

Henrico Voluntary Acquisition Program

Program Background

Henrico is working to build a more resilient community. Resilience is the ability of individuals, institutions, and communities to adjust, adapt, and recover from short-term events and long-term stressors like flooding. Flooding can happen anywhere it rains—regardless of maps or past events. To help residents reduce the risk and strengthen community resilience, Henrico launched a Voluntary Acquisition Program to purchase flood-prone properties. Homeowners can choose to take part in the program, contributing to long-term safety and a stronger, more resilient community.

What is the Voluntary Acquisition Program?

The Voluntary Acquisition Program is a proven strategy to help decrease risk by reducing exposure to future flooding. This program gives property owners an opportunity to sell their flood-prone properties to the County, helping to break the cycle of damage and repetitive losses. By participating, homeowners can turn risk into resilience while shaping a safer, stronger community. The County is gathering input from residents to guide this effort as a community-centered initiative. Here's how it works:



1. Know Your Flood Risk

Visit the County's flood risk map to see if your property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Properties in high-risk zones will be prioritized for participation in the program.



2. Join the Conversation

Help shape community incentives and program development by attending public meetings and outreach events. Whether you have suggestions, concerns, or creative ideas—we'd love to hear from you.



3. Connect With Us

If you're interested in reducing your flood risk, reach out to discuss flood mitigation options, including the Voluntary Acquisition Program. County staff are available to provide guidance and answer questions.



4. Acquire & Transform

The County will work with eligible owners to buy their flood-prone property. Once acquired, properties may be maintained as open space or used for community resilience projects that support flood mitigation.

Is participation really optional?

Yes! The County is only working with property owners who choose to participate. Acquisitions are completely voluntary and based on mutual agreement between the County and homeowners. You decide whether to participate, and you can opt out at any time before the sale is finalized. If you'd like to learn more about your flood risk and available mitigation options, we encourage you to reach out.

We want to hear from you!

Whether you're considering selling your property or want to share your thoughts to help shape the program, we want to hear from you! Learn more and find out how to get involved by reaching out:

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