# **Full Job Description:**



# **Coastal Resilience Planning Intern**

Status: Part-Time/Temporary, 20 hours/week Contractual Term: 12 weeks

**Salary Range:** \$13-\$16/hour **Location**: Accomac, Virginia *Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until filled.* 

### Overview:

The <u>Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC)</u>, <u>Planning Department</u> is seeking an enthusiastic and knowledgeable individual to assist in the development in the **ESVA Community Resilience & Sustainability Plan (CRSP)**. This a paid part-time, temporary internship comprised of two main functions: (1) Public Engagement and (2) Resource Assessment. This position reports to the Coastal Planner. A high school diploma/GED required; the preferred candidate will be enrolled in post-secondary course work in environmental sciences or a related field.

The ESVA Community Resilience & Sustainability Plan (CRSP) is instrumental in increasing coastal resilience and protection for Eastern Shore communities, cultures, and natural habitats. The CRSP will be project based, identifying over-arching strategies and smaller, local tactile projects that build a case for strategic long-term resilience projects. It will be project based with a focus on flood control and resilience, simultaneously incorporating nature-based infrastructure to the greatest extent possible and be based on the best available science, incorporating climate change, sea level rise, storm surge, and current flood maps. The plan will require coordination among local, state, and regional partners and will result in a clearly articulated phasing for plan implementation.

The Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission (A-NPDC) has been the Eastern Shore of Virginia's regional planning organization since 1970. Created by the Commonwealth of Virginia and working with the Counties of Accomack and Northampton and the Town of Chincoteague, the A-NPDC supports planning and community development efforts and provides technical assistance on behalf of the Commonwealth. The A-NPDC focuses on issues of regional importance by working with local, state, and federal governments.

## Specific Responsibilities Include:

### Public Engagement:

- Coordination of outreach events such as public listening sessions and in-person surveys and interviews;
- Development and distribution of educational and promotional outreach materials;
- Raise awareness across the region about flood hazard areas, the social vulnerability of coastal communities, and steps to address these risks

### Resource Assessment

- Assess regional, state and national resources that may be incorporated into the CRSP;
- Collect data from existing resources (e.g., maps, data portals, surveys, and models);
- Review relevant information from local and regional planning documents (e.g., comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, economic development plan, hazard mitigation plan, studies, etc.)

### To Apply:

Interested candidates should send their cover letter and resume to Jessica Steelman, Coastal Planner at <a href="mailto:jsteelman@esvaplan.org">jsteelman@esvaplan.org</a> with Coastal Resilience Planning Intern on the subject line. A-NPDC ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.