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## HOUSE BILL NO. 904

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*A BILL to direct the Department of Housing and Community Development to allow the Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund be used for post-disaster recovery projects aligned with state or local floodplain management standards.*

Patron—Lopez

Committee Referral Pending

### Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

**1. § 1.** *That the Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department) shall amend its criteria for awarding money from the Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund (the Fund) to allow for moneys from the Fund to be used for post-disaster recovery projects that are consistent with state floodplain management standards for state-owned buildings or local floodplain standards, whichever are more stringent. The Department shall give priority to projects that use nature-based solutions or promote green infrastructure when possible. The Department shall coordinate with the Interagency Resilience Management Team, convened pursuant to § 2.2-220.5 of the Code of Virginia, when evaluating new applications for awards from the Fund to ensure that such projects are aligned with the Commonwealth's resilience principles.*

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