

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

## MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING

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Date:	February 20, 2025
Time:	1:00PM - 2:30PM
Meeting Location:	WebEx Virtual Meeting <a href="https://usace1.webex.com/meet/jason.s.harra">https://usace1.webex.com/meet/jason.s.harra</a>

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### IN ATTENDANCE: 34 ATTENDEES IN TOTAL

USACE: Zuzana Chovanec, Troy Mayhew, Jason Harrah, Marty Durkin, Brooke Warlitner, Brennan Banks, Katie Gwin, Kim Vitek, Michelle Vieria, Chris Bukolt, Sabrina Collins, Samantha Borer, Samuel Harper, Vongmony Var

City of St Augustine: Caitlyn Sargent, Jessica Beach

Agencies and Public: Kurt Foote (NPS), Matthew Bernanke, Amanda Parker, Amy Skinner, Anja Terry, Chris Farrell (Audubon Florida), Daniel Penniman (FDOT), Doug Dycus, Doug White (EPA), Eve Cooke (EDF), Ian Pawn, Nikki Dix (FDEP – GTMNERR), Patrick O'Donnell, Serigne Ndiaye (FWC), Stephen Hammond, Terri Newman, Tom F, Cori Hermle, Christine Angelini (AECOM/UF)

### 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.

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 BY DISCIPLINE**

- Plan Formulation: Working with the team to nail down a final array of alternatives by June. Based on initial analysis the final array will focus on walls and levees in conjunction with nature-based features. Nonstructural measures would only be used in select locations where structural protection could not be provided.
- Engineering: Continuing to work alternative alignments and designs. Working on modeling set up for the final array of alternatives.
- Economics: Supporting modeling efforts with EN
- Environmental: Starting to pull together our NEPA document and will have Sub team meeting in April.
- Cultural Resources: Planning to have cultural Sub team meetings starting in the end of Spring.
- Landscape Architecture: Getting ready for the Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) portion of the Visual Resources Assessment Procedure (VRAP) to start in June.
- Real Estate: Continuing to support the team for development of the final array of alternatives.
- Office of Counsel: nothing to report.
- There will be multiple internal USACE meetings to discuss final array for each of the land masses over the next few months.

## 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
<b>End of FY23</b>	9/30/2023
G2CRM FWOP Production Runs	2/21/2024
Establish Initial Array of Alternatives	8/21/2024
<b>End of FY24</b>	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
<b>End of FY25</b>	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
<b>End of FY26</b>	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
<b>End of FY27</b>	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 Engagement Dates

Dates	Events
February 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 @ 1:00pm	Monthly Webinar
March 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 @ 1:00pm	Monthly Webinar
April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 @ 1:00pm	Monthly Webinar
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025 @ 9:00am	Environmental Subteam Meeting
May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 @ 1:00pm	Monthly Webinar

## QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- Question – Chris Farrell: Did you say there is an environmental subgroup meeting (that includes stakeholders) coming up?
  - Katie Lebow: Yes, we will be meeting in April 2025
- Question - Chris Farrell: Is there a text description/report of the initial alternatives. It's a bit tough to understand details from the website imagery.
  - Marty Durkin: Chris, if you click on step 3 in the plan formulation section of the website there is a summary of the initial features.
  - Jason Harrah: Maybe we can add a table of descriptions about the features that are initial and likely to change
- Question - Chris Farrell: I did not receive an email about the meeting (but I was on the list last year). Could you add me to the list again and send me the meeting info?
  - Katie Lebow: Yes, I will make sure you receive the invite
- Question – Christine Angelini: asked about the areas shown for the NNBF on the interactive map. Where we would be doing something or just showing the existing marsh areas?
  - Marty Durkin, Katie Lebow, Jason Harrah: That layer is just showing the existing marsh areas where we would most likely be able to implement NNBFs such as thin layer placement or other measures. We would be looking to do these things in conjunction with walls or levees in areas where the marsh is expected to turn into open water in the future.