



Engaging Faith Communities for Coastal Resilience

A Collaborative Initiative of the Deal Island Peninsula Project

Key County and State Contacts for the West Side Area

County Contacts:

- Department of Emergency Services:** Provides emergency services to all residents and visitors to Wicomico County. It has three divisions: Communications, Emergency Management Division, and Radio Division. Contact regarding:
 - Questions about evacuation routes
 - Reports of local flooding

Director: Dave Shipley (410-334-3178 | email: wema@wicomocounty.org)
Deputy Director: Laraine Buck (410-334-3178 | wema@wicomocounty.org)
Emergency Management Planner: Lorenzo Cropper (410-548-4820 | cropper@wicomocounty.org)
Website: <http://www.wicomocounty.org/133/Emergency-Services>
- Planning & Zoning:** Oversees a variety of regulatory and land-use planning functions at the local level. It is responsible for the enforcement of various regulations and codes, including: Zoning Ordinance, Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Protection Program, and Floodplain Management Protection Program. Contact regarding:
 - Questions regarding what is permissible within the floodplain
 - Guidance on flood reduction strategies
 - Share community issues and priorities

Deputy Director: Lori Carter (410-548-4810 | carter@wicomocounty.org)
Floodplain Manager: Marilyn Williams (410-548-4810 | mwilliam@wicomocounty.org)
Website: <http://www.dorchestercountymd.com/planning-zoning/>
- Department of Public Works:** Maintains the County's public works infrastructure, including roadside ditches and roadway construction and maintenance. The Department has three divisions: Solid Waste Division, Roads Division, and the Engineering Division. Contact regarding:
 - Roadside Ditches
 - Flooded roads

Director: Dallas Baker (410-548-4872 | dbaker@wicomocounty.org)
Website: <https://www.wicomocounty.org/143/Public-Works>

Other Key State and Regional Contacts:

- Maryland Sea Grant Extension:** Work with local governments, citizen groups, industries, and individuals to help them respond to environmental and social changes. They facilitate workshops and training seminars, produce publications, and conduct applied research to help solve practical problems. Contact regarding:
 - Help finding the right agency to address questions or concerns
 - Assistance in finding additional resources (information, grants, etc.) to address environmental change

Watershed Restoration Specialist: Jen Dindinger (240-393-7915 | jdinding@umd.edu)
Website: <https://www.mdsg.umd.edu/topics/extension/our-services>

2. **Maryland DNR CoastSmart Communities:** Assists Maryland's coastal communities in addressing short- and long-term coastal hazards, such as coastal flooding, storm surge, and sea-level rise. CoastSmart provides financial assistance through the Community Resilience Grant Program, technical assistance to local communities, training opportunities, and supportive information, tools, and visualizations. Contact regarding:
 - Guidance or assistance on issues related to flooding and erosion.
 - Grant funding opportunities for communities

Coastal Planner: Sasha Land (410-260-8718 | sasha.land@maryland.gov)
Resiliency Planner: Nicole Carlozo (410-260-8726 | nicole.carlozo@maryland.gov)
Website: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/coastsmart/Pages/default.aspx>
3. **Maryland DNR Habitat Restoration and Conservation Services:** Provides science and technical services that State and local partners need in order to meet their water quality and habitat restoration goals. CCS works with federal, state and local governments, conservation groups and private citizens to apply innovative best management practices that reduce harmful run-off from entering the State's waters. Contact regarding:
 - Guidance on living shoreline construction
 - Shoreline erosion control

Living Shoreline and Erosion Technical Services Contact: Bhaskar Subramanian (410-260-8786 | bhaskar.subramanian@maryland.gov)
Websites: <https://dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/Pages/restoration.aspx> ,
<http://dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/Pages/livingshorelines.aspx>
4. **Maryland Emergency Management Agency:** provides tools for Marylanders to enable them to prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from the consequences of emergency and disaster events. Contact for:
 - Guidance on hazard mitigation strategies
 - State grant opportunities for flood prone areas

State Hazard Mitigation Officer: Jaleesa Tate (410-381-3677 | jaleesa.tate@maryland.gov)
Mitigation Planner: Jihane Ambrose (443-381-3677 | jihane.ambrose2@maryland.gov)
Website: <https://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
5. **Maryland Department of Environment – Tidal Wetlands Division:** Regulates the draining, dredging and filling of tidal wetlands. Contact regarding:
 - Permits to drain or add fill materials to tidal wetlands
 - Questions regarding regulation of wetlands

Natural Resources Planner: Mary Phipps-Dickerson (410-901-4033 | mary.phipps-dickerson@maryland.gov)
Website: <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/WetlandsandWaterways/Pages/index.aspx>
6. **Maryland Critical Area Commission:** Provides technical and regulatory guidance on permissible activities within the Critical Area Zone, a protected buffer area within 1000 feet of any tidally-influenced waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Contact for:
 - General questions about Critical Area Law and Criteria
 - Guidance on best practices for flood and erosion mitigation within the critical area zone

CAC Staff Contact for Wicomico County: Tay Harris (410-260-3481 | Tay.Harris@maryland.gov).
Website: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/criticalarea/Pages/default.aspx>