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Dear Kevin:

I am providing this letter in support of the proposal you and your team are submitting to the NOAA Climate Services Special Competition for the Coastal Zone entitled, "*Improved Resiliency of Chesapeake Bay Communities to Storm Surge and Inundation under Climate-Induced Sea Level Rise.*" The project description are highly relevant to our future needs, particularly zoning considerations for future construction, utility and health care facility siting, emergency evacuation routes, and to help us determine appropriate areas for future growth and hence, I strongly encourage your Team's activities.

Talbot County has low lying areas in the watershed, so we faces obstacles not only in installing appropriate land uses to meet current restoration goals mandated through the EPA, but implementing practices and construction that will remain functional under increasing sea level and possible further surge inundation and flooding. The models you plan to develop will be extremely useful to our plans for the coming decades, and the interactions and dialog you offer with the modeling team to meet our needs for the future are extremely appealing.

I look forward to hearing your proposed work has been supported. Once this occurs, please feel free to contact me to help identify local planners, emergency managers, and other relevant parties in the commercial, health, and environmental fields so that we might assemble the most relevant individuals and organizations to meet with you to insure the tools you develop can be applied to all aspects of our future society.

Respectfully,

Sandy Coyman
Planning Officer