



## City Council Staff Report

**Subject:** Flood Protection Program (FPP) Update  
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### Focused Action Plan Initiative

**Places:** 2.24 Continue to implement the Flood Prevention Bond Referendum through the ongoing execution of the Flood Protection Program.

### Summary

Jeffrey Waller, P.E., the Chair of the Flood Protection Bond Referendum Oversight Board, will provide information on the FPP and Board activities since the last quarterly briefing. Scott Miller, member of the Flood Protection Bond Referendum Oversight Board, will provide observations about his participation with the Board. Leisha Pica, P.E. from Jacobs Engineering, the consultant Program Manager for the Flood Protection Program (FPP), will present the FPP update with information about project status, challenges, upcoming project milestones, and program spending. She will also present information on FPP highlights from 2025.

### The Opportunity

- The FPP will address flooding issues within the City of Virginia Beach to create resilience for a viable community into the future
- Process improvements made for the FPP are providing benefits to other capital programs such as Transportation and Facilities.

### Background

In November 2021, Virginia Beach voters overwhelmingly supported a resiliency package for several key flood protection initiatives to include drainage improvements, tide gates, pump stations and flood barriers throughout the City. Additional information on the FPP can be found on the program website at: <https://pw.virginiabeach.gov/stormwater/flood-protection-program>.

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