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FINAL REPORT (DRAFT)

DATE: August 15, 2016
 TO: Lisa Norris
 FROM: Lisa Craig, Chief of Historic Preservation
 RE: ULI Resilience Grant – *Weather it Together: Protecting Our Historic Seaport*

The City of Annapolis has completed the public outreach activities discussed in the ULI Baltimore District Council proposal. Working with Lisa Norris, Danielle Dunlap, Sean Davis and Katherine Burgess from ULI National, we brought in John Englander, a noted oceanographer and consultant on Sea Level Rise to provide 3 intensive days of consultation with a broad range of stakeholders. This 3-day series of meetings, lectures, workshops was sponsored by the City of Annapolis, the Urban Land Institute – Baltimore Chapter, and a host of other sponsors. John Englander, an expert consultant on sea level rise, arrived in Annapolis on January 28 and left on January 31, 2016. ULI’s funding paid for Mr. Englander’s visit (fee, travel, lodging, food) while in Annapolis. He participated in numerous meetings, workshops, lectures and media interviews throughout the 3-days and showcased the work of Annapolis within the larger framework of the challenges of sea level rise and tidal flooding. With anywhere between 20 and 600 people attending any of these events, Mr. Englander’s visit to Annapolis met our goal of ensuring that our citizens, elected leaders, business owners and non-profit partners learned the science behind sea level rise in a way that was approachable and engaging. Some of the activities promoted were as follows:

January 28

- Interview on WNAV radio “Living Green”
- Annapolis Rotary Lunch Speaker
- Interview with Editorial Board of *The Capital*
- Meeting with *Weather It Together* core team on priorities for planning effort
- Talk & Book Signing at Back Creek Books

January 29

- Gathering with Annapolis business community to discuss economic impacts
- Lunch with City Council members and Eastport community / business leaders to discuss impacts on maritime businesses
- Series of television interviews at State House

January 30

- Half-day workshop with experts from ULI, design and construction professionals
- Afternoon Lecture at St. John's
- Post-lecture reception & book-signing

Mr. Englander had previously been in Annapolis for a site visit in September at which Lisa Norris and Danielle Dunlap represented ULI. His presentation kicked off a morning Emergency Preparedness session focused on building and business resiliency in the event of a disaster. His presentation was well received and drew the interest of not only upwards of 50 building owners and tradespeople, but also that of two of our City Council members.

With the media attention that followed Mr. Englander's visit January visit, we were able to attract a large audience of approximately 150 residents to a planning charrette hosted in May, 2016. Funded primarily by FEMA/MEMA, the success of this charrette was assured by the involvement of some of the key technical experts from ULI (Eileen Fogerty, Aaron Keel) as well as ULI National staff, Katherine Burgess. This full-day community workshop allowed us to address the key adaptation strategies appropriate for the Annapolis Historic District. The planning and design priorities resulting from the planning charrette are now informing our goals and objectives phase of the Cultural Resource Hazard Mitigation Plan.

We have included ULI in all of our presentations as a key partner in the "Weather It Together" initiative and hope to continue working with ULI and promoting the organization's technical assistance work in resiliency planning. his project to date has garnered for our office dozens of invitations to speak at regional and national conferences and workshops. Staff has spoken specifically about the ULI-funded community engagement efforts at conferences in St. Augustine, FL, Newport, RI, Denver, CO, Mobile, AL, Milwaukee, WI and in Washington, DC. We anticipate even more opportunities in the future to showcase the importance of ULI's support of our community engagement effort.

Please accept this report with a significant expression of gratitude for the contribution of ULI through the ULI-Baltimore Chapter to our "Weather It Together: Protecting our Historic Seaport" initiative. We look forward to future opportunities to work with ULI-Baltimore and ULI to further our work in resiliency planning to benefit not only our historic seaport city, but all the other small communities struggling with the challenge of climate change.