



Town of Bethany Beach
Stormwater & Flooding Committee
January 23, 2026 - 2:00 PM

The Stormwater & Flooding Committee will hold a meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026, at the Bethany Beach Town Hall located at 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2025 meeting
- IV. Christophe Tulou, our featured speaker, is the Executive Director of the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays. Prior to joining the Center, Christophe served as Senior Council for the US Senate Environment and Public Works Committee as well as senior advisor on the Chesapeake Bay for EPA Administrator, Gina McCarthy. He provides diversity of executive and legislative experience at all levels of government, having served 10 years in various capacities in the U. S. House of Representatives, as Cabinet Secretary of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control under then-Governor Tom Carper and the as Director of the District Department of the Environment in Washington, D.C.
- V. Bob Collins - An update on the completion of The Center for the Inland Bays new Thompson Island Living Shoreline. An excellent step in protecting our bays and their precious wetlands.
- VI. Chairman updates on regional resilience efforts
 - Beach crossovers now open as a result of DNREC and Secretary Patterson working closely with the Town.
 - November 2025 Bethany Beach hosted the Sussex County Association of Towns monthly meeting with Secretary Patterson as our featured speaker.
 - DNREC Notice to Coastal and Bay Beach Communities of a new "Shoreline Public Access Plan Requirement". This is a detailed plan which must be prepared by July 1 covering set criteria to demonstrate that communities provide proper public access to their beaches.
 - Regular meetings continue with DNREC on our proposed Loop Canal dam with State and Federal Parks & Rec voicing support.
 - Cliff will discuss some of our current Town Resilience efforts, including the ongoing work in the Loop Canal where almost 900' of erosion controlling

bulkheads are currently being placed under a \$1,370,000 contract where \$975,000 is covered by federal and state grant monies. A Living shoreline is planned to follow in Lake Bethany stabilizing the important land spit there which serves as a Heron rookery every spring.

VII. Town Manager updates of current Bethany Stormwater & Flood resilience efforts:

- Loop Canal / Assawoman Canal Mechanical Flap Dam - DNREC meetings continue.
- Loop Canal Bulkhead and Living Shoreline projects
- The Pennoni Engineers Sea Level Rise Study.
- Bethany West Drainage Study

VIII. Matt Kirks - Discussion of the "**Bethany Homeowners Help the Town Fight Flooding**" pamphlet continued distribution via "A" frame signs used at town events.

IX. Call to adjourn

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