



Town of Shallotte Board of Aldermen
ACTION AGENDA ITEM
2025

TO: Board of Aldermen

FROM: Robert Waring, Planning Director

ACTION ITEM #: _____

MEETING DATE: 3-18-2025

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

ISSUE/ACTION REQUESTED:

PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO

To request the Board’s authorization to apply for the North Carolina Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP).

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF REQUEST: Staff has been made aware of a grant from NC Dept. of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) that would fund the creation resiliency plan which will allow the Town to participate in a four-phase program that would result in the implementation of specific projects that that would improve the Town’s ability to withstand storm and environmental conditions.

Staff would propose focusing on stormwater, sewer utility, and road drainage vulnerabilities.

Phase I does not require any match from the Town, but staff would need to participate with a consultant to draft the material. Phase I is expected to take approximately 12 months (June 25 to June 26).

NCDEQ summarizes the program below:

The N.C. Resilient Coastal Communities Program aims to facilitate a community-driven process for setting coastal resilience goals, assessing existing and needed local capacity, and identifying and prioritizing projects to enhance community resilience to coastal hazards. Participating communities will walk through a framework leading to the development of “shovel-ready” projects. Local governments throughout the 20 coastal counties will be eligible to apply for direct technical assistance to complete a community engagement process, risk, and vulnerability assessment, and develop a resilience project portfolio.

The four phases of the program include:

- *Phase 1: Community Engagement and Risk & Vulnerability Assessment*
- *Phase 2: Planning, Project Selection, and Prioritization*
- *Phase 3: Engineering and Design*
- *Phase 4: Implementation*

This initiative, funded through the N.C. State Legislature and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, will provide funding to local governments to help overcome barriers in coastal resilience and adaptation planning, boost local government capacity, and support a proactive, sustainable, and equitable approach to coastal resilience planning and project implementation.

RCCP Website

<https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/coastal-management/coastal-adaptation-and-resiliency/nc-resilient-coastal-communities-program#RCCPPlanningHandbook-3693>

RCCP Map of Projects

<https://ncdenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/a31f72f873cf4b479f679033700d58a9>

FISCAL IMPACT:

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRED:

YES NO

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE REQUIRED:

YES NO

PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATION REQUIRED:

YES NO

REVIEWED BY DIRECTOR OF FISCAL OPERATIONS

YES NO

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

REVIEWED BY TOWN ATTORNEY:

YES NO N/A

ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Board of Aldermen authorize staff to submit and application prior to the April 25 deadline.

FINANCE RECOMMENDATION: NA

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Application
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