



# CAMBRIDGE SHORELINE RESILIENCE PLAN STAKEHOLDER MEETING NOTES APRIL 13, 2021

Virtual meeting conducted. Stakeholder in attendance included:

Name	Organization/Department
Amanda Fenstermaker	Dorchester Director of Tourism
Larry White	Strategic Programs Development, LLC
Patricia Escher	Cambridge Planning & Zoning Manager
Kayhla Cornell	MEMA-Mitigation Planner
Stacey Underwood	USACE Silver Jackets Coordinator
Kevin Wagner	MDE-Community Assistance Program Manager
Debbie Herr Cornwell	Maryland Department of Planning
Daryl Butcher	Cambridge Waterfront Development Inc (CWDI)
George Hyde	Cambridge City Engineer
Steve Garvin	Dorchester Emergency Management Planner
Herve Hamon	Dorchester Director of Planning & Zoning
Sasha Land	DNR- Flood Mitigation Planner
Jaleesa Tate	MEMA-State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Tom Bolan	Cambridge Finance Director
Steve Rideout	
Scott Shores	Cambridge GIS/IT Specialist
Matt Pluta	Director of Riverkeeper Programs
Patrick Comiskey	Cambridge City Manager

## Stakeholder Survey Results

Results of the stakeholder survey were reviewed by meeting participants. Results included:

- Website domain name: [makecambridgeresilient.org](http://makecambridgeresilient.org);
- Monthly meetings of the stakeholder group, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

## Draft Project Website Preview

Meeting participants were shown the draft website and including individual pages and initial site content. The website included the plan logo and color scheme.

## Draft Project Goals & Objectives

Suggestions were made by meeting participants following the review of draft goals and objectives.

- Use current goals as overarching goals then develop site specific objectives, such as mitigate roadway flooding within area.
- Objective 1 – Clarify if the plan will be submitted as a Nuisance Flood Plan; alter language Objective 1. Sasha Land indicated that she is willing to assist the City with NFP and is available for further discussion.

## Overview of “High Risk Areas”

These areas include:

- (1) Great Marsh Park,
- (2) West End where private property exists along the shoreline,
- (3) Yacht Club and City Marina where open land extends to Cambridge Creek,
- (4) Cambridge Creek, which is fully developed along its banks, and
- (5) Sailwinds, which is a 24-acre track under development by the Cambridge Waterfront Development Inc.

Ideas for potential projects in each of the high risk areas were outlined in the slideshow.

- Stacey Underwood, USACE suggested scheduling a site visit for stakeholders, as many are not familiar with the areas under discussion.
- A suggestion was made by Sasha Land, DNR, to consider adding specialists to assess each area, for instance, a technical team based on the specifics of each area and the mitigation ideas under consideration.
- In addition, Ms. Land suggested researching additional best management practices to include each site’s concept designs, such as, floating docks.
- A suggestion was made and echoed by several state agency representatives that a special meeting be convened with state agency partners to discuss the planning process, goals, objectives, and potential mitigation ideas.

## Great Marsh Living Levee Project

Slides were presented depicting potential ideas/renderings for this area. Comments from stakeholders included:

- Understand how the park is currently used and consider how the concept design may alter the use - Ironman/Eagleman
  - Events only occur once a year, flood mitigation more important than accommodating events.
- Flood risk management measures that alter the FEMA regulated floodplain will prompt map revisions, this type of work must be coordinated with multiple project partners and agencies, including affected property owners.
- The question as to whether there was a federal interest in this area was posed.
- Idea was given for a joint review panel for concept design.
- Stacey Underwood indicated that USACE designs flood risk management projects to a certain Design Flood Elevation (could be the Base Flood Elevation but does not have to be) plus an estimated Sea Level Rise height plus an additional 2-4 feet for risk and uncertainty.
- Jaleesa Tate, MEMA indicated that any changes to the SOW, must be submitted and approved by FEMA prior to commencing said work.

FEMA uses the BFE plus 3 feet freeboard for the top of levee/floodwall structures for levee accreditation and to show the buildings behind are outside the BFE - they do not incorporate SLR.

## Next Steps

- Stakeholder Website Review & Comment
- Public Launch of Website- May 2021
- **Stakeholder Meeting & Site Visit- May 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM**
- State Agency Partners Meeting- TBD
- Great Marsh Area Open House(s)- TBD