Sea Grant & Virginia Sea Grant

- Federal-State, University-based Partnership

- Virginia Sea Grant College Program
  - Seven-university (VIMS/W&M, UVA, VT, GMU, JMU, ODU, VCU)
  - Research and graduate & post-grad fellowships
  - Outreach and extension
  - Communication and management activities

- Invest in People Strategy – Professional Development
Public-Private Partnerships

• Summer resilience research fellows and post-graduate resilience fellows
Origins of GO Virginia project

- Chesterfield Heights $120M HUD
GO Virginia – Region 6 grant

- Water Management Economy: Louisiana Experience

Currently: 118,370 jobs with average wage of $82,778

23.4% growth in sector by 2027
Learning from Louisiana

- Nov 2, 2018. Williamsburg

Stephen Moret, President & CEO of VA Economic Development Partnership (and former Secretary of Louisiana’s Department of Economic Development)

John Davies, President, Baton Rouge Area Foundation

Justin Ehrenwerth, President & CEO, Water Institute of the Gulf and housed on the LSU Water Campus.

Jeff Carney, Director, LSU Coastal Sustainability Studio and housed on the LSU Water Campus.

Robert Twilley, Director, LA Sea Grant and Chairman of Board for Coastal Sustainability Studio.
Work Group Meetings

- 2018 & 2019 (Three total)

- Participants
  - Universities and Community Colleges
  - Local government
  - State government
  - NGOs – economic development, business incubators, green infrastructure
  - Industry
  - Foundations
  - General Assembly members
Virginia’s “water campus”

- Mapping our capacity

  - Cross-regions, multi-university, multi-sector resilience landscape:
    - Workforce development,
    - R&D infrastructure & systems,
    - Innovation & commercialization,
    - Entrepreneurship & business development,
    - Funding & capital, etc.
    - Leverage blue/green assets
Roadmap forward

• Toward Virginia’s water management economy

• Framework & Tools: Draft MOUs and Cooperative Agreements
  • Communication, coordination and collaboration pathways
  • Roles & responsibilities of parties
  • Partnership opportunities

• Recommendations:
  • Identify key strategic workforce and innovation opportunities
  • Identify key gaps in economic development system.