

# DC Flood Task Force Meeting Minutes



**DC Flood Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2022  
Virtual WebEx Meeting  
2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Meeting began at 2:04 pm with the following members, agencies, and support staff in attendance.

VM = Voting Member

**Attending Voting Members and Support Staff**

Deputy Mayor for Operations and Infrastructure (DMOI)

1. Alan Propp (VM)

District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water)

1. Apera Nwora
2. Salil Kharkar (VM)
3. David Gadis
4. John Lisle
5. Kirsten Bowden Williams
6. Barbara Mitchell

District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)

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| 1. Tommy Wells  | 4. Nicholas Bonard   | 6. Sarah Edwards |
| 2. Lily Cheng   | 5. Meredith Upchurch |                  |
| 3. Jackie Zidar | (VM)                 |                  |

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

1. Vermechia Alsop
2. Alec Coutroulis
3. Andrew Worrell
4. Kenya Troutman

District of Columbia Office of Planning (OP)

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| 1. Stephen Gyor (VM) | 2. Elisa Vitale | 3. Imania Price |
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District of Columbia Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking (DISB)

1. Philip Edmonds (VM)
2. Angela King
3. Philip Barlow
4. Karima Woods

District of Columbia Office of Risk Management (ORM)

1. Jed Ross (VM)

District of Columbia Department of Public Works (DPW)

1. Andrew Gerst
2. Melvyn Smith (VM)

District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT)

1. EJ Simie (VM)
2. Ravindra Ganvir

District of Columbia Department of Building (DOB)

1. Christopher Bailey (VM)

District of Columbia Department of General Services (DGS)

1. Matt Floca (VM)

**Attending Consulting Members and Support Staff**

Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM)

1. Robert Preston

District of Columbia Mayor's Office of Racial Equity

1. Amber Hewitt (VM)

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

1. Yohannes Mariam

District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA)

1. Thor Nelson

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG)

1. Steve Bieber
2. Katie Dyer



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District of Columbia Building Industry Association (DCBIA)

1. Cell Bernardino

National Park Service (NPS)

1. Tammy Stidham

PEPCO

1. James Pittman

## **Facilitation Team - Monash Advisory Group**

1. Monte Monash
2. Rachel Kendrick

## **Other Attendees**

1. Thomas Glassic
2. Yiqi Zhao
3. Glenn Hugo

## **2: 05pm | Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Summary of Task Force
- Flood Task Force Final Report – will be delivered February 2023
- 2 Action teams – Residential Resilience and Governance & Coordination
- Post Final Report, Flood Task Force will meet annually
  - Discuss progress on Action Plans
  - Discuss budgeting for Action Plan priorities
- Remarks from Director Tommy Wells (DOEE)
  - Shared responsibility amongst agencies is key
  - Shows how urban planners can work together to improve the city
  - Work will continue until all Action Plans are implemented
- Remarks from David Gadis (DC Water)
  - We have accomplished a lot over the past year, thank you to all the agencies that have participated
  - We have a lot more work to do, everyone continue to work with task force
  - Past results have shown that issues are resolved better when we all get together

## **2: 16 pm | Final Vote on Batch 2 Action Plans**

- Vote to finalize and approve the following Action Plans:
  - Action Plan 4.1 - Expand Backwater Valve (BWV) Installation Program
  - Action Plan 4.3 - Require Backwater Valve Installation in Codes
  - Action Plan 5.1 - Develop a List of Flood Infrastructure Projects
  - Action Plan 6.8 - Update Real Property Disclosure Rules
  - Action Plan 8.1 - Update DC Silver Jackets MOU

- Action Plan 9.3 - Install Flood Signs and Sensors
- All Batch 2 Action Plans were unanimously voted “Yes” by the following agencies:
  - ORM
  - DMOI
  - OP
  - ORE
  - DGS
  - DOB
  - DDOT
  - DISB
  - DOEE
  - DC Water
  - DPW

**2:23 pm | Vote on Batch 3 Action Plans to be released for public comment**

- Vote to approve the following action plans to be released for public comment:
  - Action Plan 1.5 - Join FEMAs Community Rating System to Reduce Insurance Premiums
  - Action Plan 1.6 - DC Flood Task Force Insurance Outreach
  - Action Plan 1.7 - DC Flood Task Force Remediation Joint Proposal
    - Action Plan 1.7a - DC Flood Task Force Grant Remediation Program
    - Action Plan 1.7b - DC Flood Task Force Insurance Remediation
  - Action Plan 1.9a - DC Flood Task Force Insurance Mitigation Credit
  - Action Plan 1.9b - DC Flood Task Force Insurance Homeowner's Policy Enhancements
  - Action Plan 2.2 - Developing a Local Workforce to Perform Flood Related Repairs
  - Action Plan 3.2 - Make it Safe for Basement Dwelling
  - Action Plan 6.6 - Process Improvements for Floodplain Review
  - Action Plan 6.7 - Improve Federal and District Collaboration on Floodplain Management
  - Action Plan 7.1 - Mapping Interior Flooding Locations
  - Action Plan 8.2 - Improvements to DC Drainage Committee Processes
  - Action Plan 8.3 - Finalize Plans for P Street Levee Closure
  - Action Plan 8.5 - Providing Additional Capacity via 311 to handle excess calls to DC Water during a Flood Event
  - Action Plan 9.1 – Implement an early severe weather warning system
  - Action Plan 9.2 - Update Emergency Flood Response Procedures

- FY24 Budget Planning Timeline
  - Oct-Nov 2022: Agency budget request preparation
  - Dec-Feb 2023: OBPM & EOM reviews & revisions
  - Mar-June 2023: Council review & revisions
  - July-Aug 2023: Budget finalized
- Flood Task Force Budget Support
  - Prepare slate of projects to support in budget process
  - Vote on project slate at November Task Force meeting
- Budget project slate only for internal DC agencies
- Currently preparing to present budget requests to EOM and OBPM
  - Agencies should be preparing their budget requests right now
  - Misalignment in when the final report is in and when the requests for budget are set in -need to make sure we have a priority list before the final report is finished
  - Task force can only support, do not have their own budget as an entity
  - Reviewers will be looking in budgets to see that Action Plan priorities are included in submissions
  - Once in March/June phase, will be further revisions but the requests need to be originating now

- Draft Project Budget Secured FY23 & FY24 (Draft)

Resident Assistance	Agency	FY23 Secured	FY24 Secured
Conduct Outreach to Increase Number of Flood-Insured Residents	DISB	\$100K	\$100K
Storm Damage Remediation Program Research	DISB	\$10K	\$10K
Flood Smart Homes	DOEE	\$2.6M	
Flood Education, Outreach, and Advertisements	DOEE	\$73K	\$70K
<b>Flood Planning &amp; Operations</b>			
Integrated Flood Model	DOEE	\$3M	\$2.5M
Drainage Committee Complaint Database	DOEE	\$30K	
Install Flood Warning Signs and Flood Warning Sensors at flood prone intersections	HSEMA/ DDC	\$620,461	

Ward	Infrastructure Project	Agency	FY23 Secured	FY24 Secured
CW	ROW Citywide SWM Improvements	DDOT	\$4.7M	\$6.7M
CW	Sewer and Storm System Upgrades (citywide)	DC Water	\$4.9M	\$14.3M
CW	Citywide Resilience Focus Areas (RFA) Studies	DOEE	\$148K	
CW	Flood Mitigation in Parks and Open Space citywide	DPR/DGS	\$247K	
3	Cleveland Park Drainage and Stormwater Improvement	DDOT		\$19M
5	Ivy City interior flooding at Mount Olivet & W VA Ave, Lewis Crowe Park Improvement	DPR/DCHA	TBD	
6	SW/Buzzard Point Flood Protection & Living Shoreline	DDOT	\$200K	
6	SW Buzzard Point Interior Flood Resilience at Lansburgh/King Greenleaf Park	DOEE/DGS/DPR	\$300K	\$1.5M
7	Watts Branch Flood Mitigation & BGI	DOEE	\$770K	
7	Kenilworth Park North/Watts Branch	DOEE	\$800K	
8	Oxon Run Stream and Wetland Restoration	DOEE	\$2.6M	
8	Blue Plains Flood Protection	DC Water	\$1M	\$14M

- Draft Project Budget Requests for FY24 (New/Active, both local and federal)

Ward	Resident Assistance	Agency	FY24 Local Request	FY24 Federal Request
CW	Disaster Recovery Fund	HSEMA	\$5M	
CW	Storm Damage Remediation Payment Implementation	DOEE	\$650K	
CW	Flood Smart Homes	DOEE	\$2.6M	
	Flood Planning & Operations			
CW	Integrated Flood Model	DOEE	\$500K	
CW	Floodplain construction project oversight	DOB	\$150K	
	Infrastructure Project			
3	Palisades Stormwater Improvements	DDOT	\$19M	
3	Broad Branch Road Culvert Capacity Improvement	DDOT		TBD
6	SW Buzzard Point Interior Flood Resilience at 2nd St	DDOT/DOEE		TBD
7	Watts Branch Flood Mitigation & BGI	DOEE/DPR		TBD

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- Infrastructure projects are all TBD – FEMA/BRIC, not sure of requests yet
- **Salil:** DC Water might try for backwater valves in FY24
- **Meredith:** We are going to consolidate these into a single list and document as the projects being proposed and budgets request from DC Task Force
- **Alan:** If projects on this list are not in agency budgets, agencies will need to account for that and explain why. Will also need to explain if any budget requests relating to flood mitigation are not on this list. Overall we need to ensure that the agency budget requests and the project list line up properly.
- Reply to Meredith’s email request if your project is not on the list

## 2:33 pm | Final Report Layout Introduction

- First look at how we will organize the final report
- **Salil:** This is a multi-year project. This is only to lay the groundwork for our work to continue

- Final Deliverables
  - Final PDF Report
    - Includes all action plans in one combined document
    - +Executive Summary, +Appendices
  - Interactive Action Plan Webpage
    - Ability to Sort Action Plans by
      - Year of implementation
      - Agency
      - Category
- Final Report Table of Contents
  - 1) Executive Summary
  - 2) Summary of Task Force Activities
  - 3) Action Plans
  - 4) Funding Options
  - 5) Future Years and Accountability
  - 6) Appendix
- Webpage will be updated as we meet

## 2:45 pm | Closing Remarks and Next Steps

- **Alan:** Want to add that the plan is just the beginning, doesn't mean anything without the action, funding, project implementation
- Timelines are important to keep track of because we are planning so far in advance. FY24 funds will not be available until October 2023, so if we miss this round of requests we will have to wait 2 years for funding of Action Plans
- Final Approval Dates of Action Plans Batches 1-3
  - Jan 18 – Final Approval of Batch 3
- Next Steps
  - Release Batch 3 Plans for Public Comment
    - Will be uploaded to website this week, agencies to incorporate comments
  - DC Flood Task Force Members Email List
    - If you are not receiving emails – notify [DCFloodTaskForce@dc.gov](mailto:DCFloodTaskForce@dc.gov)
  - Identify / Submit projects for FY24 budget requests
- Upcoming Task Force Meetings
  - Next Combined Action Team Meeting
    - Friday, December 9, 2022 from 10:30-12:30 via Webex
  - Next Full Task Force Meeting
    - Wednesday, January 18, 2022 from 2-4 via Webex



Next Full Flood Task Force Meeting is **January 18, 2pm**  
**The meeting ENDED at 4:03 pm.**

### **Additional Materials**

A copy of the staff presentation used during the meeting, the meeting recording, and a transcript of any in meeting chat comments can be accessed at [dcfloodtaskforce.org](http://dcfloodtaskforce.org).