



School of
Public Service
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HAMPTON ROADS ADAPTATION FORUM

Site-Level Resilience Strategies

January 9, 2026 from 9.00 am – 2.00 pm

1st floor Conference Room, Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center
Old Dominion University, 1030 University Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23435

AGENDA

8:30AM	Coffee, bagels, pastries, and fruit
9:00AM	Welcome and introductions Wie Yusuf, <i>School of Public Service, Old Dominion University</i> Andrew Larkin, <i>Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience, Old Dominion University</i>
9:10 AM	Designing resilient sites: The Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Area Development Plan • Paula Loomis, <i>The Urban Collaborative, LLC</i> Q&A
9:40 AM	Evaluating local and regional resilience plans approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation • Trang Le, <i>Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience, Old Dominion University</i> • Ian Blair, <i>Wetlands Watch</i> Q&A
10:15 AM	Break and networking
10:25 AM	Implementing nature-based site-level designs for resilient natural areas • Ragged Island Wildlife Management Area Living Shoreline Project – David Norris, <i>Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources</i> • Pleasure House Point Natural Area Wetlands Project – Mike Tippin and Margo Shyla, <i>City of Virginia Beach</i> Q&A
11:15 AM	Beneficial use of dredge material (BUDM) for resilience projects • Progress on BUDM in Virginia – Jefferson Flood, <i>Virginia Coastal Zone Management</i> • Pleasure House Point Island Wetlands Thin Layer Placement Project Design – Heather Lockwood, <i>USACE Norfolk District</i> Q&A
12:05 PM	Lunch and networking
12:50 PM	Evaluating impacts of resilience solutions via hydrodynamic modeling and drone verification of aerial flooding extents • Derek Loftis, <i>Virginia Institute of Marine Science</i> Q&A
1:10 PM	Lessons from the Dutch Dialogues • Ben McFarlane, <i>Hampton Roads Planning District Commission</i> • Scott Smith, <i>City of Hampton</i> Discussion
1:50 PM	Legislative update: Mary Carson Stiff, <i>Wetlands Watch & Environmental Defense Fund</i> HRPDC update: Ben McFarlane, <i>Hampton Roads Planning District Commission</i>