU with NOAA NCCOS water level patterns are same as at the base of Cape Fear bridge
- Salinity is consistent across site, meaning that tides are the source of flooding

- Solutions include a living shoreline, bioswales, etc. Model for coastal communities
- ArcGIS StoryMap https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5a1169bc127f48e3b94eb52986c9186e
- Construction should being next fall and take about 6 months
- Planning horizon for sea level rise projections? One road access in/out not part of the project (owned by DOT) coordinating with DOT on future opportunities to elevate the road. Designing an elevated parking lot to work with the existing road. Using 6' perimeter elevation, right now it's 5.2'. Trying to get a consistent grade across the parking lot, connect to bioswale, and outflow in constructed tidal creek. Hope that the wetland will have room to expand as sea level rises.
   Development pressure on Eagle's Island that will affect the battleship site increase the water flow to the site
  - The design elevation of 6 ft was based on FEMA design elevations for a 25 year flood elevation. This is based on FRIS.
- Funding for project? Several grants, NC land and water fund, NFWF, USFWS. some special appropriations from the state

Coastal Leadership Institute Discussion – Kara Nunnally, NC Coastal Federation (See Kara's Presentation)

- Program contacts: Kara Nunnally, <u>karan@nccoast.org</u> & Ana Zivanovic-Nenadovic, Assistant Director of Policy, <u>anaz@nccoast.org</u>
- Coastal Federation focuses on water quality, oysters, effective coastal management, living shorelines and marine debris
- Purpose of the leadership institute is to shorten the bridge between science and practice. The
  primary target audience is elective officials and staff in local governments. May also include
  engineers, academia, agency reps, etc.
- Focus on local governments in the 20 coastal counties
- Institute series of sessions at difference conferences, virtual meetings, in partnership with other organizations also want to get people in the field
- Institute objectives:

#### **Coastal Leadership Institute Objectives** Participants will learn Participants will gain 1. Strategies for: 1. nature-based stormwater Confidence in navigating complex 2. watershed management and restoration environmental issues in their community water quality management 4. shoreline management 2. Tools to secure funding for projects 5. flood damage reduction in their community 6. habitat and ecosystem restoration 3. Resources for supporting 2. Methods for: constituents and community 1. financing environmental initiatives members 2. spatial and temporal planning 3. grant applications 4. engaging partners North Carolina Coastal Federation

- How many participants? How often?
  - Number of participants is unknown, see description of target audiences. Ongoing over times, continuous learning opportunity
- Have you reached out to the UNC School of Govt?
  - O Have spoken to them in the past, and plan to do so again
- How will the institute be funded and staffed?
  - Program of NCCF have private funding. Colleagues at NCCF will be staffing (Ana), will be looking for additional grant funds.
- What topics are the most pressing or relevant to local governments?
  - O Nature-based stormwater, Watershed mgmt and restoration planning
  - Consider linking the economic impacts of not taking resilience actions. Local governments have a long planning horizon, legally required to involve the public, which complicates the process, election cycle can change priorities. But at the local govt level they understand the financial implications
    - Great point economic impacts, more robust work done in an attempt to talk about tradeoffs. Tie in the story of growth and development with climate impacts. Big gap at local level
  - O Will this be related to the goals and objectives outlined in your previous slide? Yes, NCCFs main goals
  - Audubon has been thinking about how to build trust with marginalized communities in the coastal plain - how will y'all try to reach these audiences? Biggest barrier is resources, trying to reduce this barrier through funding, and meeting these communities where they are at
  - O Focus on economic impacts that is persuasive language
  - Coastal communities are losing population, getting older. Variation across counties focus on technical capacity. Some counties don't have resilience plans, which are needed to apply for FEMA BRIC funds. Networking with experts at universities. Providing data products, Nathan will be happy to talk more
- Where and how can the CLI support or elevate your work?
- Who are the key players that should be engaged? Who is likely and least likely to engage? What is the best way to engage?
  - O Elected officials control the purse strings and what projects move forward single most important group. Town planners and managers are also important. Elected officials - ways that the NCCF can engage - staff speak at public meetings, or at a elected official work session. Elected officials have a day job, hard for them to get away for a session in another area.
  - I echo Joe's points on the focus on elected officials, planners, and managers. It'll be a challenge to reach communities where there isn't current political will to address these issues.
  - O Basinwide plans being developed for entire state would be great to be in partnership (Robin Hoffman)
  - Eryn engage state agencies, non profits that have a stake in these issues.
  - Elected officials can be engaged at a workshop environment before their scheduled meetings. We also have annual meetings that this type of training would work well at if it's limited to 1-2 hours in-person. Field trainings would be valuable if held with a more diverse group of officials.
  - Use the Council of Governments, reach many governments at one time

On content, another thought is when you're engaging folks around these emerging best practices and positioning communities for external funding opportunities, it will be increasingly more important to think about how to operationalize these practices internally as well (i.e. local plans, processes, implementing measures). I think equity will also be a major consideration as communities look toward the long-term.

DEQ resilience activities, clearinghouse – Jacob Boyd, NC Division of Marine Fisheries (See Jacob's Presentation)

- EO80 Resilience synergies mitigation/adaptation practices. Incorporating the CHPP into these activities.
- Working with RCCP and RISE to incorporate CHPP recommendations into local govt activites. SAV and GHG inventory
- NC resilience clearinghouse
- Recommendations database track progress, easier to show connections and overlap between plans
- Online clearinghouse/tool box climate resilience and NWL info steering committee. Looked at how different states have done it (i.e. CA, VA). StoryMap/mapping components, open searches, dropdown menus
- Target audience? Want to be the one-stop shop for climate resilience resources, local planners, local communities, state agencies, academia, etc.

Round robin – members share what they are working on related to resilience

- Steve Bevington: My program update is that the NCLWF award meetings are coming up.
   September 19 the Acquisition Committee will meet and the Restoration Committee will meet starting at 8AM on September 20. Contact Terri Murray at teresa.murray@ncdcr.gov or 919-707-9122 to request a meeting invitation/call-in for the meetings.
- Mackenzie RCCP Phase III engineering and design, 20 projects funded, \$1.14M awarded, working on contracts, and RFPs coming out soon. Communities will hire a firm to do the work. 2nd round of Phases I and II - applications later this fall
- Stacey updating CCMP (mgmt plan) will go out for public input later this year. Federal
  infrastructure funding, work plan for use of those funds, will include a resilience component.
  SeaGrant APNEP graduate research fellowhip RFP just came out:
  <a href="https://ncseagrant.ncsu.edu/funding-opps/fellowships/ncsg-apnep-fellowship/">https://ncseagrant.ncsu.edu/funding-opps/fellowships/ncsg-apnep-fellowship/</a>
- Sam Beaufort is working on LUP update, working on adoption process. Received Phase III RCCP funding ordinance updates. Sam recently became a Certified Floodplain Manager, congrats Sam!
- Robin Cape Fear river basin plan undergoing 4th update. Doing outreach with marginalized communities, specifically tribal communities. Survey for stakeholders has received great feedback.
   Recent approvals of pasquotank, chowan, white oak plans
- Lora restoration efforts Engola Bay gameland, hydrologic restoration in partnership with Wildlife Resources Commission. NFWF funding scope out design for Holly Shelter gameland. Fish friendly floodplain restoration on Roanoke River
- Joe living shoreline project, elevating part of HWY 12, stormwater management the project is stalled, may end up deferring again, state and FEMA permitting hang ups. RCCP Phase II recipient, stormwater mgmt study to address flooding in neighborhoods in Duck
- Eryn National conference association of state floodplain managers, call for abstracts, consider putting in something (email went out to COP on how to submit an abstract)

- Dawn next Wednesday hosting a virtual meeting for Cape Fear partnership coalition of organization working towards improving fish passage in the river, all are welcome to participate
- Cayla NC Sea Grant coastal conference, Nov 7 & 8: <a href="https://ncseagrant.ncsu.edu/2022-north-carolina-coastal-conference/">https://ncseagrant.ncsu.edu/news/2022/09/nc-sea-grant-opens-student-team-competition-on-coastal-resilience/</a>
- Cat audubon completed a mapping analysis of the Carolinas best available data on bird habitat, distribution of human vulnerabilities - implement the plan with local community partnerships, underserved communities
- Anna Currituck Co currituck sound coalition, update to stormwater manual
- Adrianna Leland stream debris cleanout, Phase III of RCCP, working with consultant on survey.
   RFQ Leland resilient routes, transportation routes. NC forest service urban tree study. APA conference in Winston Salem, talk about RCCP. Cape Fear region RISE public meetings at Leland town hall

#### Next meeting:

- Next meeting in December or January. Whitney will send a meeting poll
- Next meeting topics
  - NCCOR update on RISE program, intersection w/ RCCP (fall or winter meeting) –
     Brian Bifield speaker? Stacey will reach out
  - Lesson learns from RCCP Mackenzie
  - O Dan Rizza Climate Central Cayla will get up with them
  - NC Flood Coalition (American Flood Coalition) (Eryn) -



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On the Cape Fear River





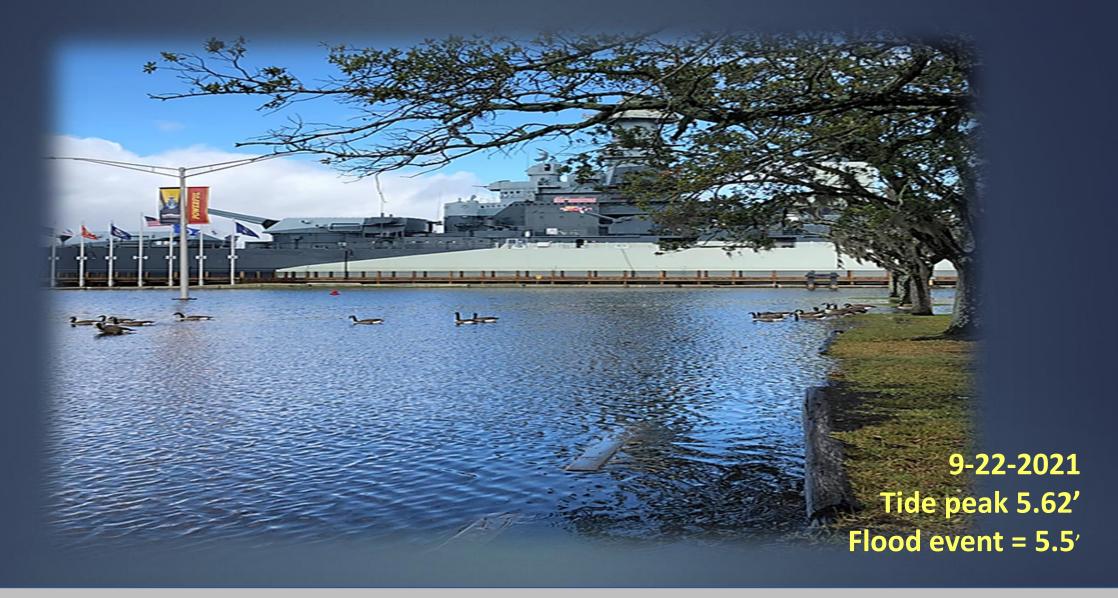
Leadership Experience





Tidal Impact: Access Road





Tidal Impact: Parking Lot





Tidal Impact: Visitor's Entrance





Prime Artifact & Grounds





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**State Enterprise** 









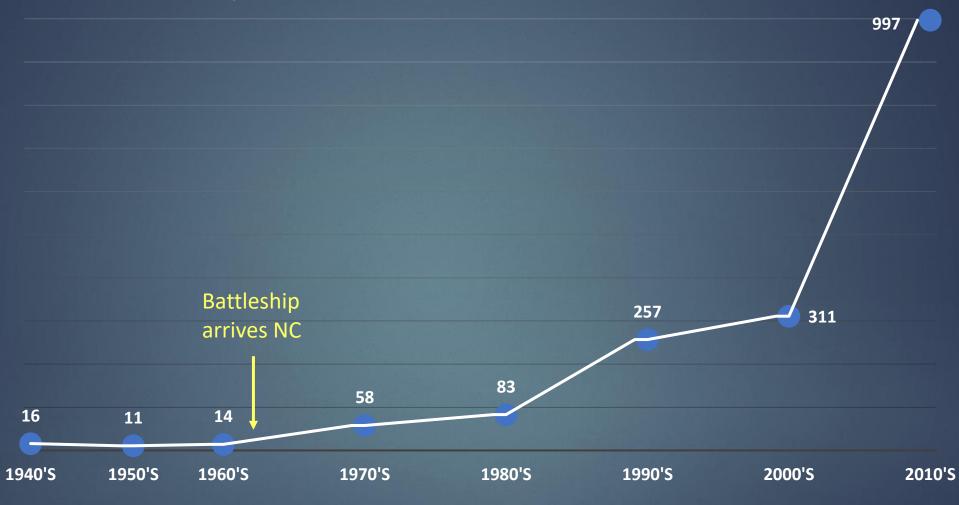




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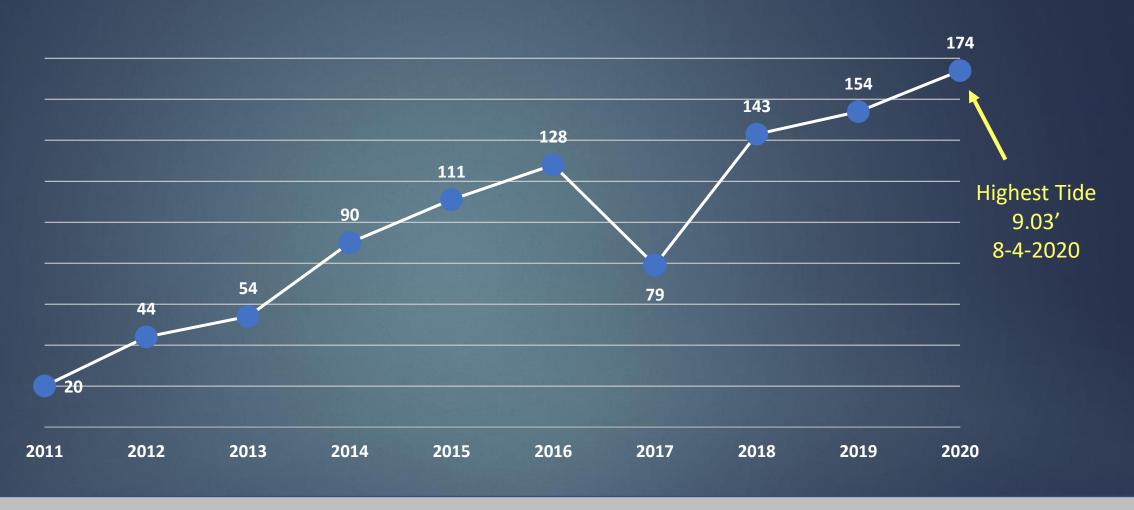
## 7,021% Increase Since 1961



# Historic Tidal Flooding Trend



### 770% Increase Over Decade



# **Recent Tidal Flooding Trend**





# Living with Water Concept





**Education & Outreach** 



North Carolina Land & Water Fund National Fish & Wildlife Foundation US Fish & Wildlife Service Kerr-McGee Natural Resource Trustees State of North Carolina **Battleship Commission** 







# New Program Feedback: Coastal Leadership Institute

Kara Nunnally
September 12, 2022
Coastal Resilience COP Meeting



#### **Coastal Federation**

- Member-supported 501(c)3
- Protection and restoration of water quality and natural habitats
- Located in Newport (Ocean), Wanchese, Wrightsville Beach





## Background & Purpose

Purpose: To shorten the bridge between science and practice

- Primary audience
  - Elected officials and staff in local government
  - 20 CAMA counties and ~100 municipalities
- Focus on building capacity
- Series of sessions at conferences, during seminars, over virtual meetings, and in the field



## Coastal Leadership Institute Objectives

#### Participants will learn

#### 1. Strategies for:

- 1. nature-based stormwater
- watershed management and restoration planning
- 3. water quality management
- 4. shoreline management
- 5. flood damage reduction
- 6. habitat and ecosystem restoration

#### 2. Methods for:

- 1. financing environmental initiatives
- 2. spatial and temporal planning
- 3. grant applications
- 4. engaging partners

#### Participants will gain

- 1. Confidence in navigating complex environmental issues in their community
- 2. Tools to secure funding for projects in their community
- 3. Resources for supporting constituents and community members



# Discussion Questions (content)

What topic areas are the most pressing or relevant to local government units based on your observations and interactions?

Where and how could CLI help support or elevate your work?



# Discussion Questions (audience)

Who are the key players that should be engaged within and outside of local government units? Who is most likely to engage? Who is least likely to engage?

How are these stakeholders best engaged? How can we best reach the audience?





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# DEQ Resilience Synergies

Jacob Boyd



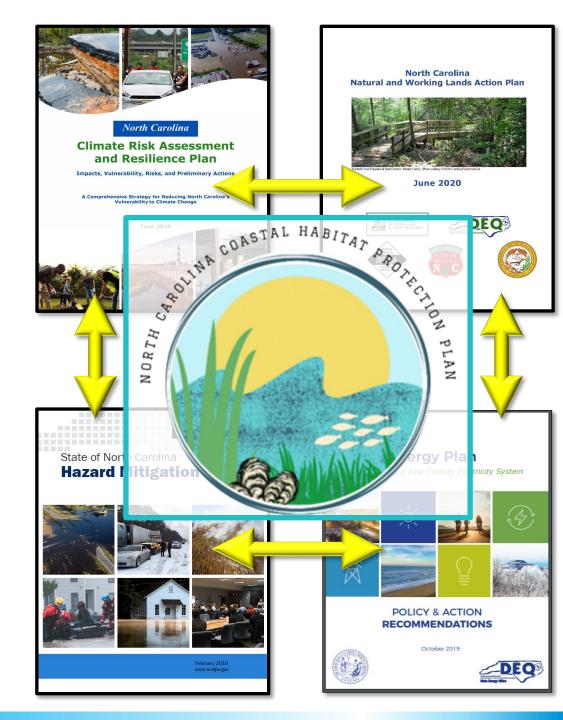
## E080 Resilience Synergies

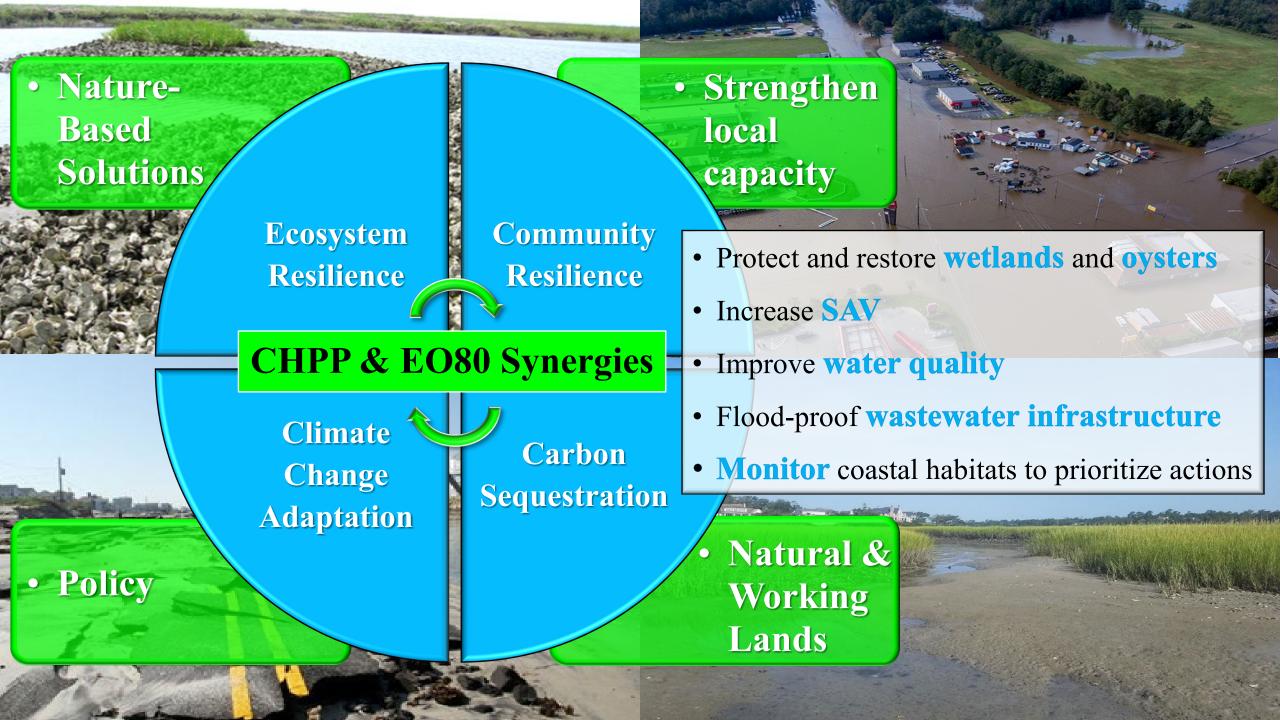
- EO80 Committed NC to address climate change by incorporating mitigation and adaptation practices in their programs, policies, and operations
- **Protect** human life and health, property, natural and built infrastructure, cultural resources, and other valuable assets



# CHPP & E080 Resilience Synergies

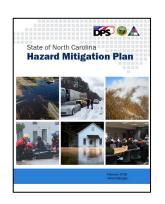
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- CHPP Prioritize actions for coastal habitats that will increase resilience, carbon sequestration, and environmental justice





## Incorporating CHPP & EO80 Recommendations Into Existing Efforts





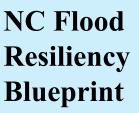


















- Collaborating with multiple agencies, NGOs, and other organizations
  - RCCP, RISE, SAV GHG inventory, NC Resilience Clearinghouse
- Recommendations Database: NC Resilience Plan & NWL Action Plan
- Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERRPAS)
  - South Atlantic Salt Marsh Initiative (SASMI) Conservation Plan

#### Recommendations Database: NC Resilience Plan & NWL Action Plan



Chapter	Recommendations / Strategies
5C-1	Create and fund a program to build local capacity for climate resilience. The program should incentivize and reward communities for meeting defined standards for long-term planning, preparedness, and community engagement, and help them to plan shovel-ready projects in order to capitalize on federal and state funding opportunities. DCM and NCORR are currently researching other states that have created similar programs.
5F-1	Increase funding for land conservation. Land conservation can help reduce vulnerability by protecting the natural resiliency of North Carolina ecosystems and by sequestering and storing carbon to reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.
5K-1	Land use guidance. One critical strategy is to guide land use in riparian zones and floodplains. Natural land adjacent to waterways attenuates pollution from overland runoff.

# NC Resilience Clearinghouse





- NC Risk and Resilience Plan 2020
  - Recommendation: Develop an online Climate Resilience
     Clearinghouse and Toolbox
- NWL Action Plan 2020
  - Recommendation: Build a
     Natural and Working Lands
     Solutions Toolbox



## NC Resilience Clearinghouse

- DEQ and NCORR partnering
- All-encompassing climate resilience and NWL resources hub
- Collaborating with numerous agencies and organizations
- Local decision-makers, regional councils of government, state government agencies, other organizations, universities, and the public
- USCA funding for technical support















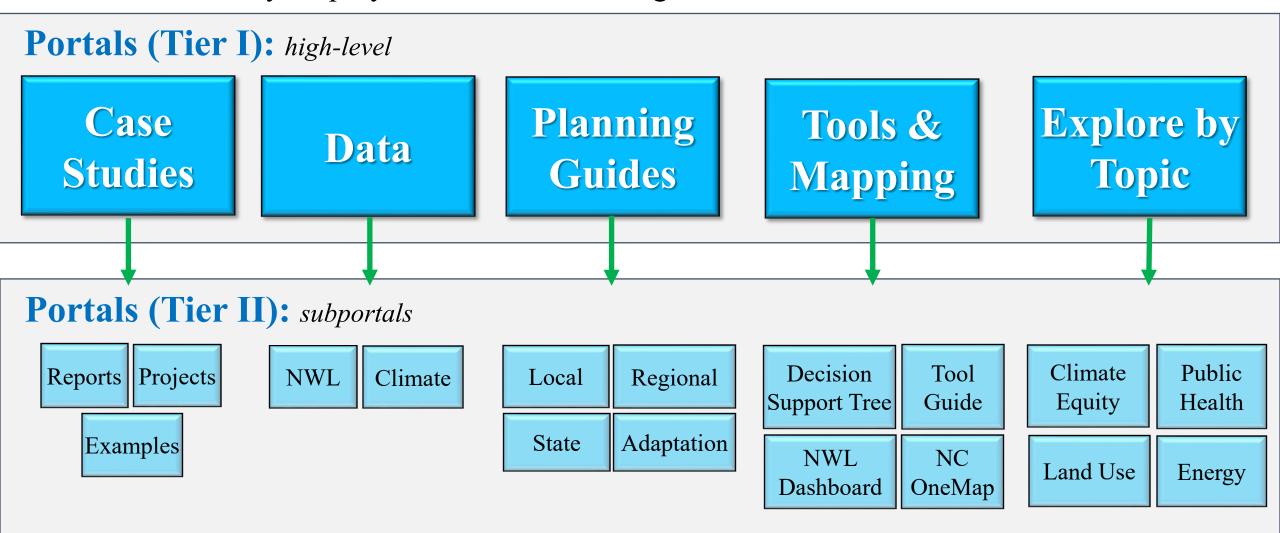






## NC Resilience Clearinghouse

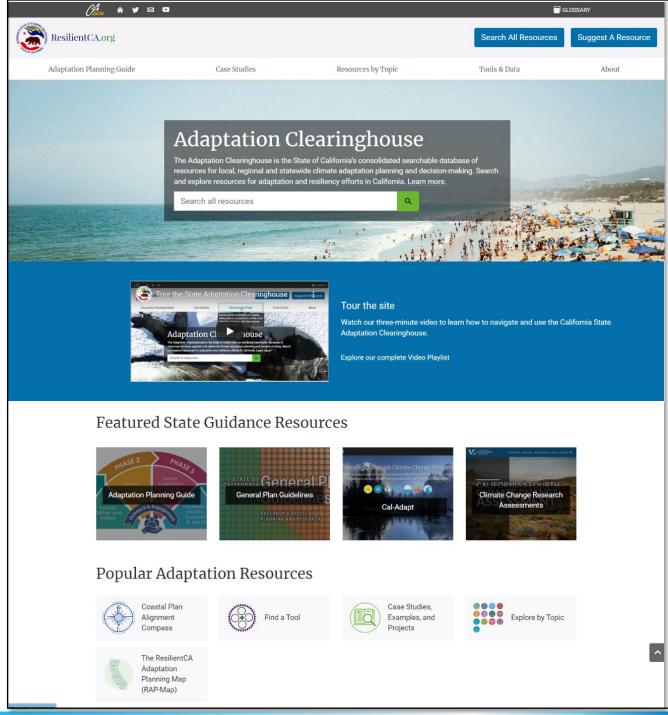
- All-encompassing climate resilience & NWL information/resources **Hub**
- Climate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion throughout



## Example Portals (Tier I)

### **California Adaptation Clearinghouse**

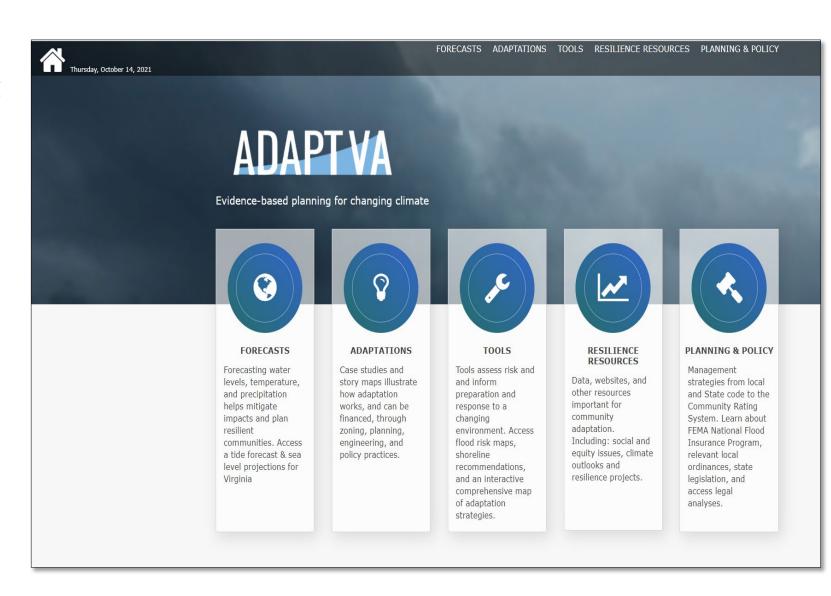
- Portals Tier I (*high-level*):
  - Adaptation Planning Guide
  - Case Studies
  - Resources by Topic
  - Tools & Data
  - About



## Example Portals (Tier I)

### Adapt VA

- Portals Tier I (high-level):
  - Forecasts
  - Adaptations
  - Tools
  - Resilience Resources
  - Planning & Policy



## Example Portals (Tier II)

### **California Adaptation Clearinghouse**

- Portals Tier II (subportals):
  - Resources by Topics
  - Adaptation Planning Guide



The Adaptation Planning Guide provides guidance to local governments on local adaptation and resiliency planning.

- A step-by-step process that communities can use to plan for climate change
- Designed to be flexible and responsive to community needs
- · A summary of statewide guidance, resources and tools
- Updated from the 2012 original to reflect 2020 best practices, best available science, and the latest updates to state plans, policies, programs and regulations
- . Equity and community engagement integrated throughout all planning phases
- · Download the APG brochure for some quick facts on using the APG



Explore APG Online

Download APG

What are the requirements for local general plans? +

How is greenhouse gas mitigation integrated into adaptation planning? +

How is equity integrated into climate change adaptation planning? +

How should communities take action? +

#### **Explore Adaptation Planning Phases**

What is adaptation and resilience?

Introduction Overview of local adaptation planning

Phase 1 Explore, Define, and Initiate Phase 2 Assess Vulnerabilit Phase 3
Define Adaptation Framework

Phase 4 Implement, Monitor, Evaluate, and Adjust

#### **Explore Supporting Resources**

#### ADAPTATION PLANNING RESOURCES

List of reports, guidance documents, and toolkits from federal, state and nongovernmental organizations that support local adaptation planning.

#### ADAPTATION PATHWAYS

Build adaptation capacity, prioritize strategies, stagger investment, maintain flexibility, and communicate critical climate adaptation concepts while pursuing adaptation goals.

#### **EXPLORE BY TOPIC**

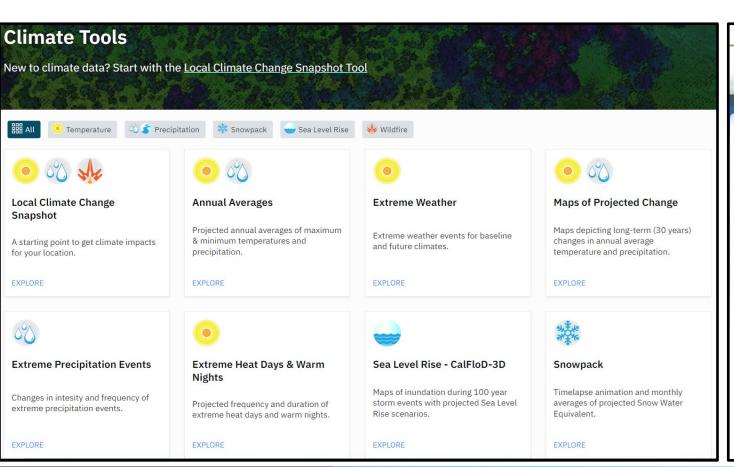
Explore climate impacts, example adaptation strategies, and Clearinghouse resources by topic.

#### EQUITABLE PLANNING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Learn key equitable planning and community engagement concepts summarized from the four phases of the Adaptation Planning Guide.

## Example Portals (Tier II)

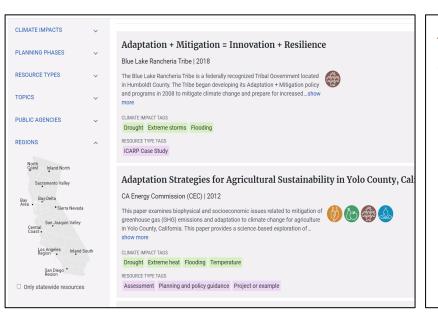
- Portals Tier II (subportals):
  - Data portal (Cal-Adapt)
  - State and local adaptation plans (Georgetown Climate Center)

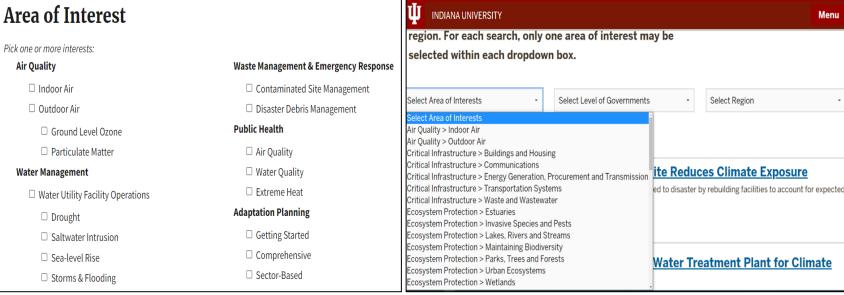




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# **Benefits**

- Efficiencies short- and long-term
- Justification of future resources (i.e., community)

# Next Steps

- Continue integrating ecosystem and community resilience (i.e., CHPP recommendations)
- Feedback

