## **Virginia Eastern Shore Coastal Resilience Tool**

Introductory Workshop & Training Manual, Version 2.0

## **Glossary of Terms (alphabetical)**

Locations where these terms occur are noted in [brackets]:

Flood & Sea Level Rise = [F&SLR] Future Habitat = [FH] Regional Planning = [RP] Coastline Change = [CC]

Map Viewer = [Map Viewer]

Absolute Difference: A measure in feet of the difference between current water levels and

those during modeled storm events. [F&SLR]

Base Data: A map layer which shows boundaries, parcels, and roads. [RP]

**Basic Dark Gray:** A gray background map layer. [Map Viewer]

**Basic Inundation:** A data source within the Flood & Sea Level Rise App which displays

predicted sea-level rise for several sea-level rise scenarios and scenario

years. [F&SLR]

**Choose Parameters:** A tab in the Future Habitat App window which allows the user to select

the Scenario Year and SLR Scenario, affecting the data displayed in the

map viewer. [F&SLR]

Clear Filters: Clicking this button (Clear Filters) resets the visible data to its original state,

removing drawn areas and other filters that narrow results. [FH]

Click to Draw an Area: Clicking this button (Click to Draw an Area) allows the user to draw an area of

interest which will exclude all other data. [FH]

**Compare & Chart:** A tab in the Future Habitat App window which allows the user to view

changes between the current inventory of habitat area and the

predicted condition. Note that data is only displayed if a future Scenario

Year (e.g., 2025) is selected. [FH]

**Change Rate Type:** Includes both long- and short-term change rates for historical

shorelines. Long-term change rates are calculated using all historic shoreline data from the earliest to the most recent dates for the selected area. Short-term change rates are calculated using historical shoreline data from the most recent change in the long-term rate to the

most recent dates for the selected area. [CC]

**Coastal Management:** A grouping of map layers that include public access sites, boat ramps,

streams, flood hazard areas, protected lands, and Virginia Ecological

Value Assessment. [RP]

**Coastline Change App:** An app ( ) which shows historic and future changes in coastlines in response to predicted sea-level rise.

[Map Viewer]

**Choose Data Source:** A dropdown menu in the Flood & Sea Level Rise App that allows the

user to choose which data they would like to view: Basic Inundation or

Storm Surge. [F&SLR]

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Clicking this button (Download Data) allows the user to download the data Download data: used to populate the app in an ESRI geodatabase format. [FH] A vertical menu of options which is opened by clicking on it. [Map Dropdown menu: [F&SLR - Choose Data Source \* Estimated potential monetary impacts resulting from the selected storm **Economic Loss:** surge scenario. [F&SLR] **Ecosystem:** A system of biological components (species) and physical components (geography and resources). [FH] **Erosion:** Degradation of features such as shorelines or structures, usually by the action of water or wind. [FH] Clicking this text ( Explain Each Choice ) shows Explain Each Choice additional information regarding Coastline Change App options. Additional information may be hidden by clicking on the "Hide Explanations" text ( Hide Explanations ). [CC] **Export Page:** as an Adobe Acrobat document. The map may also be exported by clicking the printer icon ( ) in the upper right of the Regional Planning App window. [Map Viewer] [RP] Filter by Habitat(s) of Interest: A section of the Future Habitat App which allows the user to reduce the data being displayed to only salt marsh, only "other wetlands", or to an extent drawn by the user. [FH] ) which shows the predicted effects of sea-level rise Flood & Sea Level Rise App: and storm surge on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Includes two datasets: Basic Inundation (focuses on the effects of sea-level rise) and Storm Surge (displays predictions for storm surge from hurricanes and tropical storms). [Map Viewer] Clicking this button ( ) returns the view to the entire Virginia Eastern **Full Extent:** Shore. [Map Viewer] ) which shows changes in habitat type in response to **Future Habitat App:** predicted sea-level rise. [Map Viewer] Clicking this text ( GET STARTED ) opens the Launchpad with bookmarked **Get Started:** map locations and information. [Map Viewer] **Habitat:** The biological and physical settings in which species exist. Also, a map layer which shows commercial shellfish aquaculture, public oyster grounds and tidal marshes. [RP] Clicking this text ( Hide Explanations ) hides **Hide Explanations** 

additional information regarding Coastline Change App options. [CC]

Imagery: Aerial imagery of the Virginia Eastern Shore. [Map Viewer]
Infographic: A simple graphic meant to quickly illustrate the purpose or main

concepts of an app. The infographic for the Future Habitat App is

accessible by clicking the question mark icon ( ) in the upper right

corner of the app window. [FH]

**Infrastructure:** A grouping of map layers that include schools, fire stations, roads

vulnerable to sea level rise, and evacuations routes. [RP]

**Inundation:** Flooding of upland areas. [FH]

Land Accretion: Increase in elevation or area of land due to sediment deposition. [FH]
Launch Pad: A collection of geographies (locations) and one-click interactive maps

(pre-set data views). [Map Viewer]

**Legend:** A window which shows the list of active layers and their symbology. This

can be toggled on and off with the legend button ( ). [Map Viewer]

Regional Planning App: An app ( ) which includes information data layers including

schools, roads, tidal range, protected lands, and wetlands. [Map Viewer]

A tool used to measure distance and area. It is activated by clicking the

measure button ( ). [Map Viewer]

Methodology: A description of the methods used to develop data layers. [F&SLR] [FH]

National Geographic: A background map layer developed by National Geographic. [Map

Viewer]

**Nor'Ida:** A nor'easter that impacted the mid-Atlantic in November 2009. [F&SLR]

**Nourishment:** The action of replenishing or restoring a beach with sand. [CC] **Ocean:** A background map layer developed by the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration. [Map Viewer]

**Opacity:** The extent to which an image is not transparent. [RP]

**Opaque:** The opposite of transparent. Appears in transparency slider bars

(Opaque Transparent). [F&SLR] [FH]

**Pan:** Moving the map by clicking, holding, and dragging the mouse. [Map

Viewer]

Percent Difference: A measure in percentage of the difference between current water levels

and those during modeled storm events. [F&SLR]

**Permalink:** A permanent hyperlink to a map showing selected

features. [Map Viewer]

**Physical Features:** A map layer which shows physical geography. [RP]

**Reset Layers** Clicking this text ( Reset Layers ) clears all selected layers

in the Regional Planning App. [RP]

Rate of Change The 50-year average difference in the rate of shoreline change (in

**Difference:** meters per year) between the base case (current conditions) and a

modeled scenario. Also known as the shoreline rate of change

difference. [CC]

**Results & Chart** A tab in the Future Habitat App window which allows the user to view a

pie chart and chart explaining acreage of habitat types in the total

Measure:

dataset or a user-defined area for the selected Scenario Year and SLR Scenario. [FH]

Save & Share: Clicking this button ( Save & Share ) allows the user to save the map view and

active datasets in order to return to the map or share it with others.

[Map Viewer]

Scenario Year: The year for which predictions (sea level rise, storm surge, or habitat

change) were calculated. [F&SLR] [FH]

**Sea Level Rise (SLR):** The predicted increase in the elevation of sea water over time. [F&SLR]

[FH] [RP] [CC]

**Shaded Relief:** A background layer which shows elevation of uplands. [Map Viewer]

Social and Economic: A map layer which shows persons by age, area, and certain types of

employment, as well as percent of mobile home housing units and 1%

annual chance flood economic losses. [RP]

**Spatial Model Outputs:** Data generated by models which, in this case, estimate changes in

marsh extent due to sea level rise. [FH]

Storm Surge: Increased water height due to storm dynamics. Also a data source in the

Flood & Sea Level Rise App. [F&SLR]

**Storm Tracks:** Paths taken by hurricanes and tropical storms which were used as the

basis for modeling storm surge. [F&SLR]

**Storm Type:** A classification format for modeled hurricane impacts in the Flood & Sea

Level Rise App Storm Surge dataset. Impacts from low Intensity storms were based on three theoretical Category 1 hurricanes with maximum winds of 80 miles per hour (mph). Impacts from Moderate Intensity storms were based on six theoretical Category 1 and 2 hurricanes with maximum winds between 85 and 110 mph. Impacts from High Intensity

storms were based on seven Category 2 and 3 hurricanes with maximum winds between 95 and 115 mph. Impacts from Nor'Ida are based on the storm surge generated by that particular storm. Impacts from each of these Storm Types are shown for current conditions and two future Scenario Years in which the sea level has risen. [F&SLR] A background map layer which shows roadways. [Map Viewer]

Streets:A background map layer which shows roadways. [Map Viewer]Terrain:A background map layer which shows differences in terrain. [Map

Viewer]

**Tidal Range (ft):** Data regarding the typical variability in water level due to tides. [F&SLR]

[RP]

**Topographic:** A background map layer which shows roads, waterways, elevation,

forested land, and wetlands. [Map Viewer]

Tour: Clicking this text ( ) opens a quick reference for the parts of the

Coastal Resilience tool map viewer. [Map Viewer]

**Transect:** A line along which data is collected. [CC]

**Transparent:** Allowing light or background images to be seen, as through glass.

[F&SLR] [FH]

Water Depth (ft): A measure of the predicted depth of water in feet due to storm surge.

[F&SLR]

**Wave Climate:** A term which includes the predominant direction of wave influence on a system. [CC] Clicking this button (View Methodology) will load a document which explains View Methodology: the methods used to develop data for the subject app. [F&SLR] [FH] To change the scale of the map viewer. Click on the zoom in button Zoom: (+) for a narrower view or the zoom out button (-) for a wider view. [Map Viewer]

Clicking this button (Zoom to Selection) will zoom to the area drawn by the **Zoom to Selection:** 

user using the Click to Draw an Area option. [FH]