March 21, 2022 Meeting Notes Stormwater and Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee

Attendees: Donnie Bowen, Lauren Kabler, Gary Koopman, Jay Loveless, Carola Wilson, Elana VanOudenaren, Dave Damalouji, Tom Litke, Elizabeth Lawton, Stacy Milor, Bob Gray.

Discussion Items

- 1. Review of bids submitted (March 16, 2021 deadline) for North Beach's Compound Flood Action Plan.
 - **a.** The Compound Flood Plan RFP received bids from three Maryland-based firms: Straughan Environmental, Inc., of Columbia, Coastal Resources Inc., of Annapolis, and BayLand Consultants and Designers Inc., of Hanover.
 - **b.** The committee reviewed the bids closely and found all three bidders to be exceptionally qualified and worthy of the contract.
 - **c.** The BayLand company provided the lowest bid—\$68.5K, slightly below the \$70K in available grant funds—followed by Straughan (\$70K) and Coastal Resources (\$91.7K).
 - **d.** Committee members (Gary, Elana, & Carola) subsequently spoke with several of BayLand's clients (notably the Town of Crisfield and the community of Sherwood Forest) to get a realistic picture of firm's work, diligence, attention to detail, and general working style.
 - **e.** Each client that was reached gave BayLand high marks for their professionalism, adherence to schedules, ideas, and willingness to work with their teams.
 - **f.** In the committee's view, BayLand appears to be a solid firm with the skills, attributes, and the right size to deliver on our Compound Flood Action Plan.
 - **g.** Action item: (Dave) prepare a brief memo for DPW to send the Town Council with the committee's recommendation.