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Dear Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Fund Team,

I am writing to express my strong support for Lancaster County's application to the Community Flood Preparedness Fund for their shoreline restoration and protection project at Windmill Point. This vital initiative, which has been thoughtfully conceived in the County's comprehensive and strategic plans, demonstrates a proactive approach to addressing the pressing challenges of shoreline erosion and flooding.

The proposed project will protect over 1,300 feet of shoreline and restore vegetative dunes at Westland Beach. These critical measures will safeguard valuable public amenities, a private marina, and residential properties, ensuring the community's long-term resilience against the impacts of climate change and sea level rise. Lancaster County's commitment to environmental stewardship and infrastructure resilience is evident through their dedicated efforts to secure funding for this project, including previous applications to both the DCR Community Flood Preparedness Fund and the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant program.

The Windmill Point project aligns with the Commonwealth's priorities for addressing flooding risks, promoting ecological restoration, and protecting valuable coastal resources. By investing in this project, the DCR will not only protect critical infrastructure but also enhance the ecological health and recreational value of Westland Beach, benefiting both residents and visitors to the area.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Respectfully,

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Hillary Kent