

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL BACK BAY COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY

MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING

Date:	February 15, 2024
Time:	1:00PM - 2:30PM
Meeting Location:	WebEx Virtual Meeting https://usace1.webex.com/meet/jason.s.harrah

IN ATTENDANCE: 37 ATTENDEES IN TOTAL

USACE: Jason Harrah, Christopher Bukolt, Darren Pecora, Del Cabeche, Joel Belsterling, Katie Gwin, Katie Lebow, Marty Durkin, Michael Hollingsworth, Michelle Vieira, Patrick Snyder, Sabrina Collins, Samantha Borer, Zuzana Chovanec, David Ruderman, Glorimar Torres, Kevin Wittmann, Hunter Bredesen, Katie Bailey

City of St. Augustine: Caitlyn Sargent, Jessica Beach, Amy Skinner

Agencies and Public: Caroline Walker, Daniel FDOT, Doug Dycus, Doug White, Eve Cooke EDF, Giselle, Jackie Brower, Roxane, Steph Jones FWC, Terri Newman, Rebecca Rutherford, Pete W, Donna Dove, Chris Farrell, Ntale Kajumba

OPENING REMARKS

- Jason Harrah provided a general overview of the study.

PRESENTATION

- Jason Harrah presented slide deck that provided an overview of the study status and potential alternatives.
- Sabrina Collins gave an overview of the Visual Resources Assessment Procedure (VRAP)
 - VRAP team consists of an interdisciplinary team of Corps of Engineers members and City of St. Augustine representatives.
 - Public input for this process will be requested during the April 24th Semi-Annual Public Workshop
- Presentations and notes from past webinars available at:
<https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Shore-Protection/St-Johns-County/City-of-St-Augustine-Florida-Back-Bay-Feasibility-Study/>

- Official Study Experience Site:
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/06bb9c98d9184bd9a374a244f6d27474/>
- Non-Federal Sponsor Pages: <https://www.citystaug.com/1046/Back-Bay-Feasibility-Study-with-the-Army>

KEY ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- Planning Technical Lead (Marty Durkin): Looking forward to the next phase of the study of forecasting the damages anticipated in the study area.
- Engineering Technical Lead (Patrick Snyder): Working on getting those future without-project results finalized so we can move onto formulating alternatives.
- Economics (Joel Belsterling): wrapping up future without-project results and looking forward to sharing with the team.
- Environmental (Darren Pecora): Nothing to present at this time but will likely have an environmental sub-group meeting to discuss environmental aspects of the future without-project conditions.
- Cultural Resources (Zuzana Chovanec): Nothing new to add at this time, will have more to discuss once we have the model results.
- Real Estate (Chris Bukolt): Nothing to add at this time.
- Office of Counsel (Katie Gwin): Nothing to add at this time.

SCHEDULE REVIEW:

Key Schedule Activities: Look Ahead (Green – Complete, Yellow – Ongoing)

Key Activities	Finish Date
FCSA Executed	1/9/2023
AMM Milestone Meeting	5/1/2023
Initial Flood Driver Screening (Scope Decision Point)	5/17/2023
End of FY23	9/30/2023
G2CRM FWOP Production Runs	2/21/2024
Establish Initial Array of Alternatives	8/21/2024
End of FY24	9/30/2024
G2CRM FWP Initial Alternatives Production Runs & Post Processing	5/15/2025
Establish Final Array of Alternatives (Scope Decision Point)	6/4/2025
G2CRM FWP Final Alternatives Production Runs & Post Processing	9/22/2025
End of FY25	9/30/2025
Identify National Economic Development (NED) Plan	12/22/2025
Identify Comprehensive Benefits Plan/Locally Preferred Plan (LPP)	3/17/2026
Identify the TSP	5/18/2026
End of FY26	9/30/2026
Exceptions/Waivers Approved by Assistant Secretary to the Army (ASA)	11/20/2026
TSP Milestone Meeting	2/2/2027
Release Draft Report for Concurrent Reviews	4/2/2027
End of FY27	9/30/2027
ADM Meeting	11/3/2027
Final Report Submittal Package to HQ	5/22/2028
Chief's Report Signature	9/15/2028

Upcoming Key Dates

Dates	Events
January 18 th , 2024	Monthly Planning Webinar
February 15 th , 2024	Monthly Planning Webinar
March 21 st , 2024	Monthly Planning Webinar
April 24th, 2024 Starts at 6:00pm	In Person Public Workshop @ Willie Galimore Recreation Center – 399 Riberia St, St. Augustine, FL 32084

*April workshop likely will not take place in the Lightner Museum as the meetings have outgrown the space available in the museum

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Jessica Beach – COSA is continuing to coordinate with other state and local agencies. There is a lot of activity going on in the city so we appreciate the involvement of the public.
- Doug White EPA Region 4: Should any Federal agencies appear at the April 24th meeting?
 - Yes, if you can make it absolutely. It is just that evening starting at 6pm on the 24th. Additional information will be posted ahead of the meeting.
- Chris Farrell Audubon Florida: For the future condition analyses, is there a way to view the assumptions that are being made, specifically the sea level rise?
 - We are doing all of those forecasts and analysis now, once we complete the reviews, we will add to the Engineering tab on the study webpage.
 - The team is looking at using NOAA's marsh migration tool to see how the marsh habitat may evolve in the future and incorporate into our future without-project condition.
 - The team will send out an e-mail blast once the information is live on the webpage.