

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

MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING

Date:	March 20, 2025
Time:	1:00PM - 2:30PM
Meeting Location:	WebEx Virtual Meeting https://usace1.webex.com/meet/jason.s.harra

PROJECT DELIVERY TEAM AND NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR

USACE: Jason Harrah, Marty Durkin, Brennan Banks, Brooke Warlitner, Katie Lebow, Zuzana Chovanec, Anja Terry, Sabrina Collins, Vongmny Var, Katie Gwin

City of St Augustine: Caitlyn Sargent, Amy Skinner

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 provided an update on the current focus on the project delivery team moving forward to the Final Array of Alternatives.
- Jason Harrah walked through the official Study Experience Site (available below).
- Jason Harrah discussed future meetings. The next bi-annual in person public workshop is expected to be held sometime between October to November pending freezes on federal travel.

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 Durkin discussed how the team is working towards the Final Array of Alternatives milestone by focusing on developing the best alignments of different features and performing a final analysis on those alternatives.
- Junior Engineering Technical Lead (Brooke Warlitner): Brooke Warlitner provided an update on the engineering team supporting Marty Durkin with engineering inputs to developing the best alignments.
- Economics (Vongmony Var): Vongmony Var provided updates on the econ team refining the project's economic modeling (G2CRM) and preparing the structure inventory for the Final Array of Alternatives.
- Environmental (Katie Lebow): Katie Lebow is providing support to refining the alignments by providing environmental inputs to different feature alignments. Katie Lebow is preparing for all day Environmental Subteam Meeting on April 23, which will be an additional opportunity to provide input on the project.
- Cultural Resources (Zuzana Chovanec): Zuzana Chovanec is working on the data integration to identify cultural resource considerations for final alternatives. Zuzana is also working on evaluating alignments and approaches for viewshed analysis impacts to the project area. There will be a Cultural Subteam meeting following the Environmental Subteam meeting in April.
- Real Estate (Anja Terry): Anja and Christopher are providing real estate input on alignments to help the team move forward.
- Office of Counsel (Katie Gwin): No updates.
- Visual Resources (Sabrina Collins): No updates.
- NFS (Caitlyn Sargent and Amy Skinner):
 - Amy Skinner – The City of St. Augustine had an in-person workshop last night (3/19/25) to discuss hurdles the Planning and Zoning Board are having with local residential project level of fill and excessive finished first floor level (8-15 ft finished floors). The City is looking to establish some limits of fill so people consider adverse impacts to adjacent structures.
 - Other federal, state, or local agencies:
 - Kurt Foote (National Park Service)
 - Working on compliance and working on internal review of environmental documents.

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

- Eve Cooke - In the presentation, you mentioned that you are considering "compound flooding" and "nuisance flooding" in developing your alternatives. How exactly is the being considered in the analysis?
 - Martin Durkin – There is no formal requirement for this study to do a compound flood analysis, but we're still looking at every potential contribution to the peak water level we would see during a coastal storm including influence from the river, wave attack, flooding, rain fall, tide, and seasonal variability in water levels.
 - Doing a separate nuisance flood analysis to forecast and considering how alternatives will change occurrences of nuisance flood events in the future.
- Eve Cooke - Is there still interest from the city to submit an 8106 request? If yes, what is the timeline? If no, what is the hesitation to submit a request?
 - Caitlyn Sargent - Hi Eve, yes there is still interest. It's more lack of resources and other deadlines have taken precedence. We still plan on submitting when we are able. We appreciate the example letter that was sent to us recently and will use it as guidance moving forward.