

# Resilient Coastal Communities Program

## Program Objectives



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The Town of Edenton is developing a Resilience Strategy as part of the 2023-2024 Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP), a program administered by the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management and funded by the N.C. State Legislature and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. This project will evaluate current and future coastal flood risks and vulnerabilities and identify ways to adapt and become more resilient to flooding.

### RCCP Overview

RCCP focuses locally on 20 coastal counties under the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) and provides a formalized planning process that supports communities in ultimately developing shovel-ready resilience projects.

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#### The program consists of four phases:

1. Community Engagement & Risk/Vulnerability Assessment
2. Planning, Project Identification, & Prioritization
3. Engineering & Design
4. Project Implementation

Edenton has received support for Phases 1 and 2.

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## **What is a Resilience Strategy?**

Resilience can be defined as increasing a community's ability to rebound, positively adapt to, or thrive amidst changing conditions or challenges—including disasters and climate change—and maintain quality of life, healthy growth, durable systems, and conservation of resources for present and future generations. Through guidance from the RCCP, Edenton will take a triple-bottom-line approach to resilience, which guides communities toward a comprehensive strategy that accounts for social, environmental, and economic factors. Ideally, considering these factors equally will increase resilience, cost savings, and benefits for all stakeholders involved.

This Resilience Strategy includes two major components:

Vulnerability Assessment: Helps a community to determine which critical assets, natural infrastructure, and vulnerable populations are likely to be impacted by current and future coastal flood hazards.

Project Portfolio: Based on the results of the vulnerability assessment, the portfolio outlines a comprehensive set of resilience projects/actions developed to help the community address and adapt to short - and long-term hazards.

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## **Why is it Important to Me?**

Citizen and stakeholder input are important to this planning process, so that the vulnerability assessment reflects the challenges the community faces, and the project portfolio includes solutions best suited to our local needs.

A Community Action Team (CAT) of Town staff and local stakeholders has been formed to guide the planning process. Your input will help the CAT to define goals and objectives for a resilient Edenton and identify critical assets, coastal risks, and opportunities for adaptation.

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## **Which Hazards are Included?**

The Vulnerability Assessment will evaluate several costal hazards including sea level rise, flooding, storm surge, and shoreline erosion.

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## **Meetings**

**CAT Meeting #1 - 10/19/23**

[Meeting Minutes](#)

[Meeting Presentation Slides](#)

### **Public Meeting #1 - 1/16/24**

[Meeting Minutes](#)

[Meeting Presentation Slides](#)

### **CAT Meeting #2 - 2/27/24**

[Meeting Minutes](#)

[Meeting Presentation Slides](#)

### **CAT Meeting #3 - 5/21/24**

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## **Draft Documents**

Check back here to review report drafts.

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## **Project Information & Resources**

[Resilient Coastal Communities Program](#)

[North Carolina Resilient Coastal Communities Program Planning Handbook](#)

[NC DEQ Coastal Adaptation & Resiliency](#)

[NC Coastal Community Resiliency Guide](#)

[The Nature Conservancy NC Coastal Resilience Portal](#)

[NOAA Coastal County Snapshots](#)

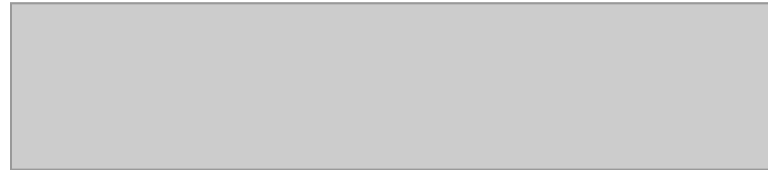
**Take the Survey!**

## Edenton Resilience Strategy Public Survey



<https://forms.office.com/e/XgJ2ZqJJWB>

You can get involved in the planning process by completing the public survey, attending public meetings, and providing feedback on draft plan materials. Check this page for announcements about upcoming meetings, links to draft documents, and other updates on the planning process.



# North Carolina Resilient Communities Program (RCCP)

2023-24 Phase 1 & 2 Participants

