

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

MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING

Date:	September 19, 2024
Time:	1:00PM - 2:30PM
Meeting Location:	WebEx Virtual Meeting https://usace1.webex.com/join/jason.s.harrah

IN ATTENDANCE: 34 ATTENDEES IN TOTAL

USACE: Katie Lebow, Jason Harrah, Christopher Bukolt, David Ruderman, Delaney Hempfling, Glorimar Torres, Joel Belsterling, JP Rebello, Katie Gwin, Marty Durkin, Patrick Snyder, Vongmony Var, Zuzana Chovanec, Kim Vitek, Amanda Bredesen, Tony Ledford, Rebecca Rutherford

City of St Augustine: Caitlyn Sargent, Jessica Beach

Agencies and Public: Cori Hermle, Doug White, Eve Cooke, Ian Pawn, Jason Kirk, Jen Lomberg, Kurt Foote, Michael Brock, Nikki Dix, Pete, Roxane Dow, Sloane Stephens, Tom F, 9042****40, Serigne Ndiaye

OPENING REMARKS

- Jason Harrah welcomed everyone to the webinar and thanked everyone for joining.
- The PDT will be monitoring the chat function and responding to questions there throughout the presentation.

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 Initial Alternative Features being considered by the team to get to a tentatively selected plan (TSP)
 - Wall/Levee/Dune features
 - Wall and levee features to help protect from surge are being considered throughout the study area shoreline.
 - Surge barrier systems
 - Multiple configurations of various gates along with walls, levees, and dunes being considered at multiple inlets and throughout the study area.

- Nonstructural features
 - Primarily considering floodproofing for public/commercial structures and elevation for residential structures.
- Nature Based Solutions
 - Nature Based Solutions would consist of maintaining existing areas of saltmarsh into the future. The may be tied into wall/levee/dune features and are also being considered independently in locations where applicable.

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
- Engineering Technical Lead (Patrick Snyder): Working with the initial array of alternatives and developing preliminary costs to refine initial array
- Economics (Vongmony Var): Updating structure inventory and values for revision of initial array
- Environmental (Katie Lebow): We are tracking the initial array analysis as has been mentioned by the rest of the team, we had a great turn out and have had wonderful discussions from our partners and stakeholders since.
- Cultural Resources (Zuzana Chovanec): Reviewing the initial array of alternatives
- Real Estate (Chris Bukolt): Reviewing the initial array of alternatives
- Office of Counsel (Katie Gwin): No additional updates.
- VRAP (Sabrina Collins): On leave, Rebecca Rutherford provided update that VRAP team is reviewing initial array of alternatives.
- NFS (Jessica Beach): No new remarks
- No remarks from other federal, state, or local agencies.

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
August 15 th , 2024 @ 1:00pm	Monthly Webinar
August 28 th , 2024	Environmental and Cultural Subteam In-Person Meeting
September 19 th , 2024 @ 1:00pm	Monthly Webinar
October 2024	In Person Public Workshop Location TBD
November 21 st , 2024 @ 1:00pm	Monthly Webinar

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Kurt Foote: Public comment period began this week for the Fort Matanzas seawall project.
- Eve Cooke: Great updates. A few quick questions: 1. Is USACE hiring a landscape architecture firm to do renderings for a the report or a different organization like the non-federal sponsor? Also, I want to confirm that renderings will be available for the public to view for the Draft EIS
 - Jason Harrah Response: Eve it's a mixture of all the above, used for public meetings, sponsor meetings as needed, the actual report, etc.