



AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION

American Flood Coalition

North Carolina presentation

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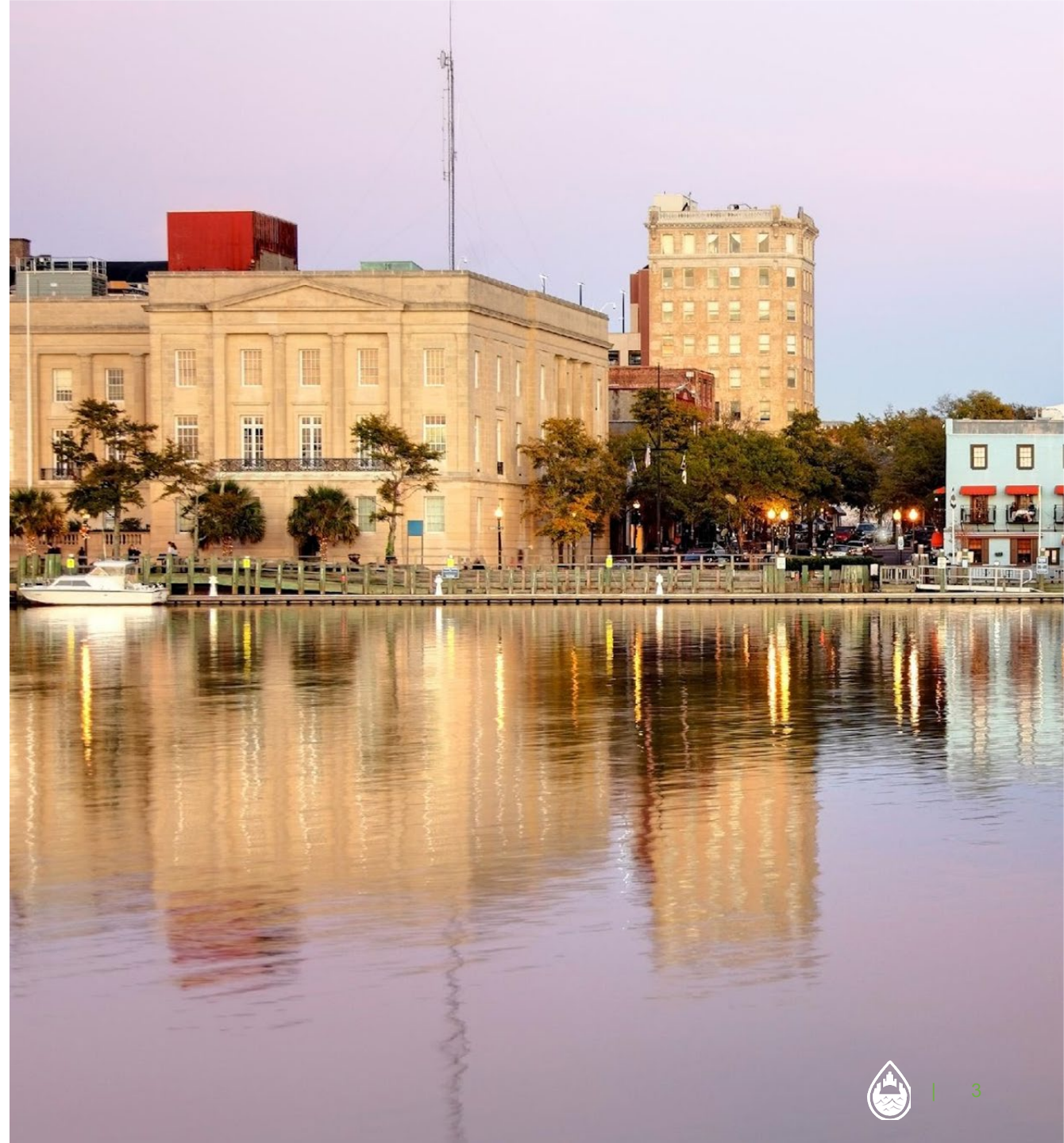
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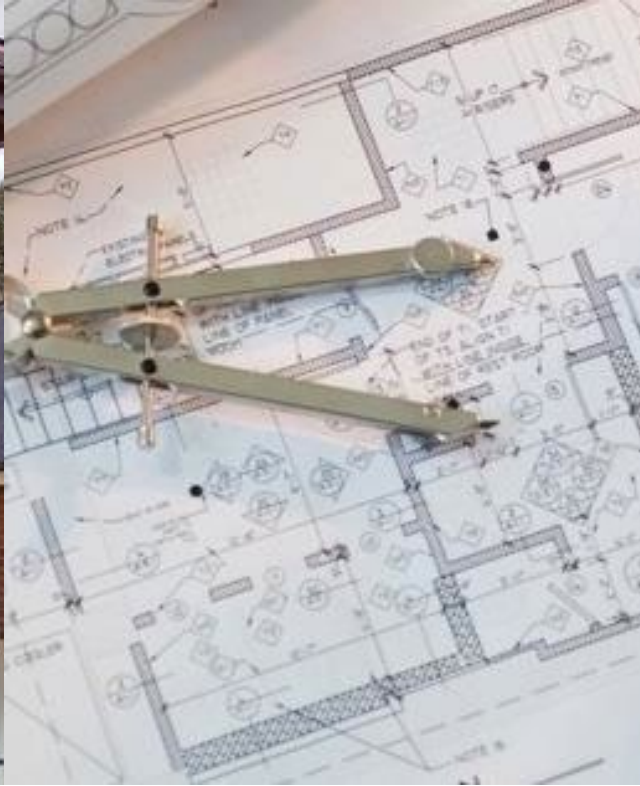
Our mission

Protecting communities that are vulnerable to flooding and sea level rise is a national issue that must be met with **national solutions**—it is vitally important to our well-being, economic strength, and security.

With effective flooding and sea level rise planning our communities can adapt and thrive.

But we must act now.





Our 4 pillars for coastal and inland solutions

Economy

Invest in infrastructure that boosts the economy and protects property values

Communities

Use proactive planning to keep communities safe and save taxpayer dollars

Rebuilding

Build back stronger to protect communities from future flooding

Military

Ensure our military installations are ready to deploy 365 days a year

We are the American Flood Coalition

A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and nonpartisan coalition advocating for national solutions to flooding and sea level rise



**Federal
Champions**



**Cities, Towns
and Counties**



**Elected
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Businesses



**Military
Groups**



**Civic and
Academic Groups**

American Flood Coalition Team



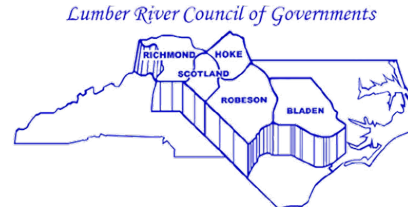
North Carolina: Member Spotlight



**Town of Fair Bluff
North Carolina**



**City of Wilmington
North Carolina**



**Lumber River Council of
Governments**



**Speaker Tim Moore
North Carolina**



**Rep. Marvin Lucas
North Carolina**



**City of Boiling Spring Lakes
North Carolina**



**City of New Bern
North Carolina**



**Mayor Zeb Smathers
Canton, North Carolina**



**Rep. Charlie Miller
North Carolina**



**Rep. Brenden
Jones**

North Carolina Members

 State Rep. Bobby Hanig, (R, NC-6)	 State Rep. Chris Humphrey, (R, NC-12)	 State Rep. Howard Hunter, III, (D, NC-5)	 Mayor Don Hardy, Kinston, NC	 Fairmont	 Nags Head	 New Bern
 State Rep. Brenden Jones, (R, NC-46)	 Charles Kemp	 State Sen. Michael Lazzara, (R, NC-6)	 State Rep. Carson Smith, (R, NC-16)	 Whiteville	 Wilmington	 Wayne Branch
 State Sen. Michael Lee, (R, NC-9)	 State Rep. Pat McElraft, (R, NC-13)	 State Rep. Charlie Miller, (R, NC-19)	 Commissioner Jack Newton, Pender County, NC	 State Rep. Ted Davis, Jr., (R, NC-19)	 Mayor Olivia Dawson, Burgaw, NC	 State Rep. Ed Goodwin, (R, NC-1)
 State Rep. Billy Richardson, (D, NC-44)	 Mayor Bill Saffo, Wilmington	 Mayor Zeb Smathers, Canton	 State Rep. John Szoka, (R, NC-45)	 Bladen County	 Brunswick County	
 Mayor Mary-Ann Baldwin	 State Rep. Shelly Willingham, (D, NC-23)	 Former State Rep. Perrin Jones, (R, NC-9)	 Former State Rep. Stephen Ross, (R, NC-63)	 Robeson County	 Bladenboro	
 Cape Fear Council of Governments	 Cardinal Real Estate Partners	 Eastern North Carolina Recovery & Resilience Alliance	 LDSI	 Carolina Shores	 Cerro Gordo	
 Lumber River Council of Governments	 North Carolina Beach, Inlet & Waterway Association	 ORC (O. R. Colan Associates, LLC)	 Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines	 Duplin County	 Pender County	
 Sig Flood Consultants	 Tabor City	 Greg Cummings	 State Rep. Charles Graham, (D, NC-47)	 Brunswick	 Boiling Spring Lakes	
				 Clyde	 Fair Bluff	

Our coalition has 34 Federal Champions from 15 states



Sen. Tim Scott,
SC



Sen. Mark
Warner, VA



Sen. Marco
Rubio, FL



Sen. Bill Cassidy,
LA



Sen. Gary Peters,
MI



Sen. Chris Coons,
DE



Sen. Shelley Moore
Capito, WV



Rep. Greg
Murphy, NC



Rep. David
Rouzer, NC



Rep. Nancy
Mace, SC



Rep. Bobby
Scott, VA



Rep. Jimmy Panetta
CA



Rep. Gus
Bilirakis, FL



Rep. Lois
Frankel, FL



Rep. Al
Lawson, FL



Rep. Stephanie
Murphy, FL



Rep. Brian
Mast, FL



Rep. John
Rutherford, FL



Rep. María
Elvira Salazar,
FL



Rep. Debbie
Wasserman
Schultz, FL



Rep. Michael Waltz,
FL



Rep. Buddy Carter,
GA



Rep. Rodney
Davis, IL



Rep. Ashley
Hinson, IA



Rep. Garret Graves,
LA



Rep. Seth Moulton,
MA



Rep. Lois Andrew
Garbarino, NY



Rep. John
Katko, NY



Rep. Joseph
Morelle, NY



Rep. Dan
Crenshaw, TX



Rep. Lizzie
Fletcher, TX



Rep. Elaine
Luria, VA



Rep. Donald
McEachin, VA



Rep. Tom Rice, SC

AFC at a glance

Over 300 members nationwide



Federal champions



Cities, towns, & counties



Elected officials



Businesses



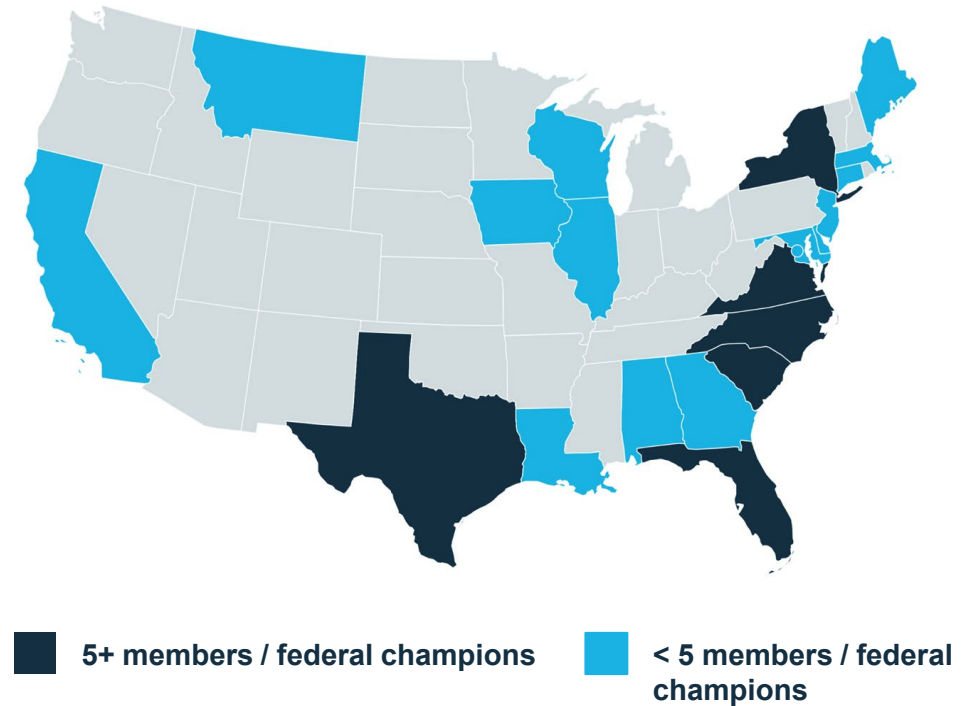
Military groups



Civic & academic

A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and nonpartisan coalition advancing solutions to flooding and sea level rise

Active in 21 states



What we offer



Best-in-class educational guides

Scalable educational resources to meet our members' needs



Tools for effective communication

Opportunities and tools for communicating about flooding with stakeholders at all levels



Networks of leaders on flooding

Forum to connect virtually and in-person with other leaders and share learnings



Competitive local resilience pilots

Competitive local pilots that promote deeper engagement on flooding and sea level rise



Platform for advocacy and education

Strong platform that makes local voices and needs heard at the federal level



Member resource: Flood Funding Finder

This new tool breaks down federal grant and technical assistance programs best suited for flooding and sea level rise initiatives

Identifies programs by characteristics including:



Requires Presidential Disaster Declaration



No local cost share requirements



Special considerations for small municipalities



Supports project planning



Administered by state



Member resource: Dual Disaster Handbook



Find additional information and guidance on dual disasters at www.floodcoalition.org/covid19

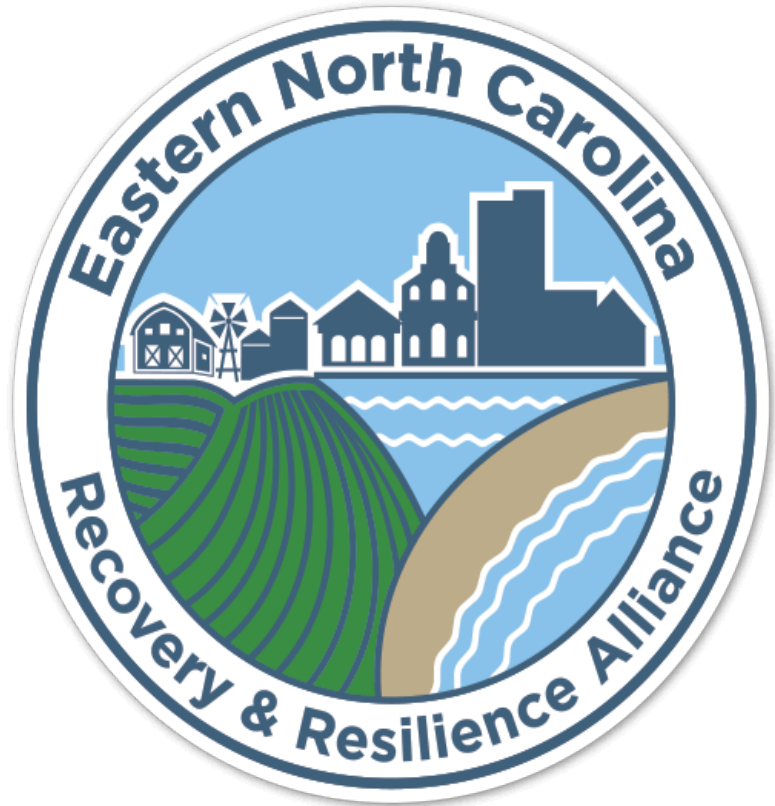
- In collaboration with the American Public Health Association, this guide highlights **six recommendations** for community leaders to prepare for the dual disasters of flooding and COVID-19
- Many places face an **overlap of COVID-19 and hurricane activity** alongside long-term budget strain
- Local leaders are **grappling with unique challenges**, such as sheltering and evacuation during the pandemic
- Smaller, under-resourced communities are **disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and flooding** and could be left behind

Member resources: Adaptation For All Guide



- The main purpose of the guidebook is **to help local leaders determine approaches to flooding or sea level rise that can work best for them**
- **Highlights 26 approaches** broken down by cost, benefits, and implementation considerations
- Most of the case studies found in the guide are from **communities with populations less than 50,000**
- **The guide will make it easier for communities of any size** to evaluate how those approaches can fit into their flood resilience strategies

Eastern North Carolina Recovery & Resilience Alliance and American Flood Coalition



We have accomplished much, but more work to be done...

- ① Fund actionable **Flood Resilience Blueprint**
- ② Ensure resilient critical **transportation infrastructure**
- ③ Support riverine and **stream management** to reduce flooding
- ④ Increase resiliency **capacity and technical assistance** to local governments
- ⑤ Fund **flood mitigation and innovative pilot projects**

Recovery and Mitigation Grants

Applicant Name/Project	Initial Award Amount (\$)	
Trenton/King Street	\$	94,350.00
Wilmington Police Dept./Traffic Intersections	\$	482,000.00
Duck/NC12 elevation, natural planting	\$	549,659.50
Wilkesboro/Woodfield Way bridge	\$	2,495,230.44
Mountain Project/Haywood Public Trans. Generator	\$	36,852.07
Pollocksville/Flood Resil. Main Street	\$	548,800.00
Lillington/E.Duncan Culvert Replacement	\$	790,000.00
Havelock/Lee Drive	\$	190,541.00
Elizabeth City/Regional VRA	\$	395,000.00
Leland/Reslient Rt. Assessment	\$	950,000.00
Elizabeth City/Rivershore Rd Bridge Replacement	\$	1,971,000.00
Kinston/Adkin Branch Phase II	\$	1,208,590.00
Boiling Spring Lakes/Drayton Road Improvement	\$	922,306.00
Navassa/3 road crossing A&E	\$	485,000.00
Carteret County/Auto Fuel refilling upgrade	\$	225,000.00
Mt. Olive/Maple & Nelson St. Stormwater Improv.	\$	964,100.00
Pender County/NC210 evacuation Rt. Study	\$	200,000.00
Conserving Carolina/Davidson River Rd RR Trestle	\$	120,000.00
Transylvania County/Hart Rd flood MIT	\$	2,365,016.00
Total	\$	14,993,445.01

Southeastern North Carolina Resilience Tour

Purpose: To highlight the achievements of the state agencies and legislature in recent and ongoing investments in resilience through the context of the four-year anniversary of Florence.

Tactics: As host of the event, AFC focused on resilience through a multiple-stop tour with presentations and sites that symbolize stories around Florence.



Op-ed published Sunday before event

OPINION: 4 years after Florence, N.C. is building a flood-resilient future

Bill Saffo and Jackie Newton Guest columnists

Published 6:00 a.m. ET Sept. 11, 2022



“...We also spearheaded the efforts for the Alliance to join the American Flood Coalition — a nonpartisan coalition that advocates for flood solutions and connects us with other flood-prone communities — and we each recently joined the coalition as individual members.

Through the American Flood Coalition’s Mayors Summit on Flooding and Sea Level Rise in Washington, D.C., we further connected and collaborated with other Eastern North Carolina leaders, as well as our congressional delegation, including Sen. Thom Tillis and Reps. Greg Murphy and David Rouzer. “

Published in...

- Wilmington Star News
- Kinston Free Press
- New Bern Sun Journal
- Jacksonville Daily News

The background of the slide is a photograph of a waterfront city scene. In the foreground, there is a body of water reflecting the buildings and sky. The middle ground shows a row of buildings along the waterfront, including a large, light-colored classical building on the left and several smaller, more modern buildings on the right. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The text is overlaid on this image.

Thank you! Questions?

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