

Sea Level Rise Update

Agenda Item #5

Virginia Coastal Policy Clinic Conference

- Held December 5 at William and Mary
- Governor's Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission meeting in the morning
 - Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, appointed as chair of Land Use and Transportation Working Group
- Afternoon sessions on flood insurance, local government liability, market responses to promote adaptation, and social vulnerability

- Note: HRPDC will be hosting an extern from the Clinic for the spring 2015 semester

Recurrent Flooding and Sea Level Rise Committee

- Met December 19
- Land Subsidence
 - Recommended working with USGS to study the issue before selecting a methodology or specific technology
- Sea Level Rise Inundation Maps
 - Recommended using 1-foot increments instead of climate scenarios
 - Possibility of including probabilistic or historic storm surge data
- ODU Pilot Project
 - Recommended participating in the process and working out any
- Resolution on Freeboard
 - Recommended the Commission adopt a resolution encouraging localities to adopt or increase freeboard requirements