



Name	A Sea Level Rise Response Strategy for the State of Maryland
Description	Sea level rise rates along Maryland's coastline are nearly twice those of the global average. Sea level has risen approximately one foot in the last century and is expected to rise another 2 - 3 feet by the year 2100. Sea level rise impacts coastal areas by exacerbating coastal flooding, influencing shoreline erosion, and submerging tidal wetlands and other low-lying lands. Such impacts pose a significant threat to the steep cliffs, wetlands and marshes, tidal estuaries, and sandy beaches, and barrier islands that comprise Maryland's coastal environment. Recognizing the need to begin planning for sea level rise, a NOAA Coastal Management Fellow with Maryland's Coastal Program developed a Sea Level Rise Response Strategy for the State of Maryland. The strategy sets forth the policy and implementation framework for reducing the State's overall vulnerability to sea level rise in the coming years.
Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PRODUCTS: Plans, Assessments, Studies - PRODUCTS: Engagement - PRODUCTS: Regulatory/ Policy Guidance
Sector	- Natural Ecosystems
Focus Area	- Coasts and Climate Resilience (including sea-level rise)
Region	- Regional Or State -- Mid-Atlantic
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