

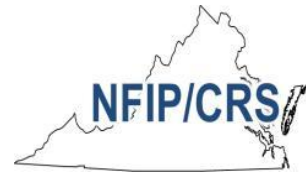
COASTAL VIRGINIA COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM WORKGROUP



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A STRONGER VIRGINIA

CFM POLL

**Please fill out each poll to receive
the full 1.5 (or more!) CECs**



UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workgroup Meeting Introductions

Future Meeting Dates (James Room & Zoom)

2024

Wednesday, March 27, 10AM-Noon

Wednesday, May 29, 10AM-Noon

Wednesday, July 31, 10AM-Noon

Wednesday, September 25, 10AM-Noon

Wednesday, November 20, 10AM-Noon



UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmed CFM CECs (expect 1.5 most meetings)

April 2023 - 1.5 credits

May 2023 - 2 credits

July 2023 - 2 credits

September 2023 - 1 credit

November 2023 - 1 credit



VA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION



Individual Memberships (\$25.00)

- Networking Opportunities
- Training and Workshops
- Membership Directory
- Quarterly Newsletters

Corporate Memberships (\$150.00)

- Same access as Individual Members
- Includes 7 members (1 membership free – \$25 discount)
- Company logo on the VFMA website



2024 VFMA BOARD ELECTION

Important Dates:

- **February 5 – March 3:** Electronic voting open
- **March 8:** Virtual All-Member Meeting (winners announced and terms begin)



POLL

- VFMA is considering offering virtual trainings, (1) law training and (1) ethics training
- These trainings would be eligible for AICP credits for law and ethics, respectively
- **Are you interested in trainings?**
 - **Law**
 - **Ethics**
 - **Both**
 - **Neither**



ASFPM 2024 CONFERENCE

- **June 23-27, 2024** in Salt Lake City, Utah
 - *“Resiliency is Life Elevated”*
- [Click here](#) for more information on registration.

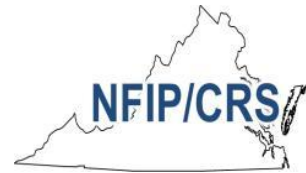


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Coastal VA CRS Workgroup
January 31, 2023

ISO UPDATES

Locality 2024 Cycle Visits

- James City County
- Norfolk
- Alexandria
- Fairfax
- Arlington
- Virginia Beach



CBLP: Building a Network of Skilled Professionals Across the Watershed

Designed to address challenges, meet the demands of Bay region stakeholders, and engage and empower the landscaping & green infrastructure community



Program Hallmarks – We Teach:

- collaborative practice
- critical thinking
- unique regulations and ecology of Bay region
- adaptive management
- how to find answers



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Upcoming Trainings (linked here):

Level 1

- Annapolis, MD | February 8-9 (*snow dates 3/7-8*)
- Arlington, VA | February 21 – 22 (*snow dates 2/26-27*)
- Lower Allen Township, PA | February 29 – March 1 (*snow dates 3/4-5*)
- Charlottesville, VA | March 7-8



CHESAPEAKE BAY
Landscape Professional

Level 2

- Hybrid: Online March 14, 15, 21 and in-person March 16



VA FLOOD DISCLOSURE UPDATE

- A bill was introduced which seeks to achieve comprehensive flood risk disclosure in the Commonwealth (that could qualify for increased state-based CRS credits!)
 - Delegate Phil Hernandez is the patron of [HB 863](#)
- The bill will likely not move forward this year, but we anticipate an ad hoc working group, that incorporates the realtors, will be tasked with exploring this issue to bring back in 2025
- You can look into how Virginia stacks up on flood risk disclosure, here on NRDC's [Flood Risk Disclosure Laws Scorecard](#)



POLL

Flood Map Change 2024

- Kristin Owen, Henrico County/VFMA will present on Henrico's flood map update campaign at our March meeting.
- **Will your community's flood maps be updated in 2024?**
 - Yes
 - No
 - N/A



VA COASTAL RESILIENCE WEB EXPLORER

- **Share Your Projects, Initiatives and Funding Opportunities**
- Companion User Portal for the **Coastal Resilience Web Explorer** allows localities, PDCs, non-profits, universities and others to share their ongoing flood resilience efforts.
- *Only* projects and initiatives included in the web explorer will be considered in the **Coastal Resilience Master Plan Phase II**. The deadline to submit projects and initiatives to the user portal for inclusion in the plan is **April 1, 2024**.
- User Portal: <https://varesilienceexplorer.com/>.
- Get access: submit the **User Access Form** (PDF) to DCR via email at Resilience.Explorer@dcr.virginia.gov.
- **Learn more - User Portal Training Slides** (PDF)



VA GRANTS UPDATE: CRTF

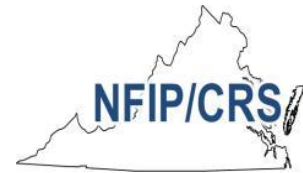
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Visit our [RGGI](#) website for more information



COASTAL RESILIENCE & TREES FUND

2024 UPDATES

- \$135,000 to award in a single round
- Natural & Nature Based Infrastructure category
 - Green Infrastructure
 - Shoreline Protection
 - Tree Planting
- Funds could be used as match for eligible CFPF awards



COASTAL RESILIENCE & TREES FUND

ELIGIBILITY

- VA's [Coastal Zone](#)
- Civic groups, volunteer groups, educational institutions, tribal organizations, local governments, PDCs, regional councils, non-profit organizations, small businesses, & private citizens
- Installation projects should be shovel-ready



Virginia's Coastal Zone

COASTAL RESILIENCE & TREES FUND

CATEGORIES

Capacity Building	Natural & Nature Based Infrastructure <i>(Green Infrastructure, Shoreline Protection, Tree Planting)</i>	Stewardship
\$5,000/project	\$25,000/project	\$10,000/project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● staff training/certifications ● design, planning, permitting resilience projects ● long-term or adaptive maintenance plans ● Development of studies, reports, tools that support or inform resilience planning ● Activities that increase availability of native plants for use in resilience projects ● Training volunteers to participate in resilience efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Green Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conservation landscaping ○ Rain gardens ○ Dry wells ○ Vegetated stormwater conveyances ○ Rainwater harvesting ○ Bioretention ○ Infiltration ● Living Shorelines ● Riparian Buffers ● Habitat Creation or Restoration ● Tree & Shrub Planting ● Cost share match 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maintenance of resilience projects ● Invasive species removal & replacement w/ natives ● Plant replacement, repairs to BMPs ● Monitoring



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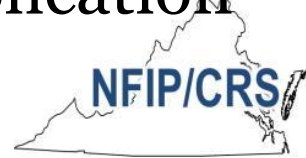


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VA GRANTS UPDATE: CFPF

- Over **\$76 million** requested across 68 applications in Round 4
- 48 Applications recommended for approval, final award announcements are forthcoming from DCR
- Themes include trainings CFMs, exploring acquisition for flood mitigation, design and construction of living shorelines, just to name a few!
- Do any members want to share about their application to the workgroup?



CRS ONLINE TRAINING NOW LIVE!

- [CRS online training videos & learning assessments](#) are now available
 - CRS Introduction Workshop
 - CRS Activity 330: Outreach Projects Workshop
 - CRS Activity 450: Stormwater Management Workshop
- Each workshop highlights how Virginia communities can maximize their benefits & points in the CRS Program



CRS ONLINE TRAINING CONTENT

CRS Introduction Workshop Content:

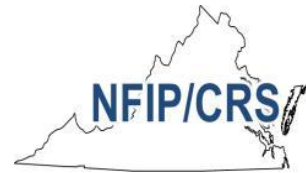
- Part 1: Introduction to the NFIP & Risk Rating 2.0
- Part 2: Introduction to the CRS & How to Join the CRS Program
- Part 3: CRS Program Costs & Benefits and Program Resources

CRS Activity 330 Outreach Projects Workshop Content:

- Part 1: Outreach Projects & Flood Response Preparations
- Part 2: Program for Public Information & Stakeholder Delivery

CRS Activity 450 Stormwater Management Workshop Content:

- Part 1: Stormwater Management Regulations
- Part 2: Watershed Master Plan, Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations, & Water Quality Regulations



CRS ONLINE TRAINING INFO

- Each workshop has been approved by ASFPM for 2-3 CECs for CFMs
- Registration for each workshop is \$25
- Please be sure to **read all** of the instructions for registration before beginning the workshop
 - Each workshop will take 2-3.5 hours to complete, but does not need to be completed in one sitting

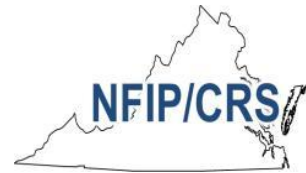


POLL & DISCUSSION

Is the cost of registration a barrier for you to attend the CRS Workshop trainings?

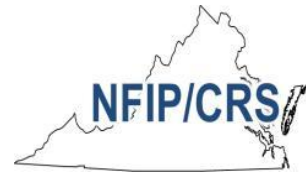
- **Yes**
- **No**

What are your reasons for not taking the CRS Workshop trainings?



UPCOMING CRS/ISO TRAINING

- CRS Webinar Series, *all at 1pm:*
 - Introduction to the CRS, **Feb 20th**
 - CRS & Sub Dam Management Plans, **Feb 21st**
 - Preparing a Verification Visit, **March 19th**



THANK YOU!

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WORKGROUP ATTENDEE REPORT OUT

Time for Workgroup attendees to bring up any news, questions, or future meeting topics to the group

