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Awarded \$5.46 Million Grant to Improve Rappahannock River Park and Strengthen Flood Resilience

Tappahannock, VA — March 2, 2026— The Town of Tappahannock is proud to announce that the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has approved the Town’s Community Flood Preparedness Fund (CFPF) application, awarding a grant of \$5,461,087.50 to support critical flood mitigation and recreational improvements at Rappahannock River Park.

The project will focus on:

- Raising Newbill Road to improve access and reduce flood impacts.
- Restoring and enhancing the beach and shoreline at River Park.
- Installing breakwaters to protect the shoreline and nearby infrastructure from future flooding.

The total project cost is \$6,067,875.00, with a required match of \$606,787.50, which the Town hopes to partially fulfill through in-kind services.

“This grant is a transformative step for both our residents and visitors,” said Town Manager Steve Wright. “It allows us to enhance the beach area at Rappahannock River Park, protect our sewer and water systems from flood damage, and strengthen our community’s resilience against future storms.”

Construction and improvement timelines will be shared with the community once the grant agreement is finalized with the Virginia Resources Authority (VRA).

For more information about the project visit www.tappahannock-va.gov or contact Town Manager Steve Wright at swright@tappahannock-va.gov.