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Phase 2: Planning, Project Identification, and Prioritization

3.1 Potential Solutions

Based on existing information, coordination with Town staff and other project teams, feedback from the Planning Board, and community input, a list of potential solutions was compiled, and each identified as:

- Infrastructure and nature-based measures
- Local policy and regulations
- Local and regional plans
- Education, awareness, and incentive programs

The community response to the project survey overwhelmingly (over 90% of survey respondents) supports infrastructure and nature-based projects for the Town to be more resilient. The matrix of potential solutions is included in Appendix B.

3.2 Prioritized Projects Portfolio

Many of the projects included in the project matrix were pulled from existing plans and initiatives. These projects aim to reduce exposure and sensitivity and increase adaptive capacity to hazards. It is important to note that these other efforts included prioritization exercises for possible implementation.

The potential project solutions were evaluated based on feedback received from Town staff, the Town Council, and community input, in addition to how the potential solution addressed the critical asset type determined to be the most vulnerable. These projects were further characterized by highlevel cost, advancement of prior efforts, technical soundness, co-benefits, long-term impact, and capacity to implement.

Below is the list of the prioritized projects based on community engagement and analysis in Phase 1 and 2 of the RCCP.

Project 1:

Project Name	Beach Nourishment – Project currently planned and funded
Project Description	Implement beach nourishment to improve and maintain the Town's beaches as one of Duck's most valuable natural resources.
Hazard(s) addressed by project	Erosion
Type of Solution	Natural Infrastructure
Project Estimated Cost	\$7,394,516
Potential Implementation Funding Sources	Dare County Beach Nourishment Fund, Federal and State Grants, Town Funds
Estimated Timeline	9/1/2022-10/31/2022
Priority Rating	High (1)
Project Map	See Appendix C

Project 2:

Project Name	Soundside Shoreline Management Study
Project Description	Identify ways to enhance the function and natural beauty of the Town's soundside shoreline.
Hazard(s) addressed by project	Flooding, Erosion
Type of Solution	Natural Infrastructure
Project Estimated Cost	TBD
Potential Implementation Funding Sources	Grant funds, Town/County Match
Estimated Timeline	TBD
Priority Rating	High (2)
Project Map	Town's soundside shoreline

Project 3:

Project Name	Neighborhood Stormwater Management Study
Project Description	Conduct a study to identify problem areas and make recommendations for solutions to localized flooding of the stormwater network.
Hazard(s) addressed by project	Flooding
Type of Solution	Infrastructure and Nature Based recommendations
Project Estimated Cost	\$103,000
Potential Implementation Funding	Grant funds
Sources	Town match
Estimated Timeline	FY 2022-2023 (12-month duration)
Priority Rating	High (2)
Project Map	See Appendix C

Project 4:

Project Name	Living Shoreline Opportunities
Project Description	Explore opportunities to implement living shoreline solutions within Duck.
Hazard(s) addressed by project	Flooding, Coastal and Soundside Erosion
Type of Solution	Natural Infrastructure
Project Estimated Cost	TBD
Potential Implementation Funding Sources	Grant funds Town match
Estimated Timeline	TBD
Priority Rating	High (4)
Project Map	TBD

Project 5:

Project Name	Sea Level Rise Analysis
Project Description	Analyze the effect of rising sea levels on the Town's infrastructure to better prepare for mitigation and solutions to the problem.
Hazard(s) addressed by project	Sea Level Rise, Flooding
Type of Solution	Non-Regulatory Program
Project Estimated Cost	TBD
Potential Implementation Funding Sources	Grant funds Town match
Estimated Timeline	TBD
Priority Rating	High (5)
Project Map	Town-wide