COASTAL RESILIENCE SUMMARY YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Natural and Nature-Based Features (NNBEs)

Forests, trees, wetlands, beaches, and living shorelines benefit communities by reducing storm wave energy, soaking up floodwaters, improving water quality, providing areas for recreation, creating habitats for important plants and animals, and even lowering flood insurance costs. These **N**atural and **N**ature-**B**ased **F**eatures (NNBFs) have been mapped for areas that are less than 10-feet in elevation, experience tidal and storm flooding, and include buildings at risk. *(All numbers are approximate.)*

NNBFs in York Coastal Areas

7,903 acres All Coastal NNBFs, including:

| 3,275 acres | Wooded | Coastal Area Facts |
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| 2,693 acres | Tidal Marsh | for areas less than 10-ft elevatio |
| | | 18% of York area (12,141 acres |
| 1,710 acres | Forested Wetland | 4,810 coastal buildings |
| Ä | | 3 critical facilities |
| 94 acres | Scrub-Shrub Wetland | 110 coastal buildings without |
| >2 miles | Hybrid Living Shorelines | NNBF benefits |
| | | 27 targets for new NNBFs |
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| Benefits of NNBFs in York | | Chesapeake Bay RPA |
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| 4,262 acres | of NNBFs that decrease flooding risks for buildings | 100-ft Buffer Overview across all of York County |
| 7,852 acres | of NNBFs that improve water quality by reducing sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorus | 4,353 acres of RPA buffer |
| CRS 3,599 acres | of NNBFs potentially eligible for FEMA Community Rating System credits (100-ft RPA buffer and wetlands located within 100-year flood zones) | 771 acres of RPA buffer currently turfgrass potentially eligible for water quality credits if converted into NNBF |
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MAP: York coastal areas less than 10-ft

elevation, with targets for new NNBFs

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