

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

MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING

Date:	July 18, 2024
Time:	1:00PM - 2:30PM
Meeting Location:	WebEx Virtual Meeting https://usace1.webex.com/meet/jason.s.harrah

IN ATTENDANCE: 40 ATTENDEES IN TOTAL

USACE: Jason Harrah, Christopher Bukolt, Joel Belsterling, Marty Durkin, David Ruderman, Glorimar Torres, Brennan Banks, Brooke Warlinter, Darren Pecora, Del Cabeche, Katherine Tyson, Katie Lebow, Kevin Wittmann, Patrick Snyder, Zuzana Chovanec, Elizabeth Godsey, Sabrina Collins

City of St Augustine: Caitlyn Sargent

Agencies and Public: Lia Sansom (GTMNERR), Jen Lomberg, Rachel Rhode (EDF), Roxane, Steph Jones (FWC), Carol Knightly, Serigne Ndiaye (FWC), David Kaufman, Gloria Mitchell, Grodie Wilson, Joel Belsterling, Ian Pawn, Kurt Foote, Michael Brock, Katie Gwin, Kevin Priester, Tara Dodson, Terry Hull (BV), Vanessa Trujillo, Jackie Brower, John Paul Rebello, Maria Watt, Giselle, Clyde, Christyn Figueroa

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 slides 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. Presentation on Future Without Project (FWOP) damage and impact values
 - National Economic Development (NED) - Monetary damage to structures, content, and vehicles.

- Other Social Effects (OSE)
 - Estimated potential life loss count.
 - Residential displacement count. Extra considerations for how this could affect EJ residents.
 - Nuisance flood days count. Increase with sea level rise.
 - Critical Facility/Infrastructure impacts count.
- Environmental Quality (EQ)
 - Historical structure damage count.
 - Habitat acreage retreat count.
- Regional Economic Development (RED) – Monetary impact to business revenue. Extra consideration for the job loss for EJ residents associated with this.

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): Marty discussed how the team is transitioning from Step 2 (Inventory and Forecasting) int Step 3 (Developing Alternatives) of the six-step planning process described on the study website (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/06bb9c98d9184bd9a374a244f6d27474/>). The initial array of alternatives is on track to be established in August.
- Engineering Technical Lead (Patrick Snyder): Patrick provided an update on how the engineering team is working to further develop alternative features.
- Economics (Vongmony Var): Joel Belsterling provided an update on how the economics team was working to analyze the FWOP impacts in the study area and making some adjustments to the model based on review comment in preparation for the next round of modeling.
- Environmental (Katie Lebow): Katie provided an update on upcoming pre-briefing meetings and in-person meetings.
- Cultural Resources (Zuzana Chovanec): Zuzana confirmed the cultural resources team be joining the environmental team for upcoming meetings and provided updates on analyzing how FWOP results will impact cultural resources.
- Real Estate (Chris Bukolt): no additional updates.
- Office of Counsel (Katie Gwin): no additional updates.
- VRAP (Sabrina Collins): Sabrina confirmed she is preparing for upcoming meetings and for the initial array of alternatives.

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
July 18 th , 2024 @ 1:00pm	Monthly Webinar
August 6 th & 7 th	Environmental and Cultural Resource Sub-Team Meeting
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

- David Ruderman – USACE CCO (verbal comment): Confirming social media posts were being made on Facebook.
- Caitlyn Sargent – COSA (verbal update from the City): COSA wrapping up ongoing projects. The City is preparing for the cultural resource meeting prep and excited to see alternatives.
- Gordie Wilson – NPS (verbal update from NPS): Held first public meeting last month and will hold another in a few weeks. NPS is narrowing down alternatives for the fort seawall and has about a year and a half before beginning construction phase. The project is moving forward steadily.

- Caitlyn Sargent – COSA (link in chat):
<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=102296>
- Katie Lebow – USACE (link in chat):
<https://www.nps.gov/casa/learn/news/newsreleases.htm>