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We are the American Flood Coalition

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Our 4 pillars for solutions to flooding and sea level rise

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<td>Invest in infrastructure and natural solutions that boost the economy and protect property values</td>
<td>Use smart planning to keep communities safe and save taxpayer dollars</td>
<td>Build back stronger to protect communities from future flooding</td>
<td>Ensure our military installations are ready to deploy 365 days a year</td>
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Protecting communities that are vulnerable to flooding and sea level rise is a national issue that must be met with national solutions—it is vitally important to our country’s citizen well-being, economic strength, and security.

With proactive planning and smart policy, flood-affected communities can adapt and thrive.

But we must act now.
What we provide

A strong platform to advocate as part of a nonpartisan group for national solutions to sea level rise and flooding that invest in and protect our coastal communities

A forum for best practices and support in developing local and state-level responses to sea level rise flooding

Opportunities and tools to communicate with residents on sea level rise challenges and solutions, including media opportunities if you’re interested
We launched our rebrand on 9/5.

Reasons behind this change were to:

- **Reduce confusion** around the word “Seawall”
- **Be more inclusive** of communities and solutions
Legislative update
Defense Access Roads amendment was signed into law

- The NDAA, including Rep. Taylor's DAR amendment, was **signed into law on August 13, 2018**

- This victory was notable for several reasons:
  - The amendment **passed the House en bloc**
  - This happened in spite of the **historically difficult environment** for legislating
  - We did this **extremely quickly**, in just 4 months

- Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Transportation must **report back in 30 and 90 days** on DAR projects

- **The next step is to increase funding** through a dedicated funding line for DAR projects
**Legislative update**

After Hurricane Florence, we are advocating for smart policy in disaster-related legislation

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<td><strong>Disaster Recovery Reform Act</strong></td>
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<td>● Establishes new Pre-disaster Mitigation Fund for Public Infrastructure</td>
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<td>● Authorizes new funding line for mitigation at level of 6% total annual disaster relief</td>
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<td>● Allows President to contribute max. 75% of cost for hazard mitigation measures</td>
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*We will work to make sure that DRRA authorities are fully implemented and that the language is strengthened*
Opportunities we see

**Resilience Revolving Fund**
- State-wide revolving fund that would help coastal and inland communities address recurrent flooding
- Funding may be available through $500m additional tax revenue Virginia is getting from tax reform

**Expansion of Land Preservation tax credit**
- Open to allow areas prone to flooding or in high-risk zones to be used for mitigation efforts

We’re supportive of

**HB.229 and S.985 from ‘18 Session**
- Great start in putting forth an innovative way to fund necessary projects in Virginia
- Attention to economic impacts to the state due to flooding is critical

**Ballot initiative on partial tax exemption**
- Strong effort to give autonomy back to the municipalities in a way that will benefit Virginia’s communities
Thank you!