



Resiliency in the Commonwealth

History



- **2014** - Governor Terry McAuliffe issued Executive Order 19 convening the Virginia Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission.
- **2014** –Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran named Chief Resilience Officer
- **2015** - Virginia Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission issued report and final recommendations
- **2016** - Commonwealth secured \$120.5 million grants through HUD’s National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC).
- **2017** – VDEM Recovery and Resilience Division established

VDEM Recovery and Resilience Division



• 2017 Accomplishments

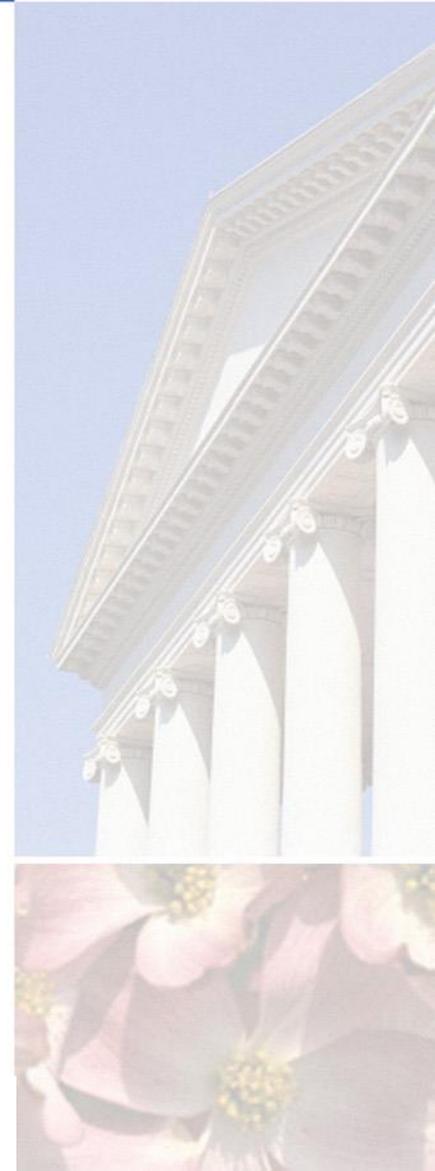
- Initiated the development of the Statewide Recovery Annex to the COVEOP
- Resilient Virginia Conference
- Established a risk reduction working group with other state agencies
- Supporting the restructuring of Regional Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs)
- Flood Mitigation and Resilience Coordinator position hired

VDEM Recovery and Resilience Division



- 2018 Goals

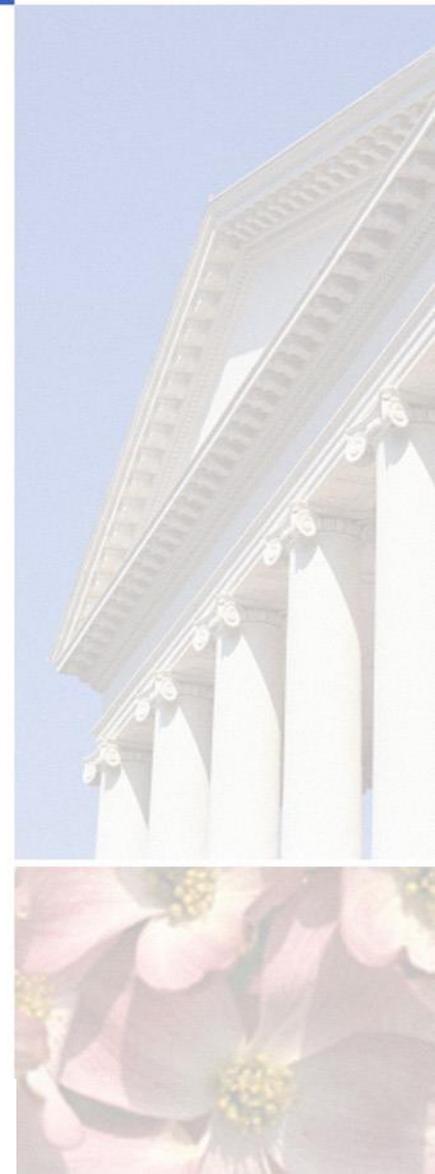
- Develop a division strategic plan
- Identify potential funding sources and opportunities to leverage public funds to maximize community resilience
- Develop a “whole community” approach to facilitate messaging, outreach and education to reduce vulnerability.



Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund



- 2016 General Assembly Session - SB282 established the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund
 - Purpose: Creating a low-interest loan program to help residents and businesses that are subject to recurrent flooding..
 - Virginia Resources Authority –
 - Manage the fund
 - VDEM –
 - Develop guidelines for usage of the funds (under development)



VDEM and the US Army Corps of Engineers Studies



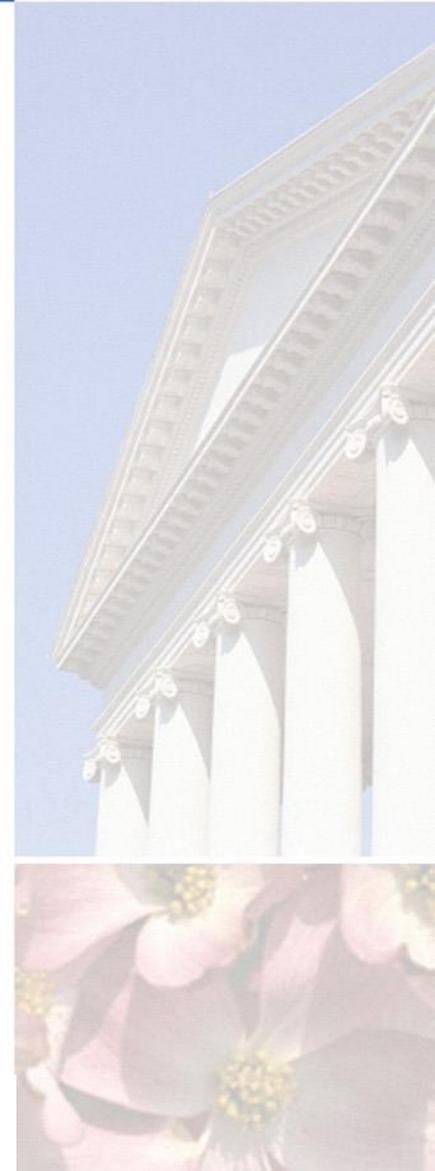
- North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study (NACCS)
- Coastal Storm Risk Management Framework: Risk Management Measures
- Norfolk Flood Risk Management Study
- Multi-Jurisdictional Resiliency Strategy
- Commonwealth assistance:
 - Assist with Cost Sharing Challenge
 - Provide Guidance and vision on State-level priorities to address recurrent flooding



FEMA and VDEM



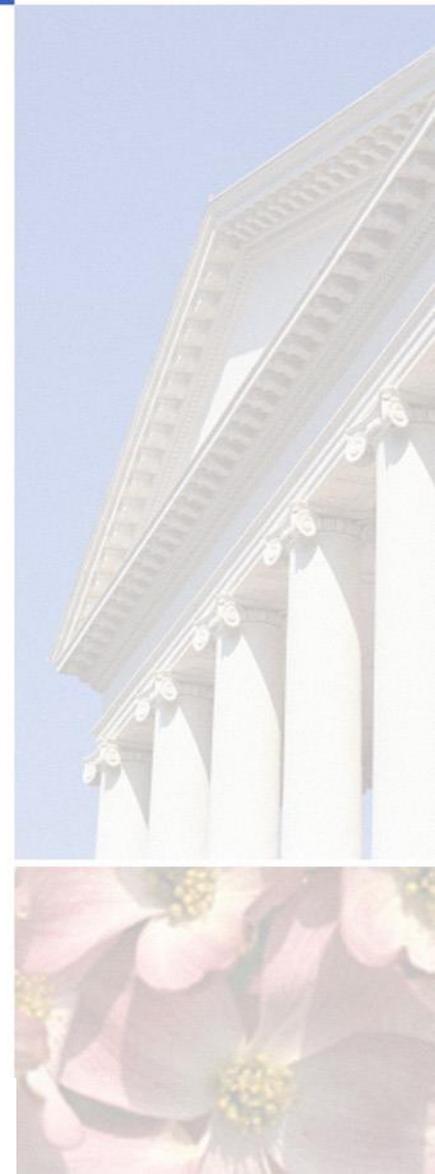
- Developing resilience indicators
- Risk and disaster resilience assessments
- Long-term vulnerability reduction
- Methods for long-term economic recovery
- Pushing Community Rating System education and facilitation



Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency

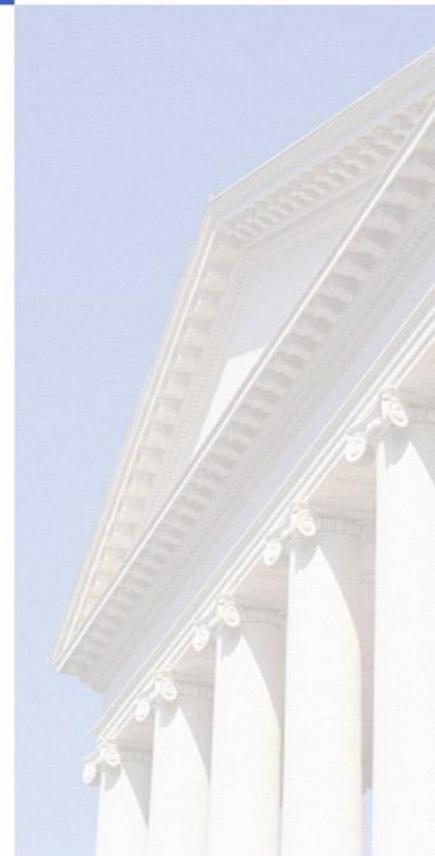


- 2016 General Assembly passed legislation establishing the center to:
 - Serve, advise, and support the Commonwealth by conducting interdisciplinary studies and investigations
 - Provide training, technical and nontechnical services, and outreach in the area of recurrent flooding and resilience
- VDEM Recovery and Resilience Division working closely with Center on resilience strategic planning





Questions?





Thank You

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