

# FLOOD RISK REDUCTION COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

March 22, 2022

5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Dorchester Center for the Arts located at 321 High Street Cambridge, MD

Hosted by: The City of Cambridge and Dorchester County

**Purpose:** To provide an opportunity for property owners to obtain information on various flood risk reduction options, grant, and technical assistance opportunities.

## Public Meeting Agenda

5:30-6:00 PM **Open House-** Please visit the various display stations and speak to subject matter experts in the Gallery Area and Second Floor Performance Hall.

### Open House Display Stations

- Make Cambridge Resilient Flood Mitigation Project- Larry White, Project Manager
- Hoopersville Resiliency Study- Anna Johnson, PE, BayLand Consultants & Designers
- Twin Point Cove Resiliency Study- John Ouellette, Versar
- Dorchester County Hazard Mitigation Plan- Michele King, SP&D & Jimmy Windsor, Dorchester County Dept. of Emergency Services
- CRS & Flood Insurance -Jason Boothe, Dorchester County Environmental Planner
- Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration Project- Kristen Keene, MDOT Maryland Port Administration
- MyCoast Maryland- Sasha Land and Kate Vogel- Coastal Planners, Chesapeake & Coastal Service, Department of Natural Resources

6:00-6:10

### Welcome & Introductions

Larry White, Make Cambridge Resilient Flood Mitigation Project Manager and Herve' O. Hamon, Dorchester County Director of Planning and Zoning

6:10-7:00

**Presentations-** Second Floor Performance Hall

**Techniques to Reduce Flooding for Homes and Businesses** - This presentation will introduce techniques for modifying residential and commercial buildings to reduce flooding.

Presenter: Jason Stick, Geographer U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Baltimore District Technical Assistance Branch

**Floodplain Management: We're All in This Together!** - This presentation will provide an overview of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and how it can be a resilience tool to reduce flood risk in the community. We'll cover the three key components of the NFIP: Flood Risk Mapping, Floodplain Management Regulations and Mitigation Actions, and Flood Insurance. We'll also talk about the NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS) that benefits Dorchester County residents by reducing the cost of their flood insurance.

Presenter: Kevin G. Wagner, Community Assistance Program Manager, Maryland Department of the Environment

**Using River-Friendly Yard Practices to Mitigate Flooding** - This presentation will provide information on River-Friendly Yards practices, resources, and ShoreRivers' rebate program, so you can leave ready to make positive change in your own backyard.

Presenter: Matt Pluta, Director of Riverkeeper Programs- Choptank Riverkeeper, ShoreRivers

7:00-7:30

**Break-** Please visit the various display stations and speak to subject matter experts in the Gallery Area and Second Floor Performance Hall.

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**Presentations Continued-** Second Floor Performance Hall (see next page)

**MyCoast MD; Be a voice for your community; Take pictures; Submit a Report; Inspire Action!** - MyCoast Maryland is a portal to collect and analyze photos of flooding and storm damage. Photos are linked to data about weather and tides to create reports that help government agencies, business owners, and residents understand impacts in your community and encourage action to reduce localized flooding.

Presenters: Sasha Land and Kate Vogel- Coastal Planners, Chesapeake & Coastal Service, Department of Natural Resources

**FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants** – This presentation provides information on FEMA's hazard mitigation assistance funding for eligible mitigation measures that reduce disaster losses. Mitigation project grant applications are developed by local governments and submitted to the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM). MDEM is responsible for selecting local mitigation projects from around the State that aligns with MDEM's mitigation priorities for submittal to FEMA. FEMA grant programs for flood mitigation include Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC).

Presenter: Adam Cox, Lead Hazard Mitigation Specialist, Maryland Department of Emergency Management.