2020 Update:
Coast Smart Program Document

COAST SMART COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 11, 2020
WHY?

2014 Legislation: Chapter 415 (HB614)
- Established Coast Smart Council; Council required to develop Coast Smart Siting and Design Criteria

2015 Coast Smart Construction Program adopted by Council
- Detailed siting and design criteria; Categorical exception; Waiver process

2018 Legislation: Chapters 628 and 629 (SB 1006 / HB 1350)
- Highway facilities; Structures withstand Category 2 storm surge; Saltwater intrusion adaption plan; State funds for mitigation; Nuisance flooding plan

2018 Revised Coast Smart Construction Program adopted by Council
- Updated Appendix A: Coast Smart Assessment and Certificate

2019 Legislation: Chapter 442 (HB 1427)
- Clarified applicability (i.e., capital projects); extended deadlines for revised Siting and Design Criteria to July 1, 2020
WHO?

Small workgroup
  ◦ DNR, CAC, MDE, MDOT, OAG/DNR

7 meetings over 2 months
WHAT?

GOALS:
• Bring Program Document in-line with Coast Smart statute
• Comprehensive update to the Coast Smart Program Document
• By July 1, 2020

Current Program Document:
• https://dnr.maryland.gov/climateresilience/Documents/CoastSmart-Construction-Program_Summary_2018.pdf
DETAILS

• Expanded the **scope**: Include local capital projects (not only State capital projects)

• Expanded the **scope**: Include highway facilities (not only structures)

• Revised **applicability**: State and local capital projects that include the construction or reconstruction of a structure and the construction of a highway facility for which at least 50 percent of the project costs are funded by State funds and which costs at least $500,000

• Clarified the **mapping boundary** within which the Siting and Design Criteria apply (i.e., development of the Coast Smart Climate Ready Action Boundary (CS-CRAB))

• Developed Siting and Design Criteria applicable to **highway facilities**

• General updates where necessary (i.e., cites to other programs/documents)
 DETAILS – CONT’D

Kept same structure throughout main document
  ◦ Introduction
  ◦ Applicability
  ◦ Siting & Design Criteria for State & Local Capital Projects That Include the Construction or Reconstruction of a Structure
  ◦ *Siting & Design Criteria for State & Local Capital Projects That Include the Construction of Highway Facilities (all new)*
  ◦ Categorical Exemptions (not Exceptions)
  ◦ Coast Smart Criteria Waivers
  ◦ Reporting
  ◦ Criteria Incorporation
  ◦ Annual Report
DETAILS – CONT’D

Rearranged Appendices

◦ Appendix A: Project Screening Form (Eliminated duplicative questions)
◦ Appendix B: Waiver Process
◦ Appendix C: Legislative Overview (All new)
◦ Appendix D: Glossary of Terms (Separate from Project Screening Form)

Eliminated Certificate
NEXT STEPS

Currently: Finalize internal review

May 22, 2020: Send Revised Program Document to Council for 2-week review and comment period

June 5, 2020: Receive comments on revised Program Document

Week of June 8, 2020: CS Council meet for discussion and vote on revised Program Document

June 12, 2020: Submit Program Document to State House for review and approval

July 1, 2020: Legislative deadline for revised program

July – October:
- Develop FAQ; process diagram; summary of changes document
- Public dissemination of updated documents, siting and design criteria, mapping product;
- Proposal to host series of technical assistant sessions for updated Program Document in local jurisdictions
QUESTIONS?