

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

MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING

Date:	June 20, 2024
Time:	1:00PM - 2:30PM
Meeting Location:	WebEx Virtual Meeting https://usace1.webex.com/meet/jason.s.harra

IN ATTENDANCE: 44 ATTENDEES IN TOTAL

USACE: Jason Harrah, Christopher Bukolt, Joel Belsterling, Marty Durkin, David Ruderman, Glorimar Torres, Michelle Vieira, Patrick O'Donnell, Stacey Roth, Brennan Banks, Brooke Warlinter, Hunter Bredesen, Samantha Borer

City of St Augustine: Jessica Beach, Amy Skinner

Agencies and Public: Doug White, Lia Sansom (GTMNERR), Jen Lomberk, Nikki Dix, Rachel Rhode (EDF), Eve Cooke (EDF), Roxane, Steph Jones (FWC), Ben Gross, Carol Knightly, Doug Dycus, Justin Fairman, Lauren Drake, Lily Fillwalk, Mark Nelson, Michael Hollingsworth, Serigne Ndiaye, Terri Newman, Tom F, Chris Farrell

OPENING REMARKS

- Jason Harrah welcomed everyone to the webinar and thanked everyone for joining.

PRESENTATION

- Jason Harrah presented several slides discussing the study background, study area, study scope, study schedule, and study budget.
- Marty Durkin presented a slide describing the next steps that the team will be taking to get to a tentatively selected plan (TSP) and the metrics that will be used to evaluate alternatives under the National Economic Development (NED), Other Social Effects (OSE), Environmental Quality (EQ), and Regional Economic Development (RED) accounts.

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): no additional updates beyond the slide that was presented on the process to get to the TSP.
- Engineering Technical Lead (Patrick Snyder): Michelle Vieira provided an update on how the engineering team is working to further develop alternative features based on the FWOP model results.
- Economics (Vongmomy Var): Joel Belsterling provided an update on how the economics team was working to get the FWOP impacts to critical infrastructure in the study area.
- Environmental (Katie Lebow): Jason Harrah noted that Katie Lebow would be taking over as the environmental lead for the study as Darren Pecora transitions into a team lead role.
- Cultural Resources (Zuzana Chovanec): no additional updates.
- Real Estate (Chris Bukolt): no additional updates.
- Office of Counsel (Katie Gwin): no additional updates.
- VRAP (Sabrina Collins): no additional updates.

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
June 20 th , 2024 @ 1:00pm	Monthly Webinar
July 18 th , 2024 @ 1:00pm	Monthly Webinar
August 15 th , 2024 @ 1:00pm	Monthly Webinar
September 19 th , 2024 @ 1:00pm	Monthly Webinar
October 2024	In Person Public Workshop Location TBD

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Jessica Beach provided an update on all the ongoing and upcoming efforts related to flood resilience in the City of St. Augustine.
- Nikki Dix (Chat Question) - Marty, for the nuisance flood events, what recent water level data are you using?
 - Michelle Vieira (Chat Answer) - Nikki, The script we're working with uses the historical record from NOAA water level gauges. For this analysis we are using the NOAA water level gauge at Mayport, FL.
 - Nikki Dix (Chat Follow-up) - Thanks, Michelle. Please let us know of there are current data needs b/c we have some funds to put toward water level data collection.
- Rachel Rhode (Question) - Does the recent April 22 memo on NBS in Civil Work Projects require that in the final array of alternatives a complete NBS alternative should be considered if it exists? Does the LEDPA alternative fall into that category?
 - Marty Durkin (Verbal Answer Summary): The team is tracking that memo. It requires that studies initiated after the memo consider a complete NBS (nature-based solution). This study was initiated before the memo, but the team will still consider a complete NBS even though it is not a hard requirement for this study. The LEDPA (least environmentally damaging practical alternative) could be a complete NBS but not necessarily. It could potentially be a non-structural alternative or something different.
 - Link to the memo referenced - <https://dirt.asla.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/NBS.pdf>