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SUMMARY

RESILIENCE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT FOR HERTFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA NC Resilient Coastal Communities Program



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1 INTRODUCTION

This Resilience Strategy was developed for Hertford County under the North Carolina Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) by the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management (DCM) and SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) in consultation with a local Community Action Team (CAT). The objectives of the RCCP are to 1) address barriers to coastal resilience in North Carolina at the local level, such as limited capacity, economic constraints, and social inequities; 2) assist communities with risk and vulnerability assessments and developing a portfolio of planned and prioritized projects; 3) advance coastal resilience projects to be shovel-ready, or ready for implementation; and 4) link communities to funding streams for project implementation. The RCCP includes four phases.

- Phase 1: Community Engagement and Risk/Vulnerability Assessment
- Phase 2: Planning, Project Identification, and Prioritization
- Phase 3: Engineering and Design
- Phase 4: Project Implementation

This Resilience Strategy document includes the results of Phases 1 and 2 of the RCCP: a risk and vulnerability assessment and a priority resilience project portfolio. The process to develop this Resilience Strategy took place between August 2021 and April 2022 and included monthly CAT meetings, community engagement via two public open house meetings, a community flood observations survey, and direct outreach to local stakeholders. Projects identified through this process are intended to build on and align with existing plans such as the regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) Land Use Plan. At least one high-priority project identified through this process will be eligible for Phase 3 funding to support design and engineering work beginning in summer 2022, and subsequent Phase 4 funding will support project implementation.

1.1 Community Overview

Hertford County is situated in northeastern North Carolina to the north of the Albemarle Sound toward its western end. It is bordered to the south by Bertie County, to the west by Northampton County, to the north by Virginia, and to the east by the Chowan River (Figure 1). The Meherrin and Wiccacon Rivers drain much of the interior of the county eastward toward the Chowan. Some watersheds on the western side of the county drain toward the Roanoke River. Hertford County has a population of about 21,500 people as of the 2020 census, and covers an area of 360 square miles, of which 7.3 square miles are water (U.S. Census Bureau 2012). Much of the land is used for agriculture or forestry. The largest town, Ahoskie, has a population of about 4,600 and the county seat of Winton has a population of about 700 (U.S. Census Bureau 2021).



Figure 1. Map of Hertford County, North Carolina showing towns, waterways, and major roads.

2 COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

Hertford County's Community Action Team (CAT) was formed in consultation with the County Planning and GIS Director and includes several county departmental directors and a professor at Chowan University. Several individuals, including local mayors and town administrators and representatives of other county departments and regional organizations were copied on CAT correspondence, but did not participate in monthly CAT meetings. A complete list of members is provided in <u>Appendix A</u>.

The CAT reviewed and provided feedback on the relevant coastal hazards, helped identify asset locations, identified additional local contacts with information about assets, provided review and feedback on the vulnerability and risk assessment results, supported planning and hosting of public open house meetings, agreed on criteria for prioritization of projects, contributed to definition of candidate projects, and reached agreement on the final list of high-priority projects included in this Resilience Strategy document.

CAT meetings were held approximately monthly between October and March for a total of seven CAT meetings. Summaries of all seven CAT meetings are provided in <u>Appendix B</u>.

3 VISION AND GOALS

The following vision and goals informed the development of Hertford County's Resilience Strategy.

3.1 Vision

The Vision Statement was developed collaboratively by the CAT to reflect their resilience vision for the county:

Vision: Hertford County is a resilient and vibrant community where citizens and visitors alike enjoy recreation and ecotourism activities supported by protection of the natural environment. Hertford County exemplifies a culture of resilience to coastal hazards through inclusive partnerships focusing on both effective response and recovery, and pro-active measures to prevent or minimize future damage.

Our Approach to Resiliency: Communities within Hertford County seek to improve the local quality of life through sustainable economic development that enhances and protects the environment and culture of the region. Natural and cultural resource-based science, ecotourism, and environmental education and outreach to the public help to diversify the local economy while minimizing the impacts of hazards. We employ an integrated approach to coastal resilience that addresses both upstream and downstream hydrologic dynamics, the unique physical and environmental settings of inter-connected water bodies, and the ongoing changes in climate and sea level rise.

3.2 Goals

Resilience Goals were developed collaboratively by the CAT following initial review of the Vulnerability and Risk Assessment results and preliminary project list. The goals are intended to reflect the general resilience priorities for the community and identify themes and concerns. Goals are intended to support the vision and to be used to identify priority projects.

- 1. Local Policy and Regulations: Update all local ordinances to include resilience measures and review flood resilience-oriented ordinances already in place (including municipal ordinances) to identify needed updates or improvements to support resilience
- 2. Infrastructure/Nature Based: Complete three high-priority infrastructure/nature-based resilience projects by 2025
- 3. Pursue high priority resilience projects over the next 3 to 5 years
 - a. Confirm which previously identified projects are already budgeted for by the county by June 2022
 - b. Identify other agencies involved in implementing high-priority projects
 - c. Identify sources of external funding for high-priority projects not already funded
 - d. Complete feasibility studies and cost-benefit analysis for five high-priority projects to identify tiers of projects that match different funding sources
 - e. Secure external funding for high-priority projects
 - f. Work with Stephanie Harmon to get priority projects into North Carolina Department of Transportation lineup for future implementation post-2026 (or earlier, if possible)
- 4. Education, Awareness, and Incentive Programs: Make public information about flooding and resilience more accessible to residents
 - a. Centralized website
 - b. Information included with water bills/tax bills

The high-priority projects identified by the CAT are intended to align with this vision and move Hertford County toward completing these goals.

4 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The goals defined by the DCM for community engagement within the RCCP are to:

- 1. Promote representation and equitable outcomes for marginalized communities and vulnerable populations
- 2. Build trust, relationships, and partnerships
- 3. Provide feedback and validation of the Risk and Vulnerability Assessment developed by the CAT
- 4. Assist with prioritizing projects for Phases 3 and 4 of the Program

To achieve these goals, SWCA worked with the CAT to implement an approach to community engagement during Phases 1 and 2 of the RCCP that included the following elements.

4.1 Ongoing Online Engagement

Online engagement was conducted through the project website (<u>Appendix C</u>). The website included the following specific elements:

Interactive webmap – This map showed all the asset locations and hazard layers and allowed users to pan and zoom and turn on and off hazard layers to create a custom view showing the location and hazards of interest to them.

Online survey – The survey was available online and provided in hard copy at the first public meeting and asked respondents to identify the location, date, and time where they have observed flooding; describe the extent, observed depth, and maximum depth of the flooding; and to identify any critical locations or services they were unable to access during this flood event (e.g., school, workplace, medical facilities, clean water). The online version included an option for respondents to upload photographs of the flooding.

Links to additional resources about risk reduction/preparedness – These included the Ready NC Hurricane Preparedness Guide, guidance from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services on preventing and cleaning up mold/moisture, what to do with drinking water wells and septic systems in flooding conditions, and post-disaster resources from Legal Aid NC.

The website also included project contact information, a sign-up field to receive email updates, and information about upcoming public meetings.

4.2 Direct Two-Way Information Sharing

Two-way information-sharing methods included the two inperson public open house meetings (see attendance list in <u>Appendix D</u>), and individual outreach to key stakeholders. SWCA and the CAT members shared information with the community about the RCCP process, the public open house meetings, and the online survey via hard copy fliers, social media postings (Figure 2), emails to project contacts and existing listservs, and notices in local news outlets. Details of the specific strategies used to engage specific audiences in Hertford during the RCCP process are detailed in Table 1.



Figure 2. Example social media post used to advertise the February public meeting.

Strategy	Audience and Timing	Goals
Direct Outreach to Individual Stakeholders Via email and telephone	People who may have key information to share, including town and county staff and those who serve or represent vulnerable and underrepresented groups December–February	-Gather key information missing from our assessment -Understand perspectives of people otherwise underrepresented in this process
Public Open House No. 1 – Risk Assessment -"Where I live and work" map at sign-in table -Big interactive map for identifying assets and hazards -Posters explaining types of resilience projects -Collect questions for follow-up -Collect survey responses and other information to incorporate -Kids' corner with drawing prompt	Local residents, town and county staff, and business owners <i>Mid-January</i>	-Introduce RCCP -Hear and answer questions about hazards and provide personal actions to decrease risk -Ground-truth the asset and hazard information collected and gather feedback and validation of the Risk and Vulnerability Assessment developed by the CAT -Collect contact information for interested parties for updates and follow-up
Survey with Interactive Map -Identifying specific locations on the map that have flooded in the past -Identifying how hazards have impacted assets and access to assets in the past -Online and linked on all public outreach materials -In hard copy at the open house	Local residents and business owners, including those who were unable to attend the open house when it was scheduled January, during and following first open house	-Ground-truth the asset and hazard information collected -Gather feedback with which to validate the Risk and Vulnerability Assessment -Gather input on criteria to be used in prioritizing resilience projects -Collect contact information for interested parties for updates/follow-up
Public Open House No. 2 – Priority Projects -Posters conveying preliminary project list -Collect additional project ideas -Collect questions for follow-up -Collect comments to incorporate	Local residents, town and county staff, and business owners <i>Late February</i>	-Review preliminary project list -Learn about which projects the community considers highest priority, to assist with prioritizing projects
Provide hazard preparedness activity for children at Public Open House meeting	Youth First open house session	-Engage vulnerable and underrepresented populations -
Public Open House meeting located at Chowan University and advertised to students taking related courses	Youth First open house session	_
Provide Spanish translations of RCCP program handout and some risk preparedness materials	People with limited English proficiency <i>For both open house</i> sessions	
Public Open House meeting held in conjunction with County Commissioners meeting and advertised to Commissioners	Decision-makers representing racial and ethnic minority populations and flood-prone areas Second open house session	

Table 1. Engagement Strategies Used for Community Engagement in Hertford, North Carolina

5 REVIEW OF EXISTING LOCAL AND REGIONAL EFFORTS

SWCA reviewed existing local and regional plans, ordinances, policies, and programs to identify resilience strategies already in place, previously identified assets, previously identified coastal hazards, and potential resilience projects to inform the RCCP process. Results of this review are summarized below in Table 2.

Table 2. Existing Documents Reviewed for Hertford County

		Informatio	on Gleaned	
Document Name (Year)	Asset Locations	Hazard Information	Potential Resilience Projects	Resilience Strategies Already in Place
Hertford County Zoning Ordinance (2021)			•	•
Albemarle Region Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (2020)	•	•	•	•
NC Climate Risk Assessment and Resilience Plan (2020)				•
State of North Carolina Hazard Mitigation Plan (2018)				•
<u>Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment</u> <u>Plan – Hertford County (2017)</u>			•	•
Albemarle Region Hazard Mitigation Plan (2016)	•	•		•
CAMA Land Use Plan – Hertford County (2011)			•	•

6 RISK AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT

To assess the overall coastal hazard risks and vulnerabilities Hertford County faces, SWCA identified important places in the county (assets) and types of coastal hazards that could impact the county (hazards), with input and oversight from the CAT. SWCA used this information to evaluate the county's key vulnerabilities and economic risks. The methods and results of this analysis are detailed below.

6.1 Identification and Mapping of Assets and Hazards

For purposes of this assessment, critical assets and natural infrastructure (assets) were defined as places that are important for emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and sustaining community life and sense of place The types of assets identified in Hertford County fell into the categories of Cultural Sites, Emergency Services, Employers, Food and Supplies, Government Facilities, Hazardous Waste, Health and Medical, Law Enforcement/Corrections, Parks and Recreation (including natural resources), Residential, Roadways, Schools, and Utilities.

SWCA developed an initial asset list for the county starting with assets identified from existing information sources including the Albemarle Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). This list was then reviewed and revised by the CAT members and shared with other knowledgeable county staff for additional feedback. A preliminary map showing asset locations was shared during the first open house meeting in January and meeting attendees pointed out additional important locations, which were added to the asset list.

SWCA also inquired with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) about additional eligible properties not yet listed in the NRHP within Hertford County. The SHPO reported there are 330 sites recorded in the county and 61 cultural resources reports on file for projects conducted in the county. Looking at all these sites was beyond the scope of the RCCP Phases 1 and 2. Should these be of interest to the county in the future to help identify additional community assets, the SHPO can provide more detail about these sites and reports.

To identify relevant coastal hazards, SWCA looked at those identified as [high hazard] in the Albemarle Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and identified appropriate data sets to represent these hazards at the local level. Hazards evaluated for the county include Sea Level Rise (both along coast lines and in low-lying areas where increases in the water table can result in inland flooding), Storm Surge inundation (coastal storm surge from increasing high tides during simulated storm events), and flooding because of high Precipitation events (areas likely to be flooded such as Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA]-defined 100-year and 500-year floodplains as well as historical records of event flooding). Data sets used to represent these historical accounts include both geospatial data and input from community members at open house events. Data sets used to represent community hazards were selected after an extensive review of data documentation and similar reports in the region and are detailed in <u>Appendix E</u>.

In total, we identified and assessed vulnerability and risk from coastal hazards to 190 total asset locations for Hertford County (Table 3).

6.2 Vulnerability Assessment

Vulnerability scores for county assets were calculated by expanding on the framework outlined in the RCCP Handbook. The handbook defined an asset's vulnerability as a combination of the risk to the asset from potential hazards based on the asset's location (Exposure), the degree to which an asset would be affected if exposed to hazards (Sensitivity), and any measures already taken to offset the negative impacts if the asset is exposed to hazards (Adaptive Capacity). To ensure a range of vulnerability scores for project prioritization, Exposure, Sensitivity, and Adaptative Capacity scores were calculated using a 0 to 5 scale.

Asset Vulnerability = Exposure + Sensitivity – Adaptive Capacity

Exposure, ranked from 0 (no exposure) to 5 (high exposure), represents the combined hazard exposure as an average of Sea Level Rise Exposure, Precipitation Exposure, and Storm Surge Exposure. Individual hazard exposure scores for Sea Level Rise and Storm Surge were calculated by assigning scores 0 to 5 to capture the likelihood of an asset being exposed to a hazard and the severity of that hazard, then using an exposure matrix (Figure 3) to classify the exposure as none (0), low (1), moderately low (2), moderate (3), moderately high (4), and high (5) (see Figure 3). Precipitation Exposure was calculated using a similar approach, but to account for localized flooding during high-intensity storm events, a Reported Event Inundation Factor 2 or more points was added to each area to reflect the number of times data showed it had been flooded during historical events. Additional information on how hazard severity and probability were assigned for each hazard type is provided below in the description of vulnerability assessment fields.

Sensitivity, ranked 0 (no effect) to 5 (highly affected), is the sum of the asset type sensitivity (0-3) and social sensitivity (0-2) of an asset. Asset type sensitivity scores were assigned categorically using assumptions about how a hazard would affect the physical infrastructure and functionality of an asset. Social Sensitivity was calculated by determining if an asset is in or serves a socially sensitive community based on social vulnerability index scores and input from stakeholder meetings (1 point) and if an asset inherently serves a socially vulnerable population (1 point).

Adaptive Capacity, ranked 0 (no ability to moderate hazard damage), -1 (minor retrofits to moderate some hazard damage), -3 (retrofitted/modified to moderate most hazard damage), -5 (retrofitted/modified to offset all hazard damage), was assigned on an asset-specific basis from CAT and community input during open house meetings.



Figure 3. Exposure matrix used to calculate the level of exposure for each of three hazard categories.

All asset vulnerability scores, factors used to calculate asset vulnerability, and asset attribute data have been compiled into a holistic Asset List to provide additional details for planners and community members (Table 3). Fields in this table include the following:

Asset Attribute and Characteristics Fields

- Asset ID Since an asset may function as multiple asset types and the town may have multiple assets with the same name, a singular unique Asset ID was assigned to each asset.
- Asset Name An asset's proper name was used when available, otherwise nondescript names were assigned (e.g., pumping station, solar farm).
- Asset Type Asset types were assigned to categorize assets based on the services they provide to the town. Some locations provide multiple services and, therefore, were assigned multiple asset types. For assets assigned to multiple type categories, all types were considered in analysis, but only the primary asset type was mapped (e.g., a high school that functions as an emergency shelter would be included in both Schools and Emergency Shelters Risk Evaluation but would be displayed in Schools on report figures) Asset type categories are Banks, Cemeteries, Childcare, Communications, Cultural Sites, Emergency Services, Employers, Food and Supplies, Government Facilities, Health and Medical, Law Enforcement/Corrections, Parks and Recreation (including natural resources), Restaurants, Roadways, Schools, and Utilities
- Jurisdiction The physical location of assets in terms of jurisdictional boundaries (Town, unincorporated)

- Address/Location Throughout the process of compiling assets, addresses and location descriptors such as plats and intersections were collected from text documents, web pages, county parcel data, and the CAT.
- **Ownership** The ownership of each asset was pulled from ownership information in county parcel data and categorized into Federal, State, County, Town and Private ownership designations.
- Estimated Value To provide an estimated value for each town asset, estimated values were assigned by finding the maximum value (Parcel Value, Land Value, or Improvement Value) associated with an asset's parcel (maximum values were combined for assets that spanned multiple parcels). The location and types of some assets (e.g., pumping wells, elevated water towers, frequently flooded streets) resulted in an under- or overestimation of value. For those assets, the general cost of infrastructure was assigned based on CAT input and publicly available information about infrastructure values. These values are estimates only, and do not necessarily reflect market value or replacement value for the asset.

Vulnerability Assessment Fields

- Vulnerability Scored 1 through 10 with assets having a score greater than or equal to 5 being considered at risk. Calculated as: Exposure (0–5) + Sensitivity (0–5) + Adaptive Capacity (0, –1, –3, –5)
- Exposure This provides an overall evaluation of how exposed the site is to coastal hazards, calculated as the average of Precipitation Exposure, Sea Level Rise Exposure, and Storm Surge Exposure
- **Precipitation Exposure (**Figure 4) Calculated as: Floodplain Exposure (Current or Potential) + Reported Event Inundation Factor.
- Floodplain Exposure Current Floodplain Exposure was derived from FEMA DFIRM data (North Carolina Flood Mapping

Interpreting Vulnerability Index Values - It is not necessarily a problem for a site to have a higher vulnerability index value. Even a site with very high Exposure may still be resilient if it has low Sensitivity. For example, a public boat launch site could have a very high Exposure score of 5 because it is subject to regular flooding, but because the asset can easily recover after flooding, is not located in a socially vulnerable area, and is not providing critical services to vulnerable populations, it has a low Sensitivity score of 1. Though its overall Vulnerability Index value may be on the higher end (6), this is not concerning for this site.

Program 2020) and calculated as a function of the annual probability of precipitation flooding hazard (moderately low, 1% annual probability, for 100-year flooding or low, 0.2% annual probability, for 500-year flooding) and the severity of precipitation flooding hazard (moderately high for assets in the 100-year floodplain during a 100-year flood event, moderately high for assets in the 500-year floodplain during a 500-year flood event, and high for assets in the 100-year flood event). To account for increases in precipitation due to climate change, low-lying areas (within an elevation range of 0 to 27 feet above mean sea level, defined by reviewing current floodplain elevations) not currently listed as being in a floodplain were given a blanket Floodplain Exposure score of 2 to represent a low probability of flooding hazard and a low severity of flooding hazard.

• **Reported Event Inundation Factor** – Additive factor used to highlight areas of known flooding during large precipitation events as reported from historical satellite imagery (Schaffer-Smith

2020) or community engagement. For areas with a Floodplain Exposure score greater than 0, 1 point was added for each historical flooding event recorded for that area. For areas with a Floodplain Exposure score of 0 that were reported as having historical flooding, 2 points were awarded to areas with at least one reported flooding event and 1 point was added for each additional storm event.

- Sea Level Rise Exposure (Figure 5) Maximum Sea Level Rise Exposure score calculated for the asset. This exposure rating evaluated potential inundation from encroaching coastal lines and inland flooding as a result of higher water tables under 1- to 10-foot National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) sea level rise projections (NOAA Office of Coastal Management 2017). Scores for the probability of an asset being affected by sea level rise were calculated by grouping scenarios into the following categories based off projected sea level rise under different Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC 2014) emission scenarios: high 1 to 2 feet expected under all scenarios; moderately high 3 to 4 feet expected under most scenarios, moderately low 5 to 6 feet expected under some scenarios; low 7 to 10 feet expected under only the highest scenario). The severity of sea level rise hazards was assigned considering the accumulative effects of subsequent increases in sea level. For example, under 1 to 2 feet of sea level rise an asset may have a moderately low severity, but under 3- to 4-foot sea level rise conditions that asset will see higher inundation levels and would have a severity score of moderate.
- Storm Surge Exposure (Figure 6) Maximum Storm Surge Exposure score calculated for the asset. High tide, coastal storm surges from National Hurricane Center Slosh Model Simulated Category 1 through Category 5 storms (Zachry et al. 2015) were evaluated using the annual probability calculated from historical records for the state of North Carolina to assign probability values like Floodplain Exposure (Category 1 high with greater than 10% annual probability; Categories 2, 3, and 4 moderate with approximately 5% annual probability; Category 5 moderately low with approximately 1% annual probability). Severity of exposure was calculated by categorizing simulated feet of inundation (low 1 foot, moderately low 2 to 3 feet, moderate 4 to 5 feet, moderately high 6 to 7 feet, high greater than 8 feet)
- Sensitivity Asset Type Sensitivity + Social Sensitivity, where social sensitivity is a function of both the social vulnerability by service type and by the asset's physical location
- Asset Type Sensitivity For assets that were assigned multiple asset types, the highest categorical sensitivity score was used. Scores for asset categories are as follows: Cemetery, Parks and Recreation, and Restaurants (1); Banks, Cultural Site, Childcare, Employers, Schools (2); Communications, Emergency Services, Food and Supplies, Government, Hazardous Waste, Health and Medical, Law Enforcement/Corrections, Roadways, Utilities (3).
- Social Vulnerability (geographic) Average of Asset Location Social Vulnerability Score and Asset Service Community Vulnerability Score where social vulnerability scores (SoVI) represent the potential negative effects on communities caused by external stresses on human health (calculated by CDC/ATSDR/Division of Toxicology and Human Health Sciences/Geospatial Research, Analysis & Services Program 2020; Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute 2011), and the asset service community is all Census Blocks or Tracts that intersected a 1-mile radius of the asset (this area was assumed sufficient as vulnerability data is at the Census Block and Tract scale). Social vulnerability of the asset location and community were found by assigning threshold values to already calculated SoVI values as follows: top 10% of socially vulnerable areas (0.5), top 50% of socially vulnerable areas (0.25).
- Social Vulnerability (by service type) Service Type sensitivity scores were assigned to asset locations that have been shown in the documentation to provide services to vulnerable

populations, including the elderly (e.g., nursing homes, food distribution systems), chronically ill or physically disabled people (e.g. dialysis centers, medical facilities), less wealthy or food insecure individuals and families (e.g., food pantries, schools, public fishing access, local housing authorities), and historically marginalized groups (e.g., community organizations and cultural sites of significance to African American communities), people without adequate health insurance (e.g., EMS and Emergency Services), incarcerated individuals (e.g., correctional facilities), and those experiencing abuse or violence (e.g., law enforcement, medical facilities), youth and families (e.g., schools and childcare facilities, community centers, parks), and people without reliable internet access (e.g., libraries).

• Adaptive Capacity – Scores of 0, –3, and –5 were assigned based on the degree of adaptation described in CAT input.

More details regarding the specific More details regarding the specific data sets referenced in calculating each of these elements of the Vulnerability Index are summarized in <u>Appendix E</u>.

See <u>Appendix F</u> for detail maps showing assets and hazards in each of the numbered areas below (Figure 7).



Figure 4. FEMA 100-year and 500-year floodplains and areas of historical flooding from Hurricanes Florence and Matthew around Hertford County, North Carolina.



Figure 5. Areas with potential for storm surge inundation around Hertford County, North Carolina.



Figure 6. Areas at varying levels of risk from sea level rise from high likelihood of impact (dark blue) to lowest likelihood of impact (light blue) around Hertford County, North Carolina.



Figure 7. Map tile overview for maps showing details of assets and hazards around Hertford County, North Carolina. Individual maps can be found in <u>Appendix F</u>.

Asset ID	Asset Name	Location	Asset Type	Ownership	Estimated Value (\$) ¹	Jurisdiction	Vulnerability Index	Average Exposure (0–5)	Precipitation (0–5)	Sea Level Rise (0–5)	Storm Surge (0–5)	Total Sensitivity (0-5)	Sensitivity (0–3, by asset type)	Social Vulnerability (by location)	Social Vulnerability (by service)	Adaptive Capacity
HC-176	Settlements along eroding banks – Leisure Shore Road	Residential	Leisure Shore Rd along Meherrin River	Private	3,973,743	Hertford County	9	5	5	5	4	4	3	1	0	0
HC-177	Settlements along eroding banks – River View Road	Residential	River View Rd and Rte 158	Private	3,973,743	Town of Winton/ Hertford County	9	5	5	5	4	4	3	1	0	0
HC-178	Settlements along eroding banks – Mount Pleasant Wharf	Residential	Southeast of Chowan Swamp Game Land	Private	3,973,743	Hertford County	9	5	5	5	4	4	3	1	0	0
HC-126	Twin Oaks and Twins Incorporated	Health and Medical	817 US Hwy 258 North	Private	324,338	Hertford County	7	2	5	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-165	NuCor Steel	Employers	1505 River Rd	Private	14,657,681	Hertford County	7	4	5	4	4	3	2	1	0	0
HC-167	Wastewater Treatment Ponds and Overflow	Hazardous Waste	Wilson Qtr Boyet Blk 626	Town	186,441	Town of Murfreesboro	7	3	5	3	1	4	3	1	0	0
HC-170	Chowan Swamp Game Land	Parks and Recreation	Multiple areas along the Chowan River	State	5,482,057	Hertford County	7	5	5	5	4	2	1	1	0	0
HC-172	Murfreesboro Town Park	Parks and Recreation	B/Side Hwy 258	Town	298,552	Town of Murfreesboro	7	4	5	4	4	3	1	1	1	0
HC-134	Chinkapin Creek Trail Paddle Access at North Carolina Highway 561	Parks and Recreation	1485 NC-561	Private	0	Hertford County	6	4	5	3	3	2	1	1	0	0

Table 3. Asset Information and Calculation of Vulnerability Index for Each Asset for Hertford County, North Carolina. (Assets are listed from highest vulnerability to lowest vulnerability index. See Section 6.2 above for description of how scores were calculated.)

¹ These values are based on state assessor data and other publicly available information. These are estimates only, and do not necessarily reflect market value or replacement value for the asset. Values for historic districts include all parcels within the historic district.

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HC-136	Harrellsville Boat Access Area	Parks and Recreation	206 Old Ferry Rd	State	53,727	Hertford County	6	4	5	4	4	2	1	1	0	0
HC-137	Murfreesboro Boat Access Area	Parks and Recreation	126 US Hwy 258 N	Town	2,293,147	Town of Murfreesboro	6	4	5	4	4	2	1	1	0	0
HC-141	Tunis Boat Access Area	Parks and Recreation	104 Wildlife Ln	State	207,718	Hertford County	6	4	5	4	4	2	1	1	0	0
HC-179	Portion of Benthall Bridge Road	Roadways	Benthall Bridge Rd	State, County	200,000	Hertford County	6	2	5	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-019	Approximate Location of Gatling Gun Invention	Cultural Site	140 Gatling Rd	Private	1,000	Hertford County	5	2	5	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-074	Ahoskie Fire Department	Emergency Services	301 S Martin Luther King Jr. Dr	Town	978,706	Town of Ahoskie	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-075	Ahoskie Police Department	Emergency Services	705 W Main St	Town	1,565,695	Town of Ahoskie	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-076	Ahoskie Rural Volunteer Fire Department	Emergency Services	609 W Main St	Private	297,138	Town of Ahoskie	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-077	Como Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services	Emergency Services	1201 US Hwy 258 North	Town	85,728	Town of Como	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-078	Harrellsville Volunteer Fire Department Station 4	Emergency Services	227 E Main St	Private	50,281	Town of Harrellsville	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-079	Hertford County Ambulance Service	Emergency Services	102 Industrial Park Rd	County	328,222	Hertford County	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-080	Hertford County Emergency Management	Emergency Services	102 Industrial Park Rd	County	328,222	Hertford County	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0

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HC-081	Hertford County Sheriff's Office	Emergency Services	701 N Taylor St	County	3,738,522	Town of Winton	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-083	Murfreesboro Fire Department	Emergency Services	200 Sycamore Street	Town	944,926	Town of Murfreesboro	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-089	Winton Volunteer Fire Department	Emergency Services	503 N Main St	Town	311,239	Town of Winton	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-103	Ahoskie Food Pantry	Food and Supplies	701 E Church St	Private	1,852,628	Town of Ahoskie	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-104	Hertford County Office of Aging Nutrition Site	Food and Supplies	320 W Main St	County	131,708	Town of Murfreesboro	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-105	Hertford County Office of Aging Nutrition Site	Food and Supplies	418 Everette St	County	605,409	Town of Ahoskie	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-106	Hertford County Office of Aging Nutrition Site	Food and Supplies	408 S Camp St	County	208,543	Town of Winton	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-118	Ahoskie Public Library	Government	210 E Church St	Town	128,393	Town of Ahoskie	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-119	Murfreesboro Public Library	Government	213 E Main St	Town	363,892	Town of Murfreesboro	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-120	Hertford County Library	Government	303 W Tryon St	County	2,065,368	Town of Winton	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-121	Ahoskie Housing Authority	Government	200 Pierce Ave	Private	2,418,778	Town of Ahoskie	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-122	Vidant Roanoke – Chowan Hospital	Health and Medical	500 South Academy Street	Private	21,113,897	Town of Ahoskie	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-123	Ahoskie House Nursing Home	Health and Medical	407 Loftin Lan South	Private	1,636,900	Town of Ahoskie	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-124	Guardian Care of Ahoskie	Health and Medical	604 Stokes St East	Private	2,540,819	Town of Ahoskie	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0

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HC-127	Davita Dialysis Center	Health and Medical	626 W Main St	Private	1,372,293	Town of Murfreesboro	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-128	Davita Dialysis Center	Health and Medical	129 Hertford County High School Rd	Private	703,555	Town of Ahoskie	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-129	Chowan University Department of Public Safety	Law Enforcement/Corr ections	401 Union St	Private	79,332	Town of Murfreesboro	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-130	City of Murfreesboro Police Department	Law Enforcement/Corr ections	115 E Broad St	Town	944,926	Town of Murfreesboro	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-131	Hertford County Sheriffs Dept/Hertford County Jail	Law Enforcement/Corr ections	701 N Taylor St.	County	261,189	Town of Winton	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-132	North Carolina State Highway Patrol Troop A District 2	Law Enforcement/Corr ections	242 State Hwy 42 W	State	416,405	Hertford County	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-139	Potecasi Creek Trail Paddle Access at Parkers Ferry	Parks and Recreation	1130 Parkers Ferry Rd	Private	0	Hertford County	5	3	5	0	4	2	1	1	0	0
HC-144	Wiccacon River Trail Paddle Access at Thomas Bridge Road (SR 1427)	Parks and Recreation	604 Thomas Bridge Rd	Private	0	Hertford County	5	3	5	0	4	2	1	1	0	0
HC-150	Hertford County High School/Emergency Shelter	Schools, Emergency Services	1500 1st Street W	County	14,871,151	Town of Ahoskie	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-151	Hertford County Middle School/Emergency Shelter	Schools, Emergency Services	1850 State Hwy 11 N	County	11,320,447	Town of Murfreesboro	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0

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HC-166	Old Wastewater Plant	Hazardous Waste	Rhue Rd	Town	257,333	Town of Ahoskie	5	1	4	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-168	Hertford County Landfill	Hazardous Waste	Mount Moriah Road (SR 1174)	County	435,331	Hertford County	5	1	2	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-169	Federal Correctional Institution – River Correctional Institution	Law Enforcement/Corr ections	145 Parkers Fishery Rd	Private	12,525,508	Hertford County	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	1	0
HC-171	Ahoskie Creek Recreational Complex	Parks and Recreation	114 Lakeview Dr	Town	1,620,030	Town of Ahoskie	5	2	5	0	0	3	1	1	1	0
HC-180	Chowan University	Schools	1 University Place	Town	54,724,827	Town of Murfreesboro	5	1	2	0	0	4	2	1	1	0
HC-182	Fresh Air Energy Solar Site – Built 2016	Utilities	Bradley	State	237,911	Hertford County	5	2	5	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
HC-194	Transcontinental Gas Interstate Pipeline	Utilities	Approximately 10 miles through Saint John	Private	450,000	Hertford County /Northampton County	5	2	5	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
HC-027	Deane House #82003468	Cultural Site	South of SR 1446	Private	639,539	Hertford County	4	1	2	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-082	Millennium Fire Department Incorporated	Emergency Services	246 Millennium Rd	Private	210,341	Hertford County	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	1	0
HC-085	NC Division of Forest Resources District 7 – Hertford Co	Emergency Services	129 River Rd	Private	173,451	Hertford County	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-087	Saint John Fire Department	Emergency Services	1127 State Rd 561 W	Private	57,690	Hertford County	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	1	0
HC-088	Union Rural Volunteer Fire Department	Emergency Services	103 Union Rd	County	413,666	Hertford County	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	1	0

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HC-098	Food Lion	Food and Supplies	1498 E Memorial Dr	Private	717,001	Town of Ahoskie	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-099	Food Lion	Food and Supplies	920 W Main St	Private	85,271	Hertford County	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-100	Piggly Wiggly	Food and Supplies	1007 E Memorial Dr	Private	402,232	Town of Ahoskie	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-101	Ace Hardware	Food and Supplies	1405 E Memorial Dr	Private	186,888	Town of Ahoskie	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-102	Ace Hardware	Food and Supplies	415 W Main St	Private	2,068,540	Town of Murfreesboro	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-107	Agriculture/Transportation Building No. 70000457	Government	111 N 5th St	Private	61,747	Town of Murfreesboro	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-108	Ahoskie Post Office	Government	115 Church Street W	Private	351,817	Town of Ahoskie	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-109	Ahoskie Town Hall	Government	201 W Main St	Town	276,139	Town of Ahoskie	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-110	Cofield Post Office	Government	1240 Ahoskie Cofield Rd	Private	46,136	Town of Cofield	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-111	Como Post Office	Government	1226 US Hwy 258 N	Private	34,489	Town of Como	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-112	Harrellsville Post Office	Government	116 E Main St	Private	29,886	Town of Harrellsville	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-113	Hertford County Courthouse	Government	119 Justice Dr	County	12,335,134	Hertford County	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-114	Murfreesboro Post Office	Government	115 N Wynn St	Private	156,693	Town of Murfreesboro	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-115	Murfreesboro Town Hall	Government	105 E Broad St	Town	944,926	Town of Murfreesboro	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0

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HC-116	Winton Post Office	Government	406 N Main St	Private	83,335	Town of Winton	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-117	Winton Town Hall	Government	Main St	Private	50,175	Town of Winton	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-125	Pinewood Manor	Health and Medical	240 S Early Station Rd	Private	847,242	Hertford County	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	1	0
HC-142	Wiccacon River Trail Paddle Access at North Carolina Highway 45 bridge	Parks and Recreation	1512 NC Hwy 45 S	Private	0	Hertford County	4	2	2	0	3	2	1	1	0	0
HC-143	Wiccacon River Trail Paddle Access at Old Ferry Road (SR 1433)	Parks and Recreation	125 Taylors Way	State	0	Hertford County	4	2	2	3	0	2	1	1	0	0
HC-145	Ahoskie Christian School	Schools	500 Kiwanis Ave	Private	833,189	Town of Ahoskie	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	1	0
HC-146	Ahoskie Elementary School	Schools	200 N Talmage St	County	2,061,442	Town of Ahoskie	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	1	0
HC-147	Bearfield Primary School	Schools	145 Hertford County High School Rd	County	9,030,741	Town of Ahoskie	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	1	0
HC-148	C.S. Brown High	Schools	102 C S Brown Dr	County	969,730	Town of Winton	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	1	0
HC-152	Ridgecroft School	Schools	420 State Hwy 11 N	Private	2,311,183	Hertford County	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	1	0
HC-153	Riverview Elementary School	Schools	236 US Hwy 158 Business	County	7,300,449	Town of Murfreesboro	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	1	0
HC-156	Cable – CenturyLink office	Utilities	119 W Main St No. 601	Private	127,968	Town of Ahoskie	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-157	Gas Pipeline	Utilities	North of State Rd 1400	Private	450,000	Hertford County	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0

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HC-164	Ahoskie Historic District	Cultural Site	Ahoskie	County, Town, Private	64,418,619	Town of Ahoskie	4	1	3	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-173	Dr. George W Mitchell Memorial	Parks and Recreation	5992-07-5056	Town	285,578	Town of Ahoskie	4	2	5	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
HC-174	Beechwood Country Club	Parks and Recreation	PO Box 516 205 Country Club Rd	Private	2,022,159	Hertford County	4	2	5	0	1	2	1	1	0	0
HC-175	Settlement with recurring septic issue	Residential	Intersection of State Rt 1400 (River Rd) and State Rt 1402 (Tunis Rd)	Private	293,563	Hertford County	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-181	Solar Farm – Built 2017	Utilities	LOTS 109,112 Parker	Private	31,796	Hertford County	4	0	1	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-183	Solar Farm – Built 2016	Utilities	Downs PL000PC2- 0014G	Private	35,097	Hertford County	4	0	1	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-184	Solar Farm – Built 2016	Utilities	Doughtie	Private	39,155	Hertford County	4	0	1	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-187	Price Solar Farm – Built 2016	Utilities	Flowers PL000PC2- 0015C	Private	597,800	Hertford County	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-189	Solar Farm – Built 2019	Utilities	Parker	Private	118,995	Hertford County	4	0	1	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-190	Solar Farm – Built 2019	Utilities	Adkins, Williams & Greene PL000PC2- 0030I	Private	985,011	Hertford County	4	0	1	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-191	Solar Farm – Built 2018	Utilities	Vaughn	Private	89,669	Hertford County	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-192	Gas Line	Gas Line	Along Rt 13	Private	88,081	Hertford County	4	0	1	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-193	Gas Line	Gas Line	Along Rt 13	Town	100,395	Town of Cofield	4	0	1	0	0	4	3	1	0	0
HC-001	State Employees' Credit Union	Banks	900 W Main St	State	638,688	Hertford County	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0

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HC-002	State Employees' Credit Union	Banks	1125 N Academy St	State	265,953	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-003	PNC	Banks	137 E Main St	Private	339,963	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-004	PNC	Banks	102 E Church St	Private	886,803	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-005	Southern Bank	Banks	506 Main St	Private	266,656	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-006	Southern Bank	Banks	336 E Main St	Private	227,586	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-007	Wells Fargo	Banks	300 Main St E	Private	2,689,883	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-011	Green Cemetery	Cemetery	North of State Rd 1424	Private	297,390	Hertford County	3	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
HC-018	Ahoskie School	Cultural Site	105 N Academy St	Private	569,112	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-020	B. B. Winborne	Cultural Site	333 Jay Trail	Private	189,309	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-021	Barnes, David A. House	Cultural Site	625 W Main St	Private	424,342	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-023	Buckhorn Church	Cultural Site	1243 US Hwy 258 N	Private	209,468	Town of Como	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-024	Bynum Plantation House	Cultural Site	741 Statesville Rd	Private	188,582	Hertford County	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-025	C. S. Brown School Auditorium No. 85001657	Cultural Site	108 C S Brown Dr	Private	159,235	Town of Winton	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-026	Cowper-Thompson House No. 91001908	Cultural Site	405 N St	Private	296,602	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0

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HC-028	Doctor Gary House	Cultural Site	408 N Wynn St	Private	359,362	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-029	Evans Tinsmith Shop	Cultural Site	503 Williams St	Private	9,822	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-030	Exhibits Building	Cultural Site	111 N 5th St	Private	61,747	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-031	Gingerbread House	Cultural Site	401 E Broad St	Private	184,021	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-032	Gray Gables No. 82003470	Cultural Site	Main St	Private	130,569	Town of Winton	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-033	Hare Plantation House No. 71000588 Location	Cultural Site	1.6 miles of junction of SR 1317 and US Hwy 258	Private	271,950	Hertford County	3	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-034	Hertford Academy, a.k.a. Freeman House No. 71000591	Cultural Site	200 E Broad Street	Private	240,192	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-036	Jenkins House	Cultural Site	501 N 4th St	Private	201,420	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-037	John Wheeler House No. 71000596	Cultural Site	407 E Broad St	Private	234,203	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-038	Jordan Building	Cultural Site	407 Williams St	Private	30,040	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-040	Melrose No. 71000592	Cultural Site	100 E Broad St	Private	344,936	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-042	Morgan-Myrick House No. 71000594	Cultural Site	404 E Broad St	Private	262,927	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0

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HC-044	Murfee-William House	Cultural Site	320 Williams St	Private	115,775	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-045	Murfree-Smith Law Office	Cultural Site	318 Williams St	Private	108,246	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-046	Murphy-Spiers House	Cultural Site	409 North St	Private	210,136	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-047	Myrick Plantation House	Cultural Site	824 Statesville Rd	Private	954,850	Hertford County	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-048	Overseer's House	Cultural Site	310 N 4th St	Private	190,944	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-049	Parker, King House No. 02001663	Cultural Site	304 Mount Moriah Rd	Private	107,901	Hertford County	3	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-050	Pipkin-Harrell-Chitty House	Cultural Site	207 N Wynn St	Private	143,024	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-051	Rea, William, Store	Cultural Site	E Williams St	Private	11,530	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-052	Rea-Lassiter Home	Cultural Site	104 N 4th St	Private	195,398	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-053	Riddick House/Manley Plantation No. 71000589	Cultural Site	1 mile south of junction of SR 1319 and SR 1322	Private	612,315	Hertford County	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-054	Roberts H. Jernigan No. 01000123	Cultural Site	209 Catherine Creek Rd S	Private	333,375	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-055	Roberts-Vaughan House No. 71000595	Cultural Site	130 E Main St	Private	305,466	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-056	Rose Bower	Cultural Site	132 E Main St	Private	187,004	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0

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HC-057	Shephard Plantation	Cultural Site	248 Buckhorn Church Rd	Private	135,258	Hertford County	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-058	Site of Old Myrick-Yeates- Vaughan House No. 83001891	Cultural Site	319 W Main St	Private	26,431	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-059	Southall-Neal-Worrell House	Cultural Site	301 E Broad St	Private	95,543	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-060	The Brady C. Jefcoat Museum	Cultural Site	201 W High St	Private	1,123,884	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-061	The Cedars, a.k.a. T.E Brown House No. 83001890	Cultural Site	Southeast of Murfreesboro off SR 1167	Private	224,970	Hertford County	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-062	The Columns Building No. 71000590	Cultural Site	603 Woodridge Dr	Private	49,970,695	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-063	Thomas, Dr. Roscius P. and Mary Mitchell, House and Outbuildings	Cultural Site	734 Thomas Bridge Rd	Private	438,516	Hertford County	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-064	Trader-Carter House, Ross House	Cultural Site	503 Williams St	Private	22,491	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-065	Vernon Place No. 82003469	Cultural Site	1311 US Hwy 258 N	Private	210,057	Town of Como	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-066	Vincent-Deale Blacksmith Shop	Cultural Site	202 N 4th St	Private	9,818	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-067	Vinson House	Cultural Site	324 Jay Trail	Private	150,660	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-068	Waddlen House	Cultural Site	1102 US Hwy 258 N	Private	640,560	Town of Como	3	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0

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HC-069	Weston House	Cultural Site	501 N 4th St	Private	296,602	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-070	William Rea Museum/Store	Cultural Site	409 Williams St	Private	19,718	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-071	Williams Plantation House	Cultural Site	847 New Hope Church Rd	Private	37,920	Hertford County	3	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-072	Winborne & Winborne Building	Cultural Site	201 N 4th St	Private	47,511	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-073	Worrell Plantation House	Cultural Site	640 Boones Bridge Rd	Private	471,540	Hertford County	3	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-090	Liberty Healthcare Group, LLC	Employers	216 E Church St	Private	183,786	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-091	Solid Foundation	Employers	1321 1st St W	Private	672,851	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-092	Vidant Roanoke – Chowan Hospital	Employers	500 S Academy St	Private	431,591	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-093	Hertford County Board of Education	Employers	701 N Martin St	County	3,738,522	Town of Winton	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-094	Jernigan Oil Company	Employers	415 E Main St	Private	373,711	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-095	Perdue Products, Inc.	Employers	2108 US-13 S	Private	285,986	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-096	Walmart Associates	Employers	2150 US 13 S	State	10,614,972	Hertford County	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-097	Enviva Pellets	Employers	142 NC-561	Private	12,466,166	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-135	Cofield Community Recreation Center	Parks and Recreation	521 NC-45 South	Private	290,476	Town of Cofield	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	0

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HC-138	Potecasi Creek Trail Paddle Access at North Carolina Highway 11	Parks and Recreation	South of State Hwy 11 N	Private	0	Hertford County	3	2	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
HC-140	Potecasi Creek Trail Paddle Access at U.S. Highway 158	Parks and Recreation	122 Sheriff Rd	Private	0	Hertford County	3	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
HC-149	Hertford County Early College High School	Schools	109 Community College Rd	Private	957,8213	Hertford County	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	0
HC-154	Roanoke – Chowan Community College	Schools	109 Community College Rd	Private	957,8213	Hertford County	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	0
HC-155	Roanoke Electric Cooperative Facilities	Utilities	518 NC Hwy 561 W	Private	2,990,282	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
HC-159	Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina Preserve	Cultural Site	Parker-Dunn (TRACT 604)	Private	664,538	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-160	East End Historic District	Cultural Site	East End	Town	1,464,145	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-161	Murfreesboro Historic District	Cultural Site	Murfreesboro	County, Town, Private	5,587,910	Town of Murfreesboro	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-162	Ahoskie Downtown Historic District	Cultural Site	Ahoskie Downtown	Town	4,422,489	Town of Ahoskie	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-163	Harrellsville Historic District	Cultural Site	Harrellsville	Town	6,062,224	Town of Harrellsville	3	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
HC-185	Solar Farm – Built 2012	Utilities	Weston	Private	280,301	Hertford County	3	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
HC-186	Price Solar Farm – Built 2016 and 2019	Utilities	PL000PC2-0015J	Private	788,608	Hertford County	3	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0

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HC-188	Solar Farm – Built 2017	Utilities	Sessoms Lots 1 & 3 PL000PC2-0016J	Private	416,750	Hertford County	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
HC-008	Black Jack Cemetery	Cemetery	549 New Hope Church Rd	Private	185,474	Hertford County	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
HC-009	Brantley Cemetery	Cemetery	432 Hall Siding Rd	Private	86,383	Hertford County	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
HC-010	Brinkley Cemetery	Cemetery	115 Brinkley Rd	Private	6,763	Hertford County	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
HC-012	Hillcrest Cemetery	Cemetery	508 Mountain St	Private	78,107	Hertford County	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
HC-013	Jenkins Cemetery	Cemetery	114 Wood Ln	Private	3,187	Hertford County	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
HC-014	Stony Creek Cemetery	Cemetery	2524 NC-42	Town	27,759	Town of Hertford	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
HC-015	Vann Cemetery	Cemetery	South of SR 1425	Private	67,378	Hertford County	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
HC-016	Weaver Cemetery	Cemetery	114A Poole Rd	Private	109,564	Hertford County	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
HC-022	Brown, Wiley and Jane Vann, House	Cultural Site	248 Union Rd	Private	377,543	Hertford County	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
HC-035	James Newsome House No. 84000803	Cultural Site	121 Pittman Rd	Private	148,571	Hertford County	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
HC-039	King-Casper-Ward- Bazemore House No. 82001299	Cultural Site	W of Ahoskie on NC 11	Private	314,078	Hertford County	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
HC-041	Mitchell, William, House	Cultural Site	612 NC Hwy 42 W	Private	426,701	Hertford County	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
HC-043	Mulberry Grove No. 80002848	Cultural Site	SW of Ahoskie	Private	16,535	Hertford County	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
HC-158	Highland Memorial Cemetery	Cemetery	109 Ward Rd	Private	55,014	Hertford County	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0

6.3 Evaluation of Risk

To quantify the potential economic risk to town assets, Estimated Values for assets with a vulnerability score of 5 or greater were summarized by asset type and ownership (Table 4 and Table 5). Estimated values were assigned by finding the maximum value (Parcel Value, Land Value, or Improvement Value) associated with an asset's parcel. A threshold of 5 for the risk evaluation was used because it represents assets in a community with an average or above average vulnerability. In Hertford County 52 assets with an estimated total value of \$173,106,952 were determined to be at risk (defined as Vulnerability Index of 5 or higher). This value was calculated by assuming the value of assets that overlap are reflected in the cost estimate of the larger asset area (i.e., the cost of a government building in a historic district would be captured in the overall estimated cost for the historic district). This assumption was carried over into grouped estimated value calculations, and spatial duplicates were removed within each category. Estimated values for each Asset Type should be considered independently since assets with multiple type designations were included in the evaluation of each of their assigned types.

Asset Type	Number of Assets at Risk	Total Asset Value at Risk (\$)
Cultural Sites ²	1	232,391
Emergency Services	10	8,300,457
Employers	1	14,657,681
Food and Supplies	4	2,798,288
Government	4	4,976,431
Hazardous Waste	3	879,105
Health and Medical	6	27,691,802
Law Enforcement/Corrections	5	14,227,360
Parks and Recreation	9	9,955,231
Residential	3	11,921,229
Roadways	1	200,000
Schools	1	54,724,827
Schools, Emergency Services	2	26,191,598
Utilities	2	687,911

Table 4. Calculation of Total Asset Value at Risk (defined as Vulnerability Index of 5 or higher) for Each Asset Type for Hertford County, North Carolina

Table 5. Calculation of Total Asset Value at Risk (defined as Vulnerability Index of 5 or higher) for Each Ownership Type for Hertford County, North Carolina

Ownership Category	Number of Assets at Risk	Total Asset Value at Risk (\$)
Private	2	68,353,904
State	6	6,597,818
County	11	33,965,890
Town of Ahoskie	5	4,550,157

² Includes all parcels within historic districts
Ownership Category	Number of Assets at Risk	Total Asset Value at Risk (\$)
Town of Como	1	85,728
Town of Murfreesboro	7	59,242,216
Town of Winton	1	311,239

7 PROJECT PORTFOLIO

7.1 Identification and Prioritization of Resilience Projects

The overall purpose of the RCCP is to support coastal communities to identify and pursue priority resilience projects that reduce and minimize risks posed by coastal hazards. The CAT referenced the following criteria (based on those in the RCCP Handbook) as well as their vision and goals in reaching agreement on a set of eight high-priority resilience projects for the County.

- Impact
 - Overall benefit to the community as a whole
 - Advances prior efforts/aligns with other plans
 - Has potential co-benefits, e.g., provides a recreational amenity, contributes to local economy, preserves a habitat, strengthens resilience to non-climate stressors like pandemics
 - Important for long-term resilience (i.e., taking climate change, sea level rise, and other future conditions into account)
 - Reduces vulnerability of key assets to coastal hazards
 - Reduces economic risk posed by coastal hazards in one or more sectors
 - Supports social equity
- Feasibility
 - Capacity to implement
 - Technical soundness
 - Likely positive benefit-cost ratio
 - Identifiable sources of funding

7.2 **Prioritization Process**

To develop a priority list of resilience projects for Hertford County, SWCA first created a list of potential projects based on review of existing documents including the Albemarle Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (North Carolina Emergency Management Division [NCEM] 2020) and the Hertford County Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan (NCEM 2017).

Project prioritization proceeded in three rounds. In the first round, the CAT reviewed the full list of potential projects compiled from existing resources to remove projects already completed or no longer relevant to the county and add any additional projects for consideration. In the second round, CAT members added or refined some project ideas based on the criteria above and selected a short list to bring to the second public meeting for review and feedback (Figure 8). In the third round, CAT members refined and adjusted their high priority list based on the criteria above and to better reflect public input and the vulnerability assessment results.



Figure 8. County staff and community members discuss potential projects at the January public meeting.

The eight high-priority projects agreed upon by the CAT are described in more detail in the tables below. Generally, these projects were understood by the CAT to have broad community-wide risk reduction benefits or to benefit vulnerable populations, to be feasible, to align with the county's long-term resilience goals, to build upon other plans, and to link to efforts already underway.

All other projects considered by the CAT are documented in <u>Appendix G</u>. Some of the other projects considered were not prioritized because they had been completed or were already in progress since being identified in previous planning efforts. Others were very localized and not perceived by the CAT to have sufficient benefit to the community at large to be considered high priority. Others would not substantially contribute to reducing coastal hazard risks or were considered infeasible by the CAT for any of the reasons noted in the criteria above, and so were not prioritized.

7.3 High-Priority Projects

The following eight projects were identified as high priority by the Hertford County CAT. Projects are *not* listed in order of priority; they are all high priority projects. Click the links below to jump to more details for each project:

- 7.3.1 Hydrologic Watershed Assessment
- 7.3.2 Clearance of Debris from Waters
- 7.3.3 Countywide Water Storage Upgrades
- 7.3.4 Shriners Road Well
- 7.3.5 Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades
- 7.3.6 Communication and Information Sharing
- 7.3.7 State Game Land Purchases
- 7.3.8 Regulatory Updates

7.3.1 Hydrologic Watershed Assessment

Hydrologic assessment of watersheds to identify best "bang for buck" infrastructure improvements to reduce flooding and water management and maintenance priorities.
Almost county-wide, except for watersheds already evaluated in the Southwest portion of the County.
Discussion with CAT
Precipitation-based flooding, runoff
Safety and Security
Local Plans and Policies
1 year
County Planning Department with a Consultant
Coordinate with NRCS/Soil & Water, Towns
None identified by CAT
Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) State Allocation, WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program (CWMP)
Medium - \$100,000–\$150,000
High – Action would have a significant impact on risk reduction.
High

7.3.2 Clearance of Debris from Waters

Project Description	Inspect debris blockage problems and secure funds for the clearance of debris from rivers, streams, and tributaries, where indicated based on the hydrologic watershed assessment
Location	Countywide
Source	Albemarle Region Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020
Scoping Questions	Hydrologic watershed assessment is an important first step to confirm where debris is actually causing problems and ensure debris removal would have flood risk reduction benefit that justifies the expense and ecosystem disturbance
Hazard(s) Addressed by Project	Precipitation-based flooding, runoff
FEMA Community Lifelines	Safety and Security
Type of Solution	Non-regulatory Programs
Project Estimated Timeline	Ongoing
Responsible Entity	Soil and Water Conservation District?
Potential Partners	Hertford County, NC DOT
Existing Funding	None identified by CAT
Potential Funding Sources	Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (StRAP) - includes debris removal:
Project Estimated Cost	High – \$200,000–\$500,000 recurring as needed to maintain waterways
Anticipated Benefit	High – Action would have a significant impact on risk reduction.
Priority Rating	High

7.3.3 Countywide Water Storage Upgrades

Project Description	The county could face water shortages if wells are forced to go offline during storms. Identify suitable sites and the install wells, storage tanks, or other means of retaining water. This redundancy will make the county more resilient during future emergencies.
Location	
Source	Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan - Hertford County
Scoping Questions	
Hazard(s) Addressed by Project	Precipitation-based flooding, storm surge, sea level rise
FEMA Community Lifelines	Safety and Security; Food, Water, Shelter
Type of Solution	Infrastructure
Project Estimated Timeline	
Responsible Entity	Hertford County Public Utilities / Rural Water
Potential Partners	
Existing Funding	None identified by CAT
Potential Funding Sources	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
Project Estimated Cost	High – \$500,000–\$1 million
Anticipated Benefit	High – Action would have a significant impact on risk reduction.
Priority Rating	High

7.3.4 Shriners Road Well

Project Description	This well flooded during Hurricane Matthew and had to be taken out of service. Install elevated generators and a remote access system so the well can be monitored by personnel even when surrounding roads are impassable.
Location	Shriners Road, Ahoskie
Source	Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan - Hertford County
Scoping Questions	Type of generator may be a determining factor in overall cost.
Hazard(s) Addressed by Project	Precipitation-based flooding
FEMA Community Lifelines	Safety and Security; Food, Water, Shelter
Type of Solution	Structure and infrastructure
Project Estimated Timeline	1 year
Responsible Entity	Hertford County Public Utilities / Rural Water
Potential Partners	
Existing Funding	None identified by CAT
Potential Funding Sources	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
Project Estimated Cost	Depends on exact specifications of the systems to be installed.
Anticipated Benefit	High – Action would have a significant impact on risk reduction.
Priority Rating	High



Figure 9. Location of Shriner Road Well.

7.3.5 Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Project Description	Upgrade to prevent flooding impacts to wastewater treatment plant and reduce risk of releasing untreated wastewater during flood events. Murfreesboro (280 ft from riverbank) has flooded in the past, Winton retention ponds are about 500 feet from the waterway.
Location	Winton and Murfreesboro
Source	Public Meeting Input
Scoping Questions	
Hazard(s) Addressed by Project	Precipitation-based flooding, sea level rise
FEMA Community Lifelines	Safety and Security; Hazardous Materials
Type of Solution	Infrastructure
Project Estimated Timeline	2-5 Years
Responsible Entity	Towns of Winton and Murfreesboro
Potential Partners	
Existing Funding	Winton just received 100k for a wastewater study (Howard Hunter Proposal) – Kelly can provide more details
Potential Funding Sources	To be determined
Project Estimated Cost	Medium – \$200,000
Anticipated Benefit	High – Action would have a significant impact on risk reduction.
Priority Rating	High



Figure 10. Location of wastewater treatment plant upgrades, 1 of 2.



Figure 11. Location of wastewater treatment plant upgrades, 2 of 2.

7.3.6 Communication and Information Sharing

Project Description	A collaborative effort to create clear and consistent information for county residents about flooding related issues, including:
	1.Education/outreach to encourage maintaining vegetation along ditch banks to prevent erosion and maintain runoff capability
	2.Annual notice to all property owners within a special flood hazard area that clearly states the property is susceptible to flooding. The County will also maintain a flood map information service, whereby County residents can call or come by to receive information regarding their property in relation to the defined floodplain.
	3.Make information regarding hazards and development regulations within the floodplain available. The County Planning Director will ensure that the local library maintains information relating to flooding and flood protection (maintain dates of distribution and librarian certification of availability). The County will provide a link on their website to FEMA resources addressing flooding and flood protection. This information will be made available to citizens, realtors, developers, and contractors.
	4.Improved Coordination on Drainage and Flooding Issues. Clarify who residents should contact about various drainage or flooding questions/concerns including emergencies, and ensure corresponding linkages between departments at local, county, state, and federal levels.
Location	Countywide and online
Scoping Questions	
Hazard(s) Addressed by Project	Precipitation-based flooding, Storm Surge, Sea Level Rise, Runoff, Erosion
FEMA Community Lifelines	Safety and Security; Communications
Type of Solution	Education and Outreach
Project Estimated Timeline	1 year
Responsible Entity	NRCS Soil and Water Conservation District, Floodplain Administrator, County Planning Department
Potential Partners	Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership
Existing Funding	None identified by CAT
Potential Funding Sources	Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership Engagement and Stewardship grants: <u>https://apnep.nc.gov/engagement-and-stewardship-fy2021-request-proposals;</u> NCAG Environmental Enhancement Grant Program
Project Estimated Cost	Low - \$5,000-\$10,000
Anticipated Benefit	High – Action would have a significant impact on risk reduction.
Priority Rating	High

7.3.7 State Game Land Purchases

Project Description	Put flood-prone lands in conservation to maintain flood capacity, prevent construction of structures that would be at risk, and reduce maintenance costs for flood-prone areas
Location	Two potential locations include Chowan riverfront north of Winton and easements along "Vaughns Creek" on the Meherrin (herring run area).
Source	Public Meeting input
Scoping Questions	Could this incorporate easements for Vaughns Creek for fisheries conservation?
Hazard(s) Addressed by Project	Precipitation-based flooding, sea level rise, storm surge, erosion
FEMA Community Lifelines	Safety and Security
Type of Solution	Natural/Nature based
Project Estimated Timeline	2-5 years
Responsible Entity	Hertford County
Potential Partners	Division of Coastal Management, Coastal Land Trust
Existing Funding	None identified by CAT
Potential Funding Sources	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding to DCM through NOAA (DCM, on behalf of the state, will be able to apply for 3 projects (acquisitions or restoration) per year for the next 5 years).
Project Estimated Cost	TBD depending on areas selected
Anticipated Benefit	Medium – Action would have an impact on risk reduction.
Priority Rating	High



Figure 12. Location of potential state game land purchases, 1 of 2.



Figure 13. Location of potential state game land purchases, 2 of 2.

7.3.8 Regulatory Updates

Project Description	 Provide annual review of development restrictions in floodplain areas and maintain initiatives to ensure limited residential and commercial development in the floodplain and optimal protection of critical facilities.
	Review County and municipal zoning, subdivision, and flood damage prevention ordinances for improved control of flooding hazards and improvement of drainage.
	 Adopt and annually update a capital improvements plan with an emphasis on mitigation for critical facilities.
Location	Countywide
Source	Albemarle Region Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020
Scoping Questions	In case the team is not already aware, NC has developed an updated Model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (2021) that includes state-recommended / higher regulatory standards for the County and municipalities to consider adopting: https://flood.nc.gov/ncflood/documentcenter.html?type=11
Hazard(s) Addressed by Project	Precipitation-based flooding, sea level rise, storm surge
FEMA Community Lifelines	Safety and Security
Type of Solution	Local Policy and Plans
Project Estimated Timeline	Ongoing
Responsible Entity	Flood Plain Administrator
Potential Partners	Hertford County, County Commission
Existing Funding	None identified by CAT
Potential Funding Sources	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) State Allocation
Project Estimated Cost	Low – \$15,000-\$50,000
Anticipated Benefit	High – Action would have a significant impact on risk reduction.
Priority Rating	High

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APPENDIX A

Community Action Team Members

Name	Title/Affiliation
Kelly Bowers	Hertford County Economic Development
Brenda Brown	Hertford County Social Services
David Cotton	Hertford County Manager
James "Bo" Dame	Chowan University
Diedra Evans	Hertford County Office on Aging
Stanley Lassiter	Hertford County Rural Water Districts
Robert Mizelle	Hertford County Chief Code Building Inspector
Eric Parker	Hertford County Soil and Water Conservation District
Chris E. Smith	Hertford County Emergency Management Director
Sara Powell Turner	Hertford County GIS/Planning Director
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Rebecca Castello	Hertford County Cooperative Extension
Helen Eure	Hertford County Cooperative Extension
Ed Evans	Environmental Health Supervisor
Brenda Greene	Choanoke Area Development Association
Gerwyn Evans Heath	Town of Winton
Susan Kennington	Town Clerk, Town of Como
Kerry McDuffie	Town Manager, Town of Ahoskie
Henry Nuss	Mayor, Town of Harrellsville
Irvin Stephens	Mayor, Town of Como
Tiffany Walton	Supervisor for Children and Adult Services
Mitch Woodward	Area Specialized Agent, Watersheds and Water Quality
June Wynn	Mayor, Town of Cofield
	Administrator, Town of Murfreesboro

APPENDIX B

Community Action Team Meeting Summaries

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Meeting No. 1, Monday September 27, 2021, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Meeting No. 2, Tuesday November 2, 2021, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Meeting No. 3, Tuesday December 7, 2021, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Meeting No. 4, Tuesday January 4, 2022, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Meeting No. 5, Tuesday February 1, 2022, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Meeting No. 6, Tuesday February 15, 2022, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Meeting No. 7, Tuesday March 1, 2022, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting No. 1, Monday September 27, 2021, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Objectives

- Introduce the purpose, milestones, and schedule for the RCCP process
- Review and answer any questions about the role of the CAT members
- Review existing information available and gaps for consideration under RCCP, including:
 - Priority hazards for assessment
 - Initial discussion of assets to be mapped
- Confirm next steps following this meeting

Participants

Hertford County Staff Other Members Kelly Bowers, Economic Development Bo Dame, Chowan University David Cotton, County Manager Mitch Woodward, NC Cooperative Extension Helen Eure, Cooperative Extension Diedra Evans, Office of Aging Facilitation and Support Staff Robert Mizelle, Building Inspector Kathryn Gardner, SWCA Environmental Consultants Eric Parker, Soil & Water Meg Perry, SWCA Environmental Consultants Chris Smith, Emergency Services Mackenzie Todd, NC Division of Coastal Sara Turner, GIS & Planning Management

Action Items

CAT Members

• Share any additional existing materials to review, hazards or assets to focus on, or recommended avenues for sharing information with the community beyond this group - by Monday, Oct. 11

<u>SWCA</u>

- Share meeting recording and summary with CAT members by Monday, Oct. 4
- Share examples of vision statements for CAT consideration by Monday, Oct. 4
- Invite CAT members to access the SharePoint folder by Monday, Oct. 4
- Follow up with Chris about status of projects from the Hurricane Matthew Redevelopment Plan by Friday, Oct. 8

Summary of Key Points from Presentation and Discussion

Program Overview

Meg Perry, SWCA Environmental Consultants, introduced the four-phase Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP). The four phases of the program are outlined below and explained in further detail in the <u>Program Handbook</u>:

- *Phase 1: Risk and Vulnerability Assessment* (approximately September December 2021) Evaluating local assets, hazards, and vulnerabilities. This phase will include one public openhouse event.
- *Phase 2: Planning, Project Identification, & Prioritization* (approximately December March 2022) Identifying priority actions (such as infrastructure repair or creation of living shorelines) to reduce the risks identified in Phase 1. This phase will include a second public open-house event.
- Phase 3: Engineering and Design (approximately February September, 2022)
- *Phase 4: Project Implementation*

Mackenzie Todd, Division of Coastal Management (DCM), explained that DCM will share information about how to apply for funding from the state for Phase 3 in early 2022. DCM expects to provide approximately \$40,000 – 50,000 to each of the 26 communities currently participating in the program to support Phase 3 design for one priority project. Phase 3 is expected to run through late summer/early fall of 2022. After Phase 3, communities will have the opportunity to apply via a competitive proposal process for Phase 4 implementation funds.

Ms. Perry explained that the Division of Coastal Management has contracted with SWCA to provide technical support to four communities in completing Phases 1 and 2 of the Program between now and March 2022. The four communities SWCA is supporting are Bertie County, Hertford County, Town of Hertford, and Town of Windsor.

Community Action Team Role

Ms. Perry explained the role of the CAT is to provide guidance and input for Phases 1 and 2 to ensure the Resilience Strategy developed by SWCA reflects the community's vision and goals and accurately reflets the issues and needs in the community.

Meetings are scheduled for November and December to discuss the Risk and Vulnerability Assessment process and results. Additional meetings will be scheduled in January – March 2022 focused on development of the prioritized project portfolio and review of the final Resilience Strategy document.

Community Resilience Goals

Ms. Perry shared the following general goals for this effort:

- 1. Prepare the County to implement projects that reduce risks and speed recovery from coastal hazards by evaluating local risks and vulnerabilities and identifying and scoping priority coastal resilience projects.
- 2. Qualify the County for project funding through the RCCP and other funding programs

She asked CAT members to consider what specific vision and goals for resilience this program can help Hertford County pursue. This will be discussed further in subsequent meetings.

Review of Existing Materials

Ms. Perry explained that the SWCA team has begun reviewing the existing materials related to resilience planning that the County has previously created or approved. She asked CAT members to share any other existing information that might be relevant to SWCA's analysis. The following is a list of studies and plans SWCA is currently reviewing:

- County Zoning Ordinance (2021)
- County RCCP Application (2021)
- Albemarle Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (2020)
- County Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan Hertford County (2017)
- County CAMA Land Use Plan (2011)

Discussion of Hazards

In addition to general hazard types that SWCA plans to assess, which include flooding, storm surge, erosion, and sea level rise, the group identified some specific hazard concerns, as follows:

- Riverine flooding in residential areas during/following big rainfall events is a significant issue. Some areas were purchased during the Hurricane Floyd buyout, but some remain.
- Events that saturate the wetlands lead to back up/overflow into surrounding areas.
- Agricultural erosion is an issue, where accumulated sediment from runoff blocks drainage ditches and culverts Ahoskie Creek and Horse-Flat Swamp both have erosion in some areas.

Discussion of Assets

The group identified a preliminary list of assets that may not be captured in existing plans and reports, including:

- The County fuel storage site
- Transportation/clear roads There are low bridges, off ramps, and dips in roadways prone to flooding. These transportation access issues are particularly important for emergency response and access to homebound seniors who receive in-home aid, meal delivery, and respite/hospice services from the County
- Cemeteries and graveyards
- Vaughn's Creek NW of Murfreesboro hot spot for herring; used as a metric for herring health
- Chowan University has a manmade dam on the campus; Union Street that connects university dorms to the rest of campus frequently floods
- Wastewater ponds immediately adjacent to waterways in Winton and at least one other location
- Commercial and recreational fishing sites
- Hare's Millpond

Next Steps

The hazards and assets discussed during this call will inform work by SWCA to map the County's coastal hazards and community assets, building on information in the existing plans and reports the County has already developed or approved. The next meeting of the CAT is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **November 2** from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting No. 2, Tuesday November 2, 2021, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Objectives

- Review draft map of information available and gaps for consideration under RCCP, including:
 - Priority hazards for assessment
 - Assets to be mapped
- Review Vision Statement
- Confirm next steps following this meeting

Participants

CAT Members

Kelly Bowers, Economic Development Brenda Brown, Social Services Rebecca Castello, Cooperative Extension David Cotton, Hertford County Helen Eure, Cooperative Extension Stanley Lassiter, Rural Water Districts Kerry McDuffie, Town of Ahoskie Eric Parker, Soil & Water Conservation B Powell, Phone Participant Sara Turner, Hertford County GIS Facilitation and Support Staff Kathryn Gardner, SWCA Environmental Consultants Meg Perry, SWCA Environmental Consultants Mackenzie Todd, NC Division of Coastal Management

Action Items

CAT Members

- Review draft vision statement and provide any suggested edits to Meg Perry (<u>meg.perry@swca.com</u>) by Friday, Nov. 19
- Review asset list and send suggested additions to Meg Perry (meg.perry@swca.com) by Tuesday, November 30

<u>SWCA</u>

- Share draft asset list and link to interactive draft asset and hazard map for CAT members to review by Friday Nov. 12
- Contact specific members about locations of assets mentioned on the call (utilities, wells, substations, airport) by Friday Nov. 19
- Confirm timing and location for 1st Public Input Meeting by Friday Nov. 19

Summary of Key Points from Presentation and Discussion

RCCP Process

Meg Perry, SWCA, reminded the group about the four phases of the RCCP process. The CAT and SWCA are currently focused on Phase 1 Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (see Figure 1 below).



Figure 9. Phases of the Resilient Coastal Communities Program.

Elements of Phase 1 In Progress

The Phase 1 Vulnerability Assessment will look at all the community asset locations to determine: 1) their Exposure – what hazards might occur at this location, 2) Sensitivity – how damaging those hazards would be to the asset, and 3) Adaptive Capacity – how much opportunity is there for this asset to change or adjust to reduce risk from coastal hazards. These factors will be summarized in a single number (Vulnerability Index) for each asset that indicates how vulnerable it is to hazards.

Phase 1 also includes a Risk Assessment that will estimate the cumulative economic risk of hazard impacts in the community. The current work to collect and map asset and hazard information will ultimately feed into these two assessments.

Vision Statement

Each community needs a Vision Statement to help guide decision making and prioritization. It is also useful to have a Vision Statement prepared when applying for funding. Ms. Perry shared the following elements of a vision statement to help guide the CAT in developing theirs (Figure 2).

During the meeting, the group reviewed several example vision statements based on those in use by other communities and drawing upon vision language in existing planning documents. The group selected language from the examples that is applicable to their community and made additional edits resulting in the following preliminary vision statement:

<u>Vision:</u> Hertford County is a resilient and vibrant community where citizens and visitors alike enjoy recreation and ecotourism activities supported by protection of the natural environment. Hertford County exemplifies a culture of resilience to coastal hazards through inclusive partnerships focusing on both effective response and recovery, and pro-active measures to prevent or minimize future damage.

<u>Our Approach to Resiliency:</u> Communities within Hertford County seek to improve the local quality of life through sustainable economic development that enhances and protects the environment and culture of the region. Natural and cultural resource-based science, eco-tourism, and environmental education and outreach to the public help to diversify the local economy while minimizing the impacts of hazards. We employ an integrated approach to coastal resilience that addresses both

upstream and downstream hydrologic dynamics, the unique physical and environmental settings of inter-connected water bodies, and the ongoing changes in climate and sea level rise.

CAT members should send any suggested adjustments to this vision statement language to Ms. Perry (meg.perry@swca.com).



Figure 10. Elements of a resilience vision statement.

Draft Hazard and Asset Map Review

The group reviewed a preliminary version of the assets and hazards map which included assets and hazards from the following sources:

Asset Data Sources 2016 & 2020 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plans USGS Data National Register of Historic Places Sites Identified During 1st CAT Meeting

Hazards Identified

100 & 500 year flood plainNational Hurricane Center high tide inundation storm surge (by storm category)Historical Hurricane Florence Data

The group identified additional hazard and asset types it would like to see included in the final version, including:

Assets Needed Natural & Cultural Features Utilities (ex: Wells, sub-stations, natural gas distribution points) Economic Hubs Transportation (ex: roads, railways, airport) Community Services (ex: food banks, shelters)

Hazards Needed

Historical Hurricane Matthew Data Sea Level Rise Projections (at least out to 30 year) Localized drainage and inland flooding data NC DOT Road flooding data based on rainfall not storm surge

Next Steps

The next CAT Meeting will focus on review of the draft Risk and Vulnerability Assessment and initial discussion of the resilience projects. The first of two public open house meetings is tentatively scheduled for December 15 from 11am-1pm at Chowan University or potentially in mid-January to enable involvement of students. The next meeting of the CAT is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **December 7 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting No. 3, Tuesday December 7, 2021, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Objectives

- Provide Risk Assessment Status Update
- Plan for Public Meeting(s) in January
 - Review public outreach materials in development
 - Confirm meeting format, timing, and next steps
- Confirm next steps
 - Schedule for 2022 CAT Meetings

Participants

CAT Members

Kelly Bowers, Economic Development David Cotton, Hertford County James "Bo" Dame, Chowan University Helen Eure, Cooperative Extension Diedra Evans, Office on Aging Stanley Lassiter, Rural Water Districts Eric Parker, Soil & Water Conservation Chris Smith, Hertford County Sara Turner, Hertford County GIS Facilitation and Support Staff Kathryn Gardner, SWCA Environmental Consultants Meg Perry, SWCA Environmental Consultants Mackenzie Todd, NC Division of Coastal Management

Action Items

CAT Members

• Review draft asset list and provide any suggested edits to Meg Perry (<u>meg.perry@swca.com</u>) by Monday, Dec. 13

<u>SWCA</u>

- Update maps in preparation for public open house by Monday, Jan. 3
- Finalize materials for public open house advertising by Monday, Dec. 20

Summary of Key Points from Presentation and Discussion

Review of Hazard Maps

Three maps were provided for review by the CAT:

- 1) Flood Plain Map shows the 100 and 500 year flood plain
- 2) Historical Flood Map shows historical data of area flooded during Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, data was collected via satellite imagery
- 3) Sea Level Rise Map shows areas at risk of sea level rise based on 'bathtub' modeling. Areas lower in the landscape are more susceptible to sea level rise first and areas higher in the landscape would be impacted at more severe levels of sea level rise. This is not based on a timeline prediction because there are many factors that may influence how quickly sea level rise occurs.

The northeast corner of the Sea Level Rise map has missing data because this is the edge of the area that the sea level rise model covers. SWCA agreed to add a more prominent note to the map explaining this.

Asset Discussion

Assets noted as missing that need to be added:

- Hazardous Waste site in Murfreesboro
- Concentrated Animal facilities and waste sites (i.e. Chicken and hog houses, hog lagoons)
- Family Care homes (like Ahoskie House) Existing data includes daycares and needs to be categorized

CAT members requested information showing residences within hazard areas. Meg agreed to work with SWCA's GIS team to map residential areas at highest risk.

CAT members should respond to Meg (<u>meg.perry@swca.com</u>) no later than Monday, December 13 to identify any other missing assets. Examples include:

- Community landmarks and gathering places
- Locations important for safety during a storm
- Assets important for recovery and rebuilding after a storm

Public Open House

The first of two open house meetings is tentatively planned for **January 13th from 11am -2pm** at Chowan University. Bo and Meg will coordinate after the meeting to finalize the meeting space. CAT members are asked to attend if available to help answer questions from attendees. Mackenzie offered DCM to help with refreshments.

Next Steps

The next CAT Meeting will focus preparation for the first public open house and is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 4 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting No. 4, Tuesday January 4, 2022, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Objectives

- Prepare for Open House Meeting
- Hear an update and share input on the Vulnerability and Risk Assessment

Participants

<u>CAT Members</u> Brenda Brown, Social Services Rebecca Castello, Cooperative Extension David Cotton, Hertford County James Bo Dame, Chowan University Diedra Evans, Office of Aging Chris Smith, Hertford County Sara Turner, Hertford County GIS Facilitation and Support Staff Kathryn Gardner, SWCA Environmental Consultants Meg Perry, SWCA Environmental Consultants Mackenzie Todd, NC Division of Coastal Management

Action Items

CAT Members

• Help advertise the public meeting on 1/12 - COMPLETED

<u>SWCA</u>

- Prepare print materials for public meeting COMPLETED
- Create master list of existing project ideas and add new project ideas Prior to next CAT meeting

Summary of Key Points from Presentation and Discussion

Public Meeting Preparation

The group reviewed plans and publicity materials for the upcoming Open House Meeting. Meg Perry, SWCA, explained that SWCA has arranged for newspaper and radio announcements. CAT members were encouraged to circulate the announcement using the flier and social media post prepared by SWCA.

The website for program information and survey collection is now live and accessible to the public: https://nc-rccp-community-portal-swcagis.hub.arcgis.com/

Information collected during this meeting will inform the vulnerability assessment and help identify potential projects to include on the project list. A brief report on key themes from the public meeting will be circulated to the CAT following the meeting.

Risk and Vulnerability Assessment

Meg explained the next step in the process will be to evaluate each asset based on 3 criteria:

1) Exposure – How often or severely is an asset exposed to flooding hazards

- Sensitivity How much would this location be impacted by flooding (e.g., temporarily impacted and easy to repair, significant repairs needed and longer duration of inoperability, or likely to be completely destroyed by a flood)
- 3) Adaptive Capacity What measures are already in place to protect or reduce flooding impacts at this location?

This information will be used to develop a "Vulnerability Index" – a single number that indicates how vulnerable that location is to coastal hazards. This will enable the CAT to compare the vulnerability of different sites and can help identify and prioritize potential resilience projects.

Next Steps

The next CAT Meeting will focus on review of the vulnerability assessment results and preliminary project list on **Tuesday**, February 1 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting No. 5, Tuesday February 1, 2022, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Objectives

- Review Preliminary Project List and Discuss Resilience Goals
- Review Preliminary Vulnerability Scores
- Prepare for February Open House

Participants

CAT Members

Kelly Bowers, Economic Development Robert Mizelle, Building Inspections Eric Parker, Soil & Water Conservation Sara Turner, Hertford County GIS Facilitation and Support Staff Kathryn Gardner, SWCA Environmental Consultants Meg Perry, SWCA Environmental Consultants Mackenzie Todd, NC Division of Coastal Management

Action Items

CAT Members

- Review draft goals and provide any suggested edits to Meg Perry (<u>meg.perry@swca.com</u>) by Friday, Feb. 11
- Review preliminary project list and share any information about current status of projects on the list or other projects that should be added with Meg Perry (meg.perry@swca) by Friday, Feb. 11.

<u>SWCA</u>

- Provide meeting description for Commissioners Agenda Completed
- Confirm with Chris if Hurricane Matthew projects are completed Wednesday, Feb. 9
- Confirm event space for 2nd public meeting
- Share updated project list and asset list with vulnerability scores in advance of the next meeting by Monday, February 14.

Summary of Key Points from Presentation and Discussion

Review of Project Types and Preliminary Project List

Existing sources of project information have been combined into a single table for review by CAT Members. CAT members should respond to Meg (<u>meg.perry@swca.com</u>) no later than Friday, February 11 to identify projects that have already been completed or need to be taken off the list.

<u>Goals</u>

Goals are important to direct the work of the CAT members moving forward. The draft goals identified by the group are listed below:

• Local Policy and Regulations: Update all local ordinances to include resilience measures by [TIMEFRAME]

- Review flood resilience-oriented ordinances already in place (including municipal ordinances) to identify needed updates or improvements to support resilience
- Infrastructure/Nature Based: Complete three high priority infrastructure/nature-based resilience projects by 2025
 - Review potential resilience project list and confirm status of each by March 2022
 - Confirm which previously identified projects are already budgeted for by the County by June 2022
 - Identify other agencies involved in implementing high priority projects
 - Identify sources of external funding for high priority projects not already funded
 - Complete feasibility studies and cost-benefit analysis for five high priority projects to identify tiers of projects that match different funding sources
 - Secure external funding for X number of high priority projects
 - Work with Stephanie Harmon to get priority projects into DOT lineup for future implementation post-2026 (or earlier, if possible)
- Education, Awareness, and Incentive Programs: Make public information [from xyz departments] about flooding/resilience more accessible to residents by [timeframe]
 - Centralized website
 - Info included with water bills/tax bills
- Local and Regional Plans??

CAT Members should respond to Meg (<u>meg.perry@swca.com</u>) no later than Friday, February 11 to provide feedback on the goals.

Review of Vulnerability Scores

A draft version of the vulnerability scores for each asset was presented to the group. The vulnerability score combines the Exposure, Sensitivity, and Adaptive Capacity for each asset.

The exposure score is measured by assessing the probability that an asset will be exposed to each of three flooding hazard types and the severity of that type of flooding at that location. Then the scores for the three flooding types are averaged to generate a final exposure score that ranges from 0 (no exposure) to 5 (high exposure).



Sensitivity and Adaptive Capacity scores will be finalized for review by the next CAT Meeting.

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Public Open House

The second of two open house meetings is tentatively planned for **February 21st from 6pm -7pm** preceding the County Commissioners meeting at 7:00. Sara and Meg will coordinate after the meeting to finalize the meeting space. CAT members are asked to attend if available to share input and help answer questions from attendees.

Next Steps

The next CAT Meeting will focus on refinement of the project list in preparation for the second public open house and is scheduled for **Tuesday**, February 15 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting No. 6, Tuesday February 15, 2022, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Objectives

- Review and Refine Updated Project List
- Confirm plans for February Public Meetings

Participants

CAT Members

Kelly Bowers, Economic Development Brenda Brown, Social Services James Bo Dame, Chowan University Diedra Evans, Office of Aging Sara Turner, Planning and GIS <u>Facilitation and Support Staff</u> Kathryn Gardner, SWCA EnvironmentalConsultants Meg Perry, SWCA Environmental Consultants

Action Items

CAT Members

- Help advertise the public meeting on 2/21 by making direct invitations SWCA
 - Prepare print materials for public meeting by 2/21

Summary of Key Points from Presentation and Discussion

Preliminary Project List

The group reviewed slides describing different project types, and a preliminary list of potential projects identified from previous studies and public meetings to be discussed in more detail at the public meeting on Monday February 21.

Discussion Notes

- Sara Turner provided information regarding the <u>Flood Damage Ordinance for Herford County</u>.
- Meg to confirm if this ordinance affects the status of any other project ideas
- Buyouts/elevation of damaged properties usually occurs immediately following a flooding event, so this may be lower on the list for now and moved up later
- The Ahoskie Health Department was renamed to Albemarle Regional Health Services but still in the same location, still in a flood hazard
- The capital improvements plan is not updated annually, but rather periodically (next March 2022)
- Potential Project: Information hub page where residents can go to find all information related to flooding
- Wastewater Treatment Facilities Mufreesboro is in need of updates, but other communities may also be in need, make sure not to exclude other wastewater treatment facilities

Public Meeting Preparation

The second of two open house meetings is scheduled for Monday February 21 from 6-7pm at the Hertford County Courthouse immediately prior to the County Commissioners meeting. The group reviewed plans and publicity materials for the upcoming Open House Meeting. Meg explained that SWCA has arranged for newspaper announcements. CAT members were encouraged to personally invite members of the community to attend and provided with copies of a flier and social media posts to use.

Next Steps

The next CAT Meeting will focus on confirming the CAT's high priority project list and is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **March 1 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting No. 7, Tuesday March 1, 2022, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Objectives

- Confirm high priority projects
- Confirm plans for review of draft report

Participants

CAT Members

Kelly Bowers, Economic Development James Bo Dame, Chowan University Stanley Lassiter, Rural Water Districts Eric Parker, Soil & Water Conservation Chris Smith, Emergency Management Sara Turner, Planning and GIS <u>Facilitation and Support Staff</u> Kathryn Gardner, SWCA EnvironmentalConsultants Meg Perry, SWCA Environmental Consultants

Action Items

<u>SWCA</u>

• Draft final Resilience Strategy report and send to CAT for review by 3/14

CAT Members

• Provide feedback on draft report by 4/1

Summary of Key Points from Presentation and Discussion

Priority Project List

The group reviewed and discussed the project list in light of feedback and discussions at the public meeting, previously identified criteria and goals, and the results of the vulnerability assessment. The CAT members agreed on a group of high priority projects to be described in more detail in the final Resilience Strategy report:

- Clearance of debris from rivers, streams and tributaries
- Hydrologic Watershed Assessment
- Water/Wastewater Upgrades
 - Countywide Water Storage
 - o Shriner Road Well
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades
- Communication and Information Sharing
 - Education/Outreach to encourage maintaining vegetation along ditches
 - Notices sent to all property owners
 - Information hub related to flooding
 - Improved coordination on drainage and flooding issues
- Administrative Policies

- Annual Review of development restrictions in floodplain areas
- Review of county and municipal zoning, subdivision and flood damage areas
- Capital Improvements Plan

Next Steps

SWCA will provide a draft report to the CAT members by **March 14th** for review. CAT members are requested to review the draft report and provide feedback by **April 1st**. The final report will be delivered by mid April.
APPENDIX C

Project Website Content

Resilience Home Bertie Co. Hertford Co. Town of Hertford Town of Windsor Mapping Support

Coastal Resilience Strategies

Project Update- Announcing Upcoming Open House Meetings

Join us to learn about proposed local flood resilience projects and provide feedback about which projects are important to your community.

This website provides information and updates on the development of a Coastal Resilience Strategy for Bertie Co., Hertford Co., Town of Windsor and Town of Herford communities. Use this page to learn more about the resiliency planning process or select your community portal in the banner above to stay up to date on outreach events, explore what assets and hazards have been identified in your community and provide feedback throughout the development process.

Project Information

Your community is working with SWCA Environmental Consultants to develop a Resilience Strategy that includes a risk and vulnerability assessment and priority resilience projects for the Town to implement.

The Resilience Strategy is being developed as part of the NC Division of Coastal Management's Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP). The RCCP provides support to local governments to help overcome barriers in coastal resilience and adaptation planning, boost local government capacity, and support a proactive, sustainable, and equitable approach to coastal resilience planning and project implementation. RCCP is funded through the N.C. State Legislature and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.



Submit your email to receive updates about this project

Figure C-1. Example screenshot of the project website, 1 of 4.

The four phases of the program include:

Phase 1: Community Engagement and Risk & Vulnerability Assessment- Current Phase

Phase 2: Planning, Project Selection and Prioritization

Phase 3: Engineering and Design

Phase 4: Implementation

By completing the Resilience Strategy (Phases 1 and 2), the town becomes eligible for additional state funding to support design and engineering for a priority resilience project and will strengthen grant proposals to other funders.

What does the Resilience Strategy do?

A Resilience Strategy-

- Identifies areas at risk from coastal hazards such as flooding, storm surge, and sea level rise
- Integrates hazard data and local knowledge to identify where community assets may be at risk
- · Identifies strategies to reduce risks from coastal hazards
- Identifies priority projects for resilience funding

Timeline for Completion

The target completion date for the Resilience Strategy is March 2022.

Planning Process and Community Engagement

To create the Resilience Strategy, your community and its supporting contractor, SWCA Environmental Consultants will:

- Create a Community Action Team (CAT) to help guide the planning process
- Define a resilience vision and goals
- Map assets and coastal hazards
- Assess vulnerability and economic risk
- Identify strategies to reduce vulnerability to coastal hazards
- Develop a priority list of resilience projects for funding and implementation

Community members will have the opportunity to provide input in three ways:

- Online survey January 2022
- · Public Open House meeting focused on community assets and hazard areas January 2022
- Public Open House meeting focused on resilience project priorities February 2022



Learn more about the N.C. Resilient Coastal Communities Program

Be Prepared!

Check out the resources below to prepare your household for future floods and storms:

- <u>Ready NC Hurricane</u>
 <u>Preparedness Guide</u> (also
 available in <u>Spanish</u>)

 Preventing and Cleaning Up
- <u>Preventing and Cleaning Up</u>
 <u>Mold/Moisture</u>
- What to do with <u>Drinking</u>
 <u>Water Wells and Septic</u>
 <u>Systems in Flooding</u>
 <u>Conditions</u>
- <u>Post-Disaster Resources</u> from Legal Aid NC

Contact Us

Additional Information on community contacts can be found on your community portal.

Project Contact- Meg Perry- Project Manager, SWCA Environmental Consultants

- Phone: 984.275.4317
- Email: meg.perry@swca.com

Technical Support Contact

Email Project Team

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Figure C-2. Example screenshot of the project website, 2 of 4.



This webpage provides information and updates on the development of Coastal Resilience Strategies specific to Hertford County.

Public Meeting: Flood Resilience Projects

Join us to learn about proposed local flood resilience projects in Hertford County and provide feedback about which projects are important to your community.

Safety First: Please plan to wear a mask indoors to help protect others.

Monday, February 21 from 6-7pm prior to the County Commissioners meeting

Hertford County Courthouse (119 Justice Drive, Winton, NC 27986)

Flood Observation Survey

Provide boots on the ground, local knowledge by taking the Flood Observation Survey. Your input will help identify priority areas to conduct flood resilience projects. Take the Flood Observation Survey

Figure C-3. Example screenshot of the project website, 3 of 4.

Community Assets and Hazards



Open Interactive Map

Download/Print Community Maps and Asset Lists Flood Zones 11x17 See Level Rise 11x17 Storm Inundation 11x17 Community Asset Poster Hertford County Asset List

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Figure C-4. Example screenshot of the project website, 4 of 4.

APPENDIX D

Public Meeting Attendees

First Name	Last Name	Affiliation	Meeting 1	Meeting 2
Attendees				
Kelly	Bowers	CAT/Hertford County Economic Development		Х
James "Bo"	Dame	Chowan University	Х	
Leroy	Douglas, II	County Commissioner		Х
Leslie	Edwards	Hertford County Finance Director		Х
Diedra	Evans	CAT/Hertford County Office on Aging		Х
Ronald	Gatling	County Commissioner		Х
Jaquan	Harper	Chowan University	Х	
John	Horton	County Commissioner		Х
Kyndra	Jackson	Chowan University	Х	
Skadi	Kylander	Chowan University	Х	
Andre	Lassiter	County Commissioner		Х
William	Mitchell	County Commissioner		Х
Robert	Mizelle	CAT/ Hertford County Chief Code Building Inspector	Х	
Tim	Moore	Chowan University	Х	
Eric	Parker	CAT/Hertford County Soil and Water Conservation District	Х	
JoAnne	Powell	Roanoke-Chowan Community Health Center		Х
James	Pugh	Resident	Х	Х
Kim	Schwartz	Roanoke-Chowan Community Health Center		Х
Julian	Taylor	Resident		Х
Janice	Taylor	Resident		Х
Hal	Thomas	Mayor, Town of Murfreesboro		Х
Sara	Turner	CAT/Hertford County Planning and GIS	Х	Х
		Total Attendees	9	15
Support Staff				
Kathryn	Gardner	SWCA Environmental Consultants	Х	х
Tancred	Miller	NC Division of Coastal Management	Х	
Meg	Perry	SWCA Environmental Consultants	Х	х
Mackenzie	Todd	NC Division of Coastal Management	х	Х

Table D-1. Attendance at the Two Public Meetings Held in January and February 2022 for HertfordCounty, North Carolina

APPENDIX E

Data Used in Vulnerability and Risk Assessment

Field/Variable	Data Used to Define Field/Variable	Data Summary	Use in Risk and Vulnerability Assessment	Additional Information on Source Data
Flood Plain Exposure	<u>North Carolina</u> <u>Preliminary Flood</u> <u>Zones</u>	Areas representing the area within the flood mapping boundaries defined by the engineering models for the 100-year (1% annual chance), 500- year (0.2% annual chance) and floodway (river channel and adjacent land areas for flood discharge).	Floodplain type was categorized and used to assess current climate precipitation induced flood risk under varying conditions across the landscape.	Data was produced by North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program in 2020 at 6- m spatial resolution
Flood Plain Exposure	High Resolution Elevation (DEM 20')	Elevation data was created using LiDAR collected by NC Floodplain Mapping Program	Elevation data was processed to find low lying areas outside the current 500-year flood plains that have the potential for precipitation induced flood risk under future climate conditions across the landscape.	Data was produced by North Carolina Department of Transportation in conjunction with the North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program in 2020 at 6- m spatial resolution
Reported Event Inundation Factor	<u>Hurricane Matthew</u> Inundated Areas	Areas that experienced flooding during Hurricane Matthew, based on aerial photographs taken October 8 to 16, 2016.	Inundated areas were used assess extreme precipitation event flood risk across the landscape.	Data was produced by the Center for Biodiversity Outcomes, Arizona State University in 2020 at 5- m spatial resolution
Reported Event Inundation Factor	<u>Hurricane Florence</u> Inundated Areas	Areas that experienced flooding during Hurricane Florence, based on aerial photographs taken September 18 to 22, 2018.	Inundated areas were used assess extreme precipitation event flood risk across the landscape	Data was produced by the Center for Biodiversity Outcomes, Arizona State University in 2020 at 5- m spatial resolution
Reported Event Inundation Factor	Community Flood Reporting Point	Areas outside of the 100- and 500-year floodplains that were identified by the public as having frequent or severe flooding during large precipitation events.	Point locations were converted to inundated areas based on the underlying elevation and topography. These inundated areas were used to assess extreme precipitation flood risk across the landscape.	Data was collected via analog maps at community stakeholder engagement meetings and online flood reporting survey
Sea Level Rise Exposure	<u>Sea Level Rise (SLR)</u> <u>Inundation Extent 1-</u> <u>foot to 10-foot</u> <u>Scenarios</u>	Data represents where water would be present along coast lines and intertidal waterways (under normal, non-flood conditions) at increasing sea levels. This is based on a "modified bathtub model," which identified the areas of land that would be covered with water if you increased the water height by a specific amount. It does not address when or how quickly the sea level might increase.	Simulated scenario data was combined with Sea Level Rise (Low) Inundation data and categorized into severity values 1 through 5 used to assess sea-level rise risk under varying conditions across the landscape.	Data was produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office for Coastal Management in 2017 at 10-m spatial resolution

Table E-1. Data Used in Assessment of Asset Vulnerability and Risk for Hertford County, North	
Carolina	

Field/Variable	Data Used to Define Field/Variable	Data Summary	Use in Risk and Vulnerability Assessment	Additional Information on Source Data
Sea Level Rise Exposure	Sea Level Rise (Low) Inundation Extent 1- foot to 10- foot Scenarios	Data represents where water would be present in inland areas (under normal, non-flood conditions) at increasing sea levels. This is based on a "modified bathtub model," which identified the areas of land that would be covered with water if you increased the water height by a specific amount. It does not address when or how quickly the sea level might increase.	Simulated scenario data was combined with Sea Level Rise (SLR) Inundation data and categorized into severity values 1 through 5 used to assess sea-level rise risk under varying conditions across the landscape.	Data was produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office for Coastal Management in 2017 at 10-m spatial resolution
Sea Level Rise Exposure	Duck Pier Local Sea Level Rise Scenario Statistics	Data lists northern North Carolina regional projected sea level rise in feet sea for five IPCC emissions scenarios.	Data was used to determine the likelihood of sea level rise inundation per emission scenario.	Data was produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; National Weather Service in coordination with the IPCC in 2017
Storm Surge Exposure	Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) Category 1-5 High Tide Simulations	Data depicts the simulated storm surges from tropical cyclones, developed using tens of thousands of simulations of climatology- based hypothetical tropical cyclones.	Modeled data from Category 1 through 5 storms were combined and inundation depth was categorized into severity values 1 through 5 used to assess storm surge risk under varying conditions across the landscape.	Data was produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service, National Hurricane Center in 2018 at 30-m spatial resolution
Storm Surge Exposure	<u>Hurricane Landfall</u> <u>Statistics</u>	Data lists all recorded hurricanes by category that have made landfall in the state of North Carolina since 1851.	Data was used to determine likelihood of storm surge exposure event by hurricane category.	Data was produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; National Weather Service
Social Vulnerability (geographic)	<u>Social Vulnerability</u> Index (SVI) 2018	Data represents a combination of socioeconomic factors that are used to identify and map the communities that will most likely need support before, during, and after a hazardous event.	Total SVI rankings were categorized using the flag approach and used to assess the most current socially vulnerable populations in the community.	Data was produced by the CDC's Division of Toxicology and Human Health Sciences, Geospatial Research, Analysis & Services Program (GRASP) in 2020 at the tract level
Social Vulnerability (geographic)	<u>Social Vulnerability</u> Index (SoVI) 2000	Data represents a combination of socioeconomic factors that are used to identify and map the communities that will most likely need support before, during, and after a hazardous event.	Total SoVI rankings were categorized using the flag approach and used to assess the socially vulnerable populations in the community at a localized scale.	Data was produced by the Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute, University of South Carolina in 2011 at the block group level

Field/Variable	Data Used to Define Field/Variable	Data Summary	Use in Risk and Vulnerability Assessment	Additional Information on Source Data
Estimated Cost	Assessor Parcel Boundaries	Data represents county level parcels with standardized attributes such as ownership, addresses and assessed monetary values	Monetary value fields such as Parcel Value, Land Value, and Improvement Value were used to calculate total estimated cost values for assets considered at risk.	Data was produced by the North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council in coordination with local government agencies and last updated 2022

APPENDIX F

Detail Maps of Assets and Hazards



Figure F-1. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-2. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-3. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-4. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-5. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-6. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-7. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-8. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-9. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-10. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



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Figure F-18. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-19. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-20. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-21. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-22. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



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Figure F-24. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-25. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-26. Detail map of assets and hazards, keys to Figure 7.



Figure F-27. Detail map of assets and hazards, Town of Ahoskie.



Figure F-28. Detail map of assets and hazards, Town of Murfreesboro.

APPENDIX G

Other Projects Considered

Project Name	Project Description	Source
Harrellsville "Island"	Increase the resiliency of NC 45 and NC 561 by elevating major low water crossings (such as Chinkapin Creek and Wiccacon River) and creating a regular maintenance program for culverts.	Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan – Hertford County
Ahoskie Creek and DT Road	Regular debris removal and consistent maintenance of this portion of Ahoskie Creek to improve hydraulic efficiency and minimize the risk of flooding during future storm events.	Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan – Hertford County
Murfreesboro Drainage & Culverts	Implement a program for regular culvert and ditch maintenance in town (4th Street, Jay Trail, Union Street, High Street, Spring Avenue).	Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan – Hertford County
Ebo Road Drainage & Culverts	Implement a program for regular culvert and ditch maintenance along Ebo Road near Como.	Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan – Hertford County
Como Drainage & Culverts	Implement a program for regular culvert and ditch maintenance along Buckhorn Church Road at Highway 258.	Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan – Hertford County
US 13 at Ahoskie Creek	Flooding cuts off access from Hertford County to Bertie County and other points south, presenting challenges for emergency access and commerce. Elevation of roadways, especially over Ahoskie Creek, and a regular culvert maintenance program to address this flooding.	Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan – Hertford County
Ahoskie Business District	Regular debris removal and consistent maintenance in this portion of Ahoskie Creek to improve hydraulic efficiency and minimize the risk of flooding during future storm events.	Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan – Hertford County
Funding via Grants to Alleviate Flooding	Actively work with federal, state, local and private partners to identify mitigation measures and secure funding via grants to alleviate flooding. Focus on the following areas: US 13 at Ahoskie Creek, Harrellsville Island, Ahoskie Creek and DT Road, Murfreesboro drainage and culverts, Ebo Road drainage and culverts, and Como drainage and culverts.	Albemarle Region Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020
Identify Drainage Problem Areas	At the local government staff level, work with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the Regional Planning Organization to identify drainage problem areas; develop resolutions for drainage issues created by NCDOT facilities, including inspections of channels, retention basins; and pursue debris removal as needed.	Albemarle Region Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020
Albemarle Regional Health Department - Ahoskie Facility	Identify a suitable replacement site and relocating all facilities and services of the health department to the new site. See agreement by and between Hertford County and Albemarle Regional Health Services, Section 3: Agreement, F(1)(c) Health Department Buildings, which details the obligation of Hertford County to design and construct a new public health building on or before July 1st, 2028. A specific location is not identified in the agreement. The County Board may want the building returned to Winton (County Seat). The orientation of the Courthouse and County Administration would accommodate a new Health Department opposite of County Administration. Regardless of the final location, the new Health Department is anticipated to be designed and constructed on a parcel less prone to flooding.	Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan - Hertford County
Wetland Restoration and Expansion	Protecting and expanding wetlands to increase flood capacity.	Public Meeting #1

Table G-1. Other Projects Considered for Hertford County, North Carolina