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Strategic Priority Deep Dive: Living with Water

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This is a multi-departmental briefing on the City's Resilient Hampton Initiative and work that both addresses the challenge of flooding and recognizes the important role our waterfront plays in the culture of our community. Hampton's waterways influence and guide our City's development patterns, economy, and way of life. As we are faced with the challenge of climate change and its impacts on our coastlines, the City is envisioning, creating, and empowering new ways for Hampton to live and thrive with water.

Discussion:

This presentation reviews the living with water strategic priority area by (1) looking back at the history of Hampton's work in this area since the Dutch Dialogues in 2015; (2) providing an update on the current picture of resiliency work, including both City projects and programs, as well as state and federal context; and (3) identifying future directions for living with water in Hampton, including planned projects as well as overarching directions and key challenges.

Impact:

Citizens will be assisted throughout the City as projects progress to address coastal resiliency, reoccurring flooding, waterways, environmental sustainability, and enhancing our tax base and quality of life related to our waterways.

Recommendation:

No action is being requested of Council at this time.