



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Coastal Storm Risk Management Study – Public Meeting

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Type of Item: Informational

Focused Action Plan Initiative

People: **1.1 Continue to develop and enhance opportunities for civic engagement and education.**

Summary

The Norfolk District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the City of Virginia Beach are hosting a series of virtual and in-person public meetings to collect input on the strategies developed in the Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) Study. The virtual meeting information is available on the project website: <https://www.nao.usace.army.mil/About/Projects/VBCSRM/>

The public meetings will be held:

- Thursday, January 22, 2026 – Virtual – 2:00 – 3:30 pm
- Monday, January 26, 2026 – Kempsville High School – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 27, 2026 – Virtual – 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, January 28, 2026 – Kellam High School – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Thursday, January 29, 2026 – W.T. Cooke Elementary School – 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Background

- The CSRM Study was authorized by Section 1201 of the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, dated January 3, 2018.
- USACE Norfolk District and the City of Virginia Beach signed a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement on July 21, 2022.
- The CSRM Study will develop a plan to increase the City's resilience against sea level rise in the future.
- As part of the CSRM Study, USACE Norfolk District has developed structural protection alignments for Back Bay, Elizabeth River, Little Creek Cove, Lynnhaven Inlet, Rudee Inlet, and West Neck Creek.

Stakeholder Engagement

- Virtual public webinars were held in December 2024.
- Public information meetings were held on February 3, 5, 6, and 8, 2025.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me or the Director of Public Works, LJ Hansen, P.E., at LJHansen@vbgov.com or (757) 385-8740.