






# Kent County Stakeholder Meeting #3

## Webex Meeting

**Date: August 27, 2020**

**Start Time: 1:30 PM**

### Agenda Items

-  Public Survey
-  Critical & Public Facilities
-  Hazard Section Preview
-  Capability Assessment & Table
-  Next steps

**In attendance:** Virginia Gregg-Office of Emergency Services; Wayne Darrell-Office of Emergency Services; Shelley Heller-Kent County Administrator; Stephanie Jones-Planning & Zoning; Carla Gerber-Planning & Zoning; Barbara Jorgenson-Historic Society; Karen Miller-Soil Conservation District; Beth Copp-Shore Regional Health Systems; Shelly Neal-Edwards-Kent County DSS; Bill Hildebrand-MEMA; Eric Reynolds-Humane Society; Jim Bass-Eastern Shore Land Conservancy; Tim Trumbauer-Chester River Riverkeepers; Jo Manning-Town of Millington; Elizabeth Greenwell-Town of Betterton.

### Meeting Notes




**County Project Manager: Virginia Gregg-Office of Emergency Services**

Meeting Facilitators: Michele King & Virginia Smith, SP&D

Traditionally hazard mitigation stakeholder meetings have been held in-person, however given the ongoing COVID-19 incident, webex meetings have been conducted throughout the plan update process. Three stakeholder webex meetings have been held over the summer months. Meeting recordings have been added to the Kent County website under the Office of Emergency Services.

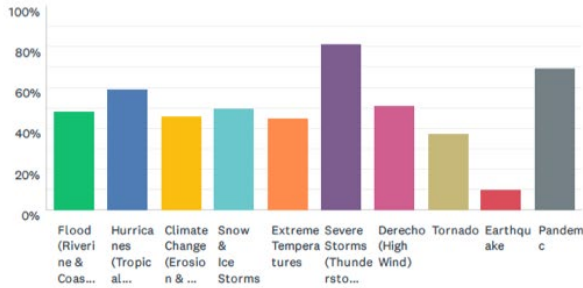
### Public Survey

Results of the public survey were presented during the meeting. Survey highlights include:

-  177 surveys completed;
-  Public survey results are consistent with stakeholder committee survey results used for the hazard risk assessment under the “community perspective” rating category.
-  When asked for concern of additional hazards no “new” natural hazards were identified. Note: human-caused and other technological hazards were identified and a “new” mitigation strategy for the development of a Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) will be included in the plan update.

Which hazard events you feel may particularly affect your area of the county or town?

Screenshot of Survey Results from Presentation







ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Flood (Riverine & Coastal)	48.19%
Hurricanes (Tropical Storms)	59.04%
Climate Change (Erosion & Sea Level Rise)	45.78%
Snow & Ice Storms (Winter Storm/Weather)	49.40%
Extreme Temperatures	45.18%
Severe Storms (Thunderstorm Wind, Lightning & Hail)	81.33%
Derecho (High Wind)	51.20%
Tornado	37.35%
Earthquake	10.24%
Pandemic	69.28%





### Critical & Public Facilities

A geodatabase of critical and public facilities has been created for this plan update. Critical facilities are facilities that should **remain operational** before, during, and after a disaster event. These facilities are considered **priorities** for hazard mitigation grant funding. In addition, other government owned and operated “public” facilities have been included.

Both the database and overall critical and public facility map was displayed during the meeting. Vulnerability columns for each facility have been included:

-  FEMA Flood Zone;
-  Depth of Flooding (1% annual chance flood scenario)
-  Hurricane Storm Surge; and
-  Projected Sea Level Rise Inundation.

Additional facility information from Maryland PropertyView has been included in database for use during various hazard vulnerability analysis and plan sections, such as:

-  Building material type;
-  Number of Floors;
-  Improvement Value; and,
-  Year Built.

## Hazard Section Preview

During the presentation plan sections were displayed. While the plan is considered an “update”, the plan format and organization has been changed. Working draft plan sections will be sent to the stakeholder group for preview and comment.

## Capability Assessment

Each community has a unique set of capabilities, including authorities, policies, programs, staff, funding, and other resources available to accomplish mitigation and reduce long term vulnerability.

A capability assessment table was discussed. Both the county and the towns were asked to review and add information, as available.

## Next Steps

 Schedule Town WebEx Meeting (1 mtg. per)

A separate email will be sent to each town requesting meeting date/time availability.

 Vulnerability Assessments

SP&D will continue work on vulnerability for each hazard section of the plan. Additional vulnerability assessment information will be presented at the next stakeholder meeting in September.

 New Mitigation Action Ideas- Work Session

Virginia Gregg is working on gathering stakeholder input on the type of meeting that is best for the September Stakeholder meeting.

 Working draft plan sections will be distributed to stakeholders for review.

For additional information or questions, please contact Virginia Gregg, HMP Project Manager- Office of Emergency Services at: [vgregg@kentgov.org](mailto:vgregg@kentgov.org)