Code of Virginia

Title 15.2. Counties, Cities and Towns

Chapter 22. Planning, Subdivision of Land and Zoning

§ 15.2-2223.3. Comprehensive plan shall incorporate strategies to combat projected sea-level rise and recurrent flooding

Beginning July 1, 2015, any locality ~~included in the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission~~ in Tidewater Virginia, as defined in § 62.1-44.15:68, shall incorporate into the next scheduled and all subsequent reviews of its comprehensive plan strategies to combat projected relative sea-level rise and recurrent flooding. Such review shall be coordinated with the ~~other~~ adjacent localities ~~in the Hampton Roads~~ and the Planning District Commission of which the locality is a member. The Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Emergency Management, the Marine Resources Commission, the Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience at Old Dominion University, ~~and~~ the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, the Virginia Coastal Policy Center at the College of William and Mary, the Commonwealth’s Special Assistant for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, and the Commonwealth’s Chief Resilience Officer shall provide technical assistance to any such locality upon request. Where federal regulations as effective July 1, 2015 require a local hazard mitigation plan for participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program, such a plan may also be incorporated into the comprehensive plan. For a locality not participating in the FEMA Community Rating System, the comprehensive plan may include an action plan and time frame for such participation.

2015, c. [186](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?151%2Bful%2BCHAP0186).

The chapters of the acts of assembly referenced in the historical citation at the end of this section may not constitute a comprehensive list of such chapters and may exclude chapters whose provisions have expired.