

# DC Flood Task Force | Action Team Meeting

## Governance and Coordination



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#### Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2022

Virtual WebEx Meeting

10:30am – 12:00pm

Meeting began on 6/14 at 10:30 am with members, agency leads, and support staff.

#### 10:30 am | Welcome and Opening Remarks

Rachel Kendrick started went over Task Force schedule, Category Action Teams, and the purpose and background.

#### 10:34 am | Status on 'Current Greenlit' Projects for Action Plans

Nick Bonard reminded TF of the Action Plan draft overview of expectations and needs. He shared a list of Action Plans that will be presented at full taskforce meeting on July 20. Action Category leads then gave status up the categories that have not presented an Action Plan to the group (Categories 5,6,8,9).

#### Category 5: Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Projects – DMOI

##### 5.1 Develop an Annual List of Capital Projects

- Alan Propp - still pulling board list together adding their rough cost and timeline of those cost. Identifying if it was apart of pipeline or needed to be included
- Will allow them to track projects and identify any gaps
- More discussion to be had on how to prioritize projects in pipeline

#### Category 8: Flood Mitigation Planning & Coordination – DMOI

##### 8.1 Update DC Silver Jackets MOU to include all participating District Agencies as signatories

- No updates, a matter of connecting with Silver Jackets and updating
- Will require staffing and routing process to sign. It will require some action but not too difficult of a lift on agencies

#### Category 9: Flood Emergency Planning Response, and Recovery – DDOT/HSEMA

##### 9.3 Install Flashing Warning signs at oft-flooded intersections – HSEMA Lead

- Vermechia Aslop — action plan is in good position
- Bonard – Vermechia and DDOT working and will include specific intersections.
- Vermechia Aslop – upwards of 20 intersections and getting feedback notes from taskforce and Silver Jackets. They are trying to ensure the project has a comprehensive view
- Bonard – Chance for folks on July meeting to validate intersections

#### Category 6: Regulations, Legislation, Compliance and Permitting – DCRA & DOEE

##### 6.2 Update Construction Codes to Adopt 2021 I-codes – DCRA Lead

- Lay out timeline on adoption and what that looks like
- They have Appendix G on Flooding and they are revising now to think of what common sense regulations they can implement now to give guidance on how to proceed

- Long process for when construction codes is adopted. Chris Bailey - We are in the middle of it.
- Chris Bailey – comment period to understand I-codes
- Will be another comment period in August following task force meeting
- 2023 Spring adoption projected timeline. May happen sooner.

Bonard – important thing is the timeline to finish adoption

Bailey – within action plan there is a need to provide summary of effective i-code changes so we can keep them together and present them. Does not want lost window of opportunity during the fall.

Modification can't be made. Some cases there is already a public comment process. If proposal is agreed upon, that can be moved forward if language doesn't change.

Bonard - the i-codes action plan – Nick will get back.

Meredith Upchurch – backwater valve requirements discussion and other inspection coordination should be identified earlier so they can get into the update

Bailey - yes, once approved it is hard to modify. Proposal must be as close to final document as possible to move forward. 8-15-22 is after comment period in September. Chris is concerned at the date.

Meredith. I think we will be OK as things are already identified in updates. But should go through to make sure.

Bailey – be mindful of window while presenting.

\*\*Update on the approval of the 20+ Action Plans – the TF will give agencies a chance to look at Action Plans and comment for revisions before they are released to the public due to budgetary requirements. The public will have an opportunity to comment in September for a one-month period. It will be posted on the website, send link to anyone who attended the Public meetings, and shared with interested organization groups.

#### 11:03 AM | Julia Koster, NCPC : District–Federal Collaboration

Julia Koster - Biden Admin Executive Order 14030 - key issue asks federal agencies to establish tougher standard for new construction or substantial renovation. Currently, feds use 100-year floodplain standard.

- New guidance gives federal agencies 3 different approaches using the 500-year floodplain, +2 or +3 above freeboard value or using a climate-approved science approach.
- Feds are developing guidance to fit mission and operation. Different agencies may use a different approach, but bottom line is they will all be looking at higher floodplain standard.
- Also, EO encourages nature based and resilience approaches. NCPC generally anticipating using standard by federal application agency.

#### 11:22 AM | Flood Compliant Reporting and Drainage Committee Interrelationship

Salil Khakar presented goal is to create interagency cooperation for reporting and collecting data when people call in a problem.

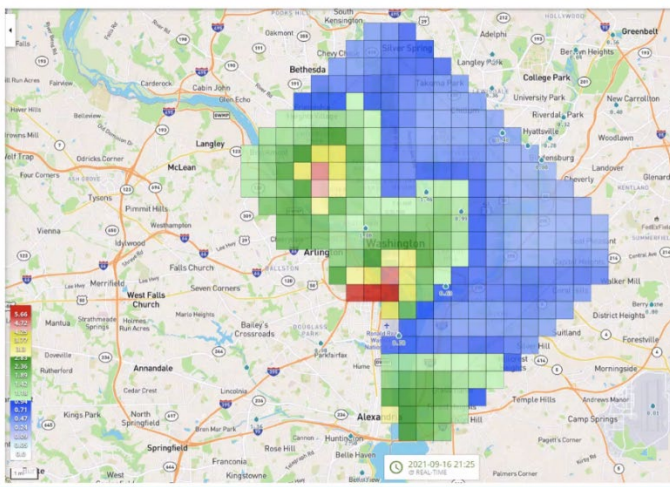
- Salil/Chris – how to explain to homeowner what is happening so that they understand it. Not an easy discussion.
- There needs to be an assignment of which agency will assess the damage from flooding event
- Stephen – managing consumer expectations. Whenever someone goes out, what is the fruitfulness? Is it a DC Water cause or act of god? The concern is who's going to help. Identified the problem but now I have \$20K of property damage – where do I go from here? Something to

address. We need to be upfront with them. We can only investigate/not provide funding/solution. Frustration was that what other remedies were out there?

**11:39 am | Drainage Committee – Needs and Opportunities**

- Meredith – there are a lot of problems that can be solved. What are the pathways to develop solutions? Getting senior management to recognize problems and determine where agencies can/can't do the work.
- Case tracking and data sharing between agencies. – Josh mentioned importance of data tracking. Could we have an internal interagency document logging public complaint?
- Salil-common complaint is “I just bought this house, and I didn't know it had a water problem?”

**Anticipated Rainfall for a single event map - Salil 11:48pm**



- Bonard - input of integrated flood model.
- Bailey – Would know vulnerabilities based on this map.
- Meredith – DC Water has 4 rain gauges. Any others?

**11: 58 am | Close Out**

Nick went over homework to TF members in preparation for next Action Team meetings and Task Force meeting July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting ended at 12:04 pm.