



DC Flood Task Force Meeting Minutes

**DC Flood Task Force
Combined Residential Resilience and
Governance and Coordination Action Team
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2022
Virtual WebEx Meeting
10:30pm – 12:30pm**

Meeting began at 10:35 am with the following members, agencies, and support staff in attendance.

VM = Voting Member

Attending Voting Members and Support Staff

Office of Deputy Mayor for Operations and Infrastructure (DMOI)

1. Alan Propp

District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water)

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| 1. Apera Nwora | 3. John Lisle |
| 2. Salil Kharkar | 4. Barbara Mitchell |

District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)

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| 1. Nicholas Bonard | 3. Joshua Schnitzlein | 5. Sarah Edwards |
| 2. Meredith Upchurch | 4. Lily Cheng | 6. Victor Ukpolo |

District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)

1. Anne Graf

District Department of Transportation

1. EJ Jones

District of Columbia Office of Planning (OP)

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| 1. Stephen Gyor (VM) | 2. Elisa Vitale |
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District Of Columbia Department Of Insurance, Securities, And Banking (DISB)

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| 1. Philip Barlow | 3. Angela King |
| 2. Philip Edmonds | 4. Sharon Shipp |

District of Columbia Office of Risk Management (ORM)

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| 1. Robert Preston | 2. Jane Water |
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District of Columbia Department of Public Works (DPW)

1. Andrew Gerst

District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)

1. Chris Bailey

Attending Consulting Members and Support Staff

District of Columbia Mayor's Office of Racial Equity



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1. Amber Hewitt
2. Emily Ruskin

District of Columbia Office of the People's Counsel (OPC)

1. Stephen Dudek

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG)

1. Steve Bieber

District of Columbia Building Industry Association (DCBIA)

1. Cellerino Bernardino

Federal City Council (FCC)

1. Lindsay Brugger

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District

1. Stacey Underwood

National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)

1. Julia Koster

Facilitation Team - Monash Advisory Group

1. Monte Monash
2. Nick Hall
3. Rachel Kendrick

Other Attendees

1. Alex Cross
2. Dana Sheppard
3. Imania Price
4. Katie Dyer
5. Melvyn Smith

10:35am | Welcome and Opening Remarks

Monte Monash provided overview of taskforce and meeting agenda.

10:45am | Public Education/Outreach

John Lyles from DC Water started the agenda topic discussion with DC Water's outreach efforts for flooding:

- Rebate Program
- Backwater Valve Program
- On Call Operations Center
- Meetings with elected officials and ANCs/Community walkthroughs

Next, Victor Upkolo from DC DOEE discussed outreach for flooding:

- Sustained engagement plan

- Bi-annual Mailers sent to homeowners in floodplain to include brochure with resources
- ACAD – different stations for students at high schools to educate students on flooding
- FloodSmart Homes
- DC Flood Week
- Stipends for residents to attend meetings
- Community partner project – funding from FEMA to fund Community-based organizations to work with DC DOEE on flood education
- Flood simulator allows simulation of flooding depending on different conditions/scenarios
- Watts Branch E-Learning modules for community
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwAZG4FH_68&list=PLwVWUpQJ7PLj0tS1Mk5Q_bnsAmVZhHmYQ
- Customized floodmaps for residents/communities

11:15pm | FY24 Budget Priority

Meredith requested to share budget for FY24 for outreach.

Shared action plans and FY24 action plan budget requests spreadsheet.

Request that agencies please add or edit to spreadsheet.

Trying to document money secured for FY23 and FY24 and need for FY24 budget request

FY24 Action Plan Budget Requests

DRAFT - Work in Progress

Action Plan #	Program / Budget Request	Agency	FY23 Secured	FY24 Secured	FY24 Local Request	FY24 Federal Request
4.1	Expand Backwater Valve Installations	DC Water	\$0	\$0	\$950K	\$2.2M
1.6	Conduct Outreach to Increase Number of Flood-Insured Residents	DISB	\$100K	\$100K		
1.7	Storm Damage Remediation Program Research	DISB	\$10K	\$10K		
1.7	Storm Damage Remediation Payment Implementation	DISB	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
6.6	Floodplain construction project oversight	DOB			\$150K	
3.1	Flood Smart Homes	DOEE	\$2.8M		\$2.6M	
7.1	Integrated Flood Model	DOEE	\$3M	\$2.5M	\$1M	
8.4	Flood Education, Outreach, and Advertisements	DOEE	\$55K	\$55K		
1.5	DOEE Staff to support District application & reporting to FEMA Community Rating System	DOEE			\$120K	
8.2	Drainage Committee Complaint Database	DOEE	\$30K			
8.3	P Street SW Levee Closure Contractor	HSEMA			\$150K	
8.4	Flood Risk Outreach	HSEMA			\$5K	
8.5	Additional 311 Capacity for calls routed from DC Water during a Flood Event	HSEMA	\$400K			
9.3	Install Flood Warning Signs and Flood Warning Sensors at flood prone intersections	HSEMA/DDOT	\$200K			\$200K

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Meredith confirmed she sent this out this morning to agency partners for comment. If folks don't see anything or have adjustments, please make them so that DOEE can see them.

Infrastructure project list

FY24 Infrastructure Projects Budgets

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Infrastructure Project	Agency	FY23 Secured	FY24 Secured	FY24 Local Request	FY24 Federal Request
Plantwide Storm Drain Project at Blue Plains	DC Water				
Blue Plains Floodwall Segments	DC Water				
Sewer System Rehabilitation CIP for flood reduction	DC Water				
Canal Road Culvert	DDOT				
Cleveland Park Drainage and Stormwater Improvement	DDOT				
East Capitol St underpass at 295	DDOT				
SW/Buzzard Point Flood Protection & Living Shoreline	DDOT				
Palisades Stormwater Improvements	DDOT				
ROW Citywide SWM Improvements	DDOT				
SW Buzzard Point Interior Flood Resilience at Lansburgh/King Greenleaf Park	DOEE/DGS/DPR	\$300K	\$18M	\$6M	
Watts Branch Flood Mitigation & BGI	DOEE	\$580K			
Oxon Run Stream and Wetland Restoration	DOEE				
Kenilworth Park North/Watts Branch	DOEE				
Citywide Resilience Focus Areas (RFA) Studies	DOEE				
Ivy City interior flooding at Mount Olivet & W VA Ave, Lewis Crowe Park Improvement	DPR/DCHA				
Flood Mitigation in Parks and Open Space citywide	DPR/DGS				
District buildings and facilities flood protection	DGS				

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Purpose is to show folks what money would go towards projects that we already have and what we will be requesting for future budgets.

Nick Bonard – This is internal. It will not go into official budget unless each agency puts in.

Chat Text: from Melvyn to everyone: 11:18 AM In furtherance of Meredith’s ask, could we create a calendar of events for shared awareness? There are likely many activities that multiple agencies could benefit from participating within.

11:19 am | Funding Survey Responses

Barbara Mitchell of DC Water walked through the funding survey responses. **Survey responses shared can be found in the staff presentation posted on the website.*

11:___ am | Update on Insurance Options

Phillip – DISB is still examining coverage through Captive. Insurance proposal to lower limits tied to the deductible for NFIP policy. Low limit quicker payment program. Currently proposing. Still looking at Captive.

12:26 pm | Next Steps & Close Out

Nick Bonard of DOEE shared the following dates:

- Action Plans Closing Public Comment - October 28
- Agency Review following October 28.
- Agency budget requests MUST be in own budget request, not the taskforce budget sheet.

Meeting ended at 12:___ pm.