



# Appendix A: Acronyms



### Acronyms

#### A

ACOE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
AICP American Institute of Certified Planners  
APA American Planning Association  
ARC American Red Cross  
ASCE American Society of Civil Engineers

#### B

BCA Benefit-cost analysis  
BOCA Building Officials and Code Administrators  
BFE Base Flood Elevation  
BLM Bureau of Land Management

#### C

CEM Comprehensive Emergency Management  
CERT Citizens Emergency Response Team  
CFR Code of Federal Regulations  
CFM Certified Floodplain Manger  
CGIT Center for Geospatial Information Technology  
COV Code of Virginia  
COVEOP Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan  
CPI Consumer Price Index  
CRS Community Rating System

#### D

DBHD Department of Behavioral Health and Development  
DCR Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation  
DEQ Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
DFIRM Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map  
DGS Virginia Department of General Services  
DHCD Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development  
DHS Department of Homeland Security  
DMA2K Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000

DMME Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy  
DOF Virginia Department of Forestry  
DOH Virginia Department of Health  
DOQQ Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quadrangle  
DOS Department of State

#### E

EDA U.S. Economic Development Agency  
EOC Emergency Operations Center  
EOP Emergency Operations Plan  
EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
EPM Emergency Program Manager  
ESRI Environmental Systems Research Institute

#### F

FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation  
FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency  
FIMA Flood Insurance Management Agency  
FIRM Flood Insurance Rate Map  
FMA Flood Mitigation Assistance  
FMAP Flood Mitigation Assistance Program  
FPI Fire Potential Index  
FPMS Flood Plan Management Services  
fps feet per second

#### G

GIS Geographic information system  
GPS Global positioning system  
GSA General Services Administration

#### H

HAZMAT Hazardous material  
HAZUS Hazards U.S.  
HAZUS-MH Hazards U.S. – Multi-Hazard  
HIRA Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment  
HMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance  
HMP Hazard mitigation plan  
HMGP Hazard Mitigation Grant Program  
HUD U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



<b>I</b>		<b>R</b>	
IA	Individual Assistance	RACES	Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service
IEMS	Integrated Emergency Management System	<b>S</b>	
IFLOWS	Integrated Flood Observing and Warning System	SBA	U.S. Small Business Administration
<b>L</b>		SCC	Virginia State Corporation Commission
LCCC	Local Citizen Corps Committees	SEAS	Virginia Shoreline Erosion Advisory Service
LEPC	Local Emergency Planning Committee	SHMO	State Hazard Mitigation Officer
LOMA	Letter of Map Amendment	SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
LOMR	Letter of Map Revision	SLOSH	Sea, Land, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes
<b>M</b>		<b>U</b>	
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement	USBC	Uniform Statewide Building Code
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	USC	United States Code
mph	miles per hour	USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
mps	meters per second	USFS	U.S. Forestry Service
MSL	Mean sea level	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
<b>N</b>		USGS	U.S. Geologic Survey
NBC	Nuclear, Biological, Chemical	<b>V</b>	
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program	VDEM	Virginia Department of Emergency Management
NHC	National Hurricane Center	VDOT	Virginia Department of Transportation
NIBS	National Institute of Building Sciences	VGIN	Virginia Geographic Information Network
NID	National Inventory of Dams	VOAD	Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	VRA	Virginia Resources Authority
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	<b>W</b>	
NPS	National Park Service	WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction
NRCS	U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service		
NWS	National Weather Service		
<b>P</b>			
PA	Public Assistance		
PGA	Peak Ground Acceleration		
PL	Public Law		