RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building.**This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification:*In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):
National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

Travel Dates:
03/06/2026 to 03/08/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$160.00	$220.00	$179.00	$371.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

4/7/2026
Date

Bella Weston
Printed Name of Traveler


Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

04/07/2026
Date


Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

● Yes ○ No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
Transportation	$160.00	Transportation costs per participant increased from $132 to $160 as several invited participants could not attend due to last-minute scheduling conflicts/illness, reducing the total number of travelers.
Misc. Expenses	$408.00	Miscellaneous expenses increased from $371 to $408 per participant due to the reduced total number of participants and additional A/V equipment needs.
Meals	$179.00	Costs for meals increased from $159 to $179 due to costs associated with the Regional Resilience Networking Showcase reception on Saturday, March 7th.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

● Yes ○ No

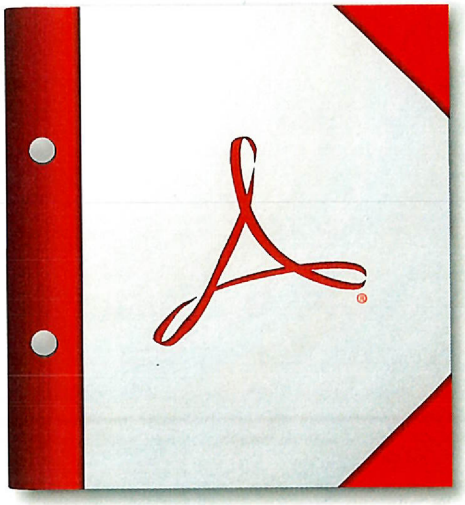
Explanation: An updated itinerary with actual start/end times based on actual travel times and lecture/Q&A overruns has been provided to each traveler for submission. Please see the summary below of location and speaker changes. • Friday, March 6th o The location of the working lunch and project overview was shifted to the Slover Library (235 E Plume St, Norfolk, VA 23510 – Community Room 650) due to a scheduling conflict at the Grandy Village Learning Center. o The overview of the Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management Project was shifted to be part of the working lunch instead of occurring after the walking tour as Audio/Visual equipment was not available at the walking tour location. o Kyle Spencer (Chief Resilience Officer, Norfolk Resilience Department) was unable to join the Friday overview/tour. o Bryan Pennington (Director of Government Relations, Norfolk Office of Intergovernmental Relations) joined the working lunch and overview presentation providing brief remarks on how the city partners with local, state, and national government entities on infrastructure projects. o The name of the evening learning module was updated from "Coastal Resilience" to "Coastal Impacts" to better reflect the content of the presentations. • Saturday, March 7th o Lacy Shirey (Executive Director, Elizabeth River Project) and Luísa Black Ellis (Director of Resilience & Community Engagement, Elizabeth River Project) were unable to join the afternoon site visit. Instead, Phoebe Murrell (Director

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

Elizabeth River Project) joined and led walking tours. o The name of the afternoon learning module was updated from "Planning and Infrastructure" to "Planning, Infrastructure, and Coastal Resilience" to better reflect the content of the presentations. o The lecture on Green Infrastructure by Phoebe Murrell was shifted to the end for better flow of the presentations. o Lectures and Q&A went over the allotted time, so a panel discussion was held to close out the session instead of facilitated table discussions. o Updated presenter information for the Working Dinner and Regional Resilience Networking Showcase: □ Chris Moore (Virginia Executive Director) represented the Chesapeake Bay Foundation instead of Christy Everett (Hampton Roads Director) □ Michael Hess (Director of Design & Construction - Special Projects) represented the Hampton Roads Sanitation District – Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow project instead of Jay Bernas (CEO/General Manager) □ Paul Robinson (Executive Director) represented RISE Resilience instead of Katie Stanley (Communications & Operations Manager) □ The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and Virginia Institute of Marine Science were unable to send representatives □ Wetlands Watch was invited to participate and was represented by Skip Stiles (Founder & Senior Advisor) • Sunday, March 8th o Kiho Kim was unable to attend. An alternative presenter could not be confirmed so climate impacts on coral reefs was not addressed as a lecture topic. o The "future of oceans" panel was changed to facilitated small group discussions.



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RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp
1/28/2026
10:45 AM

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220.** Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
Bella Weston

Employing Office/Committee:
WELCH, PETER

Private Sponsor(s):
National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

Destination(s):
Norfolk, Virginia

Travel Dates:
03/06/2026 to 03/08/2026
NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

As a member of the Senator's energy and environmental policy team, this trip will provide important scientific and contextual information to strengthen my ability to draft legislation and support the Senator in his work to represent the needs and feelings of Vermont when relating to energy and environmental policy.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

1/28/2026
Date

Isabella Weston
Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

I Peter Welch
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Isabella Weston
(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

☑ (signify "yes" by checking box)

1/28/2026
Date

Peter Welch
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine: NAS Climate Crossroads Congressional Fellowship - March 2026 Weekend Seminar

Bella Weston

Title:
Legislative Correspondent

Employing Office/Committee:
WELCH, PETER

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Norfolk, Virginia

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

As a member of the Senator's energy and environmental policy team, this trip will provide important scientific and contextual information to strengthen my ability to draft legislation and support the Senator in his work to represent the needs and feelings of Vermont when relating to energy and environmental policy.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address 2 (Optional)
None

Phone Number
202-334-3289

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
(●) Yes ( ) No

Address
500 Fifth St. NW

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20001 United States

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

In 2024 and 2025, NAS sponsored two trips including congressional travel to support the Weekend Seminars for previous cohorts of Climate Crossroads Congressional Fellows. Before 2024, LegiStorm reflects that NAS sponsored 16 trips between 2000 and 2005 to facilitate congressional staff participation in workshops, conferences, symposiums, and roundtables on various subjects related to science policy.

Educational Activities

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS), a private tax-exempt corporation, provides independent, objective advice to inform policy with evidence, spark progress and innovation, and confront challenging issues for the benefit of society. The NAS includes under its charter the National Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Medicine (collectively referred to as the National Academies). The Climate Crossroads Congressional Fellowship provides current Congressional staff with a solid grounding in the science, engineering, and health dimensions of climate change, as well as opportunities to build connections with colleagues from diverse policy backgrounds. The program leverages National Academies' reports, activities, staff, and expert networks and focuses on capacity building, professional development, and networking opportunities for program participants during a crucial window as the world confronts a changing climate.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyists.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ✓ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ✓ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ✓ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

As part of the NAS Climate Crossroads Congressional Fellowship participants engage in a series of events on different topics related to climate change, and the weekend seminar will enable an extended period of deep engagement for program participants with NAS resources and experts as well as time for community building. The weekend seminar will center on coastal resilience, infrastructure, and oceans. Activities will include "classroom" sessions consisting of short lectures, Q&A, and small group discussions. The sessions will be complemented by field visits to Elizabeth River Project's Ryan Resilience Lab and Norfolk's Office of Resilience Ohio Creek Watershed Project. These field visits will illustrate how concepts discussed in the "classroom" are translated to projects implemented on the ground. There will also be a reception Saturday evening for fellows, speakers, field visit partners, and local organizations to network and learn more about resilience initiatives in the area.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

The National Academies provides independent, objective advice to inform policy with evidence, spark progress and innovation, and confront challenging issues for the benefit of society. The Climate Crossroads Congressional Fellowship provides current Congressional staff with a solid grounding in the science, engineering, and health dimensions of climate change, as well as opportunities to build connections with colleagues from a range of policy backgrounds. This trip leverages National Academies' reports, activities, staff, and expert networks and focuses on capacity building for program participants during a crucial window as the world confronts a changing climate.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- [x] The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- [x] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [x] No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

- [x] The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- [ ] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- [ ] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

- Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
03/06/2026 @ 09:00 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
03/08/2026 @ 04:00 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ◉ No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $132.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Ground Transportation	Charter	$132.00

Note
Buses to/from Norfolk and to/from field visits

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $220.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
03/06/2026	03/08/2026	Norfolk Hilton The Main	Norfolk	Virginia	United States	2	$110.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $159.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
03/06/2026	$0.00	$19.00	$28.00	$4.00	**$51.00**	Norfolk	Virginia	United States	No
03/07/2026	$16.00	$19.00	$28.00	$5.00	**$68.00**	Norfolk	Virginia	United States	No
03/08/2026	$16.00	$19.00	$0.00	$5.00	**$40.00**	Norfolk	Virginia	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $371.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (Event Logistics)	$371.00	Hotel meeting space rental, service fees, A/V equipment and support

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

Trip Name: NAS Climate Crossroads Congressional Fellowship - Weekend Seminar

Organization Information

Organization Name:
National Academy of Sciences (NAS)

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
○ Yes ○ No

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:
☐ Private Foundation ☑ Public Charity

Address:
500 Fifth St. NW

City, State, Zip:
Washington, DC 20001

Phone Number:
202-334-3289

Organization URL:
https://www.nationalacademies.org/home

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

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Before 2024, LegiStorm reflects that NAS sponsored 16 trips between 2000 and 2005 to facilitate congressional staff participation in workshops, conferences, symposiums, and roundtables on various subjects related to science policy.

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

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Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):

○ I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

○ I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):

○ I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

○ I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):

☑ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

☑ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

☐ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

Please see the included addendum.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

Please see the included addendum.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

◯ Yes ◯ No

If No, describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

If there are multiple sponsors, each sponsor must submit Organization Information (Page 1 of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form) and a Signature Page Form.

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

If you have a Grantmaking Organization, you must attach a Grantmaking Organization Certification Form.

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With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation (Select one):

- ◯ The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- ◯ The trip is arranged or organized with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- ☑ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing (Must select all):

- ☑ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☑ No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ◯ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ◯ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- ◯ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ◯ No sponsor retains or employs a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principle, the trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Required if selecting the third option in either column - Please explain why the second overnight stay is practically required and necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trip.

Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol (Must select all):

- ☑ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ☑ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees list

- ☑ A list of all Senate invitees is attached to this form (required).

Members and staff from the House of Representatives will also receive invitations.

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:	⇄	Trip End Date/Time:
Friday, March 6, 2026		Sunday, March 8, 2026

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ● No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: $132 Accompanying Family Member: $N/A)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Buses to/from Norfolk and to/from field visits	Charter	$132

Details (optional)

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: $220 Accompanying Family Member: $N/A)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
3/6/26	3/8/26	Norfolk Hilton The Main	Norfolk	VA	USA

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.
2	$110	No	

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: $159 Accompanying Family Member: $N/A)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
3/6/26	N/A	$19	$28	$4	$51	Norfolk	VA	USA	No
3/7/26	$16	$19	$28	$5	$68	Norfolk	VA	USA	No
3/8/26	$16	$19	N/A	$5	$40	Norfolk	VA	USA	No

If costs exceed the federal per diem, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: $371 Accompanying Family Member: $N/A)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Hotel meeting space rental, service fees, A/V equipment and support	$371	Cost is per person

Additional Details (optional)

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: NAS Climate Crossroads Congressional Fellowship - Weekend Seminar

Travel Date(s): March 6-8, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Norfolk, VA

Sponsor: National Academy of Sciences (NAS)

Ebun Johnson
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Chief Financial Officer
(title)

Ebun Johnson Digitally signed by Ebun Johnson Date: 2026.01.21 10:57:21 -05'00'
(signature of sponsor representative)

(date)

NATIONAL ACADEMIES *Sciences Engineering Medicine*

National Academies Climate Crossroads Congressional Fellowship:

March 2026 Weekend Seminar – Senate Invitee List

Senate Employee Invitee List:

- Ruthie Cohen - Legislative Correspondent, Senator Brian Schatz
- Thomas Culver – Legislative Assistant, Senator Patty Murray
- Melanie Ezrin - Legislative Aide, Senator Tammy Baldwin
- Erica Handloff - Communications Director, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
- Robin Hwang - Legislative Correspondent, Senator Jeanne Shaheen
- Siena Joy - Assistant Policy Advisor, Senator Dan Sullivan
- Ricky Keith C Powell Graves - Regional Coordinator, Senator Angela Alsobrooks
- Marisa Sanchez - Research Assistant, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
- Hanganh Vo - Legislative Correspondent, Senator Elizabeth Warren
- Charlotte Ward - Legislative Correspondent, Senator Chuck Schumer
- Isabella Weston - Legislative Correspondent, Senator Peter Welch

NATIONAL ACADEMIES Sciences Engineering Medicine

Climate Crossroads Congressional Fellowship: Weekend Seminar

Itinerary

Day 1 - Friday, March 6th: Travel

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM **Transportation from Washington, DC to Norfolk, VA (Ohio Creek Watershed Project)** – 9:00 AM Departure Time
CCX Congressional Fellows and National Academies CCX Program Staff will depart from the National Academies Keck Center by bus at 9:00 AM

Locations:
- Keck Center, 500 5th St NW, Washington, DC 20001
- Ohio Creek Watershed Project, 2971 Kimball Loop, Norfolk, VA 23504

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM **Working Lunch and Project Overview (Kyle Spencer and Matt Simons)**
CCX Congressional Fellows will be served lunch while staff from the City of Norfolk facilitate introductions and present an overview of their office, mission, and work.

Attendees:
- **Presenters:** Kyle Spencer (Chief Resilience Officer, Norfolk Resilience Department) & Matt Simons (Deputy Director, Norfolk Resilience Department)
- **Moderator:** Ryan Gallasch (Congressional Affairs Officer, NASEM)
- **Participants:** CCX Congressional Fellows, Fellowship Program Staff (NASEM)

Location: Ohio Creek Watershed Project, 2971 Kimball Loop, Norfolk, VA 23504

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM **Site Visit: Ohio Creek Watershed Project**

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Tour of Ohio Creek Watershed Project (Kyle Spencer and Matt Simons)
Walking tour with Q&A stops at the fishing pier, Ohio Creek pump station, levee walking trail, living shoreline, and other nature-based project features.

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Overview of the Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management (NCSRM) Project (Matt Simons)
Overview of the NCSRM project and Q&A.

3:30 PM Depart
Board motorcoach and travel to the Norfolk Hilton The Main.

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NATIONAL ACADEMIES *Sciences Engineering Medicine*

Attendees:

- **Presenters:** Kyle Spencer (Chief Resilience Officer, Norfolk Resilience Department) & Matt Simons (Deputy Director, Norfolk Resilience Department)
- **Moderator:** Ryan Gallasch (Congressional Affairs Officer, NASEM)
- **Participants:** CCX Congressional Fellows, Fellowship Program Staff (NASEM)

Location: Ohio Creek Watershed Project, 2971 Kimball Loop, Norfolk, VA 23504

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Transportation to hotel**
Location: Norfolk Hilton The Main, 100 E Main St, Norfolk, VA 23510

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM **Hotel Check-in** – 4:00 PM Approximate Arrival Time
Fellows will receive a key upon arrival and can check in at a later time.

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM **Working Dinner and Learning Module: Coastal Resilience**

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Activity: Dinner Discussion (Moderated by Ryan Gallasch)
Buffet dinner will be available. Prompts and questions will be provided to the group to facilitate discussion during the meal.

6:30 PM – 6:50 PM Lecture: Sea Level Rise (Molly Mitchell)
This lecture will provide an overview of how climate change is driving sea level rise and projected impacts on coastal communities.

6:50 PM – 7:10 PM Lecture: Land Subsidence (Dan Holloway)
This lecture will provide an overview of groundwater reuse and storage, and innovative solutions to address land subsidence in the Hampton-Roads area.

7:10 PM – 7:20 PM Break

7:20 PM – 7:40 PM Lecture: Wetlands (Tracy Quirk)
This lecture will describe the role of wetlands in coastal resilience and how climate change is impacting these ecosystems.

7:40 PM – 8:00 PM Lecture: Flooding in Coastal Communities (Angela Schedel)
This lecture will cover how coastal communities face multiple sources of flooding, how climate change exacerbates these risks, and how coastal communities are responding.

8:00 PM – 8:30 PM Activity: Table Discussions (Moderated by Ryan Gallasch)
Facilitated table-level discussion on select coastal resilience topics.

8:30 PM Adjourn

Attendees:

- **Presenters:** Molly Mitchell (Assistant Professor, Virgina Institute of Marine Science), Dan Holloway (Hydrogeologist, Hampton Roads Sanitation District –

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Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow), Tracy Quirk (Associate Professor, Louisiana State University), & Angela Schedel (Coastal Programs Director, HDR)

- **Moderator:** Ryan Gallasch (Congressional Affairs Officer, NASEM)
- **Participants:** CCX Congressional Fellows, Fellowship Program Staff (NASEM)

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Day 2 - Saturday, March 7th

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Working Breakfast and Daily Overview**
CCX Congressional Fellows will be served breakfast while NASEM staff present an itinerary of the day and basic background information relevant to the site visit (Ryan Resilience Lab).

Moderator: Ryan Gallasch (Congressional Affairs Officer, NASEM)

Attendees: CCX Congressional Fellows, Fellowship Program Staff (NASEM)

Location: Momentum Room – Norfolk Hilton The Main

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM **Transportation to the Ryan Resilience Lab**

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM **Site Visit: Elizabeth River Project's Ryan Resilience Lab**
Location: Ryan Resilience Lab, 4610 Colley Ave, Norfolk, VA 23508

9:30 AM – 9:40 AM Arrival and Check-in

9:40 AM – 10:00 AM Presentation: Elizabeth River Project Ryan Resilience Lab Overview (Lacy Shirey)
Fellows will receive an overview of the Elizabeth River Project and their work to restore the health of the Elizabeth River through restoration programs, research, and community education initiatives.

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Activity: Ryan Resilience Lab Walking Tour (Lacy Shirey, Luísa Black Ellis, and Pam Northam)
Stops on the tour will highlight cutting edge green building practices and systems such as floating docks, green roofs, solar arrays, and rainwater capture projects.

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Activity: Q&A and Group Discussion (Moderated by Ryan Gallasch)

11:30 AM Depart

Attendees:

- **Presenters:** Lacy Shirey (Executive Director, Elizabeth River Project), Luísa Black Ellis (Director of Resilience & Community Engagement, Elizabeth River Project), & Pam Northam (Education and Public Relations Associate, Elizabeth River Project)
- **Moderator:** Ryan Gallasch (Congressional Affairs Officer, NASEM)

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- **Participants:** CCX Congressional Fellows, Fellowship Program Staff (NASEM)

Location: Ryan Resilience Lab, 4610 Colley Ave, Norfolk, VA 23508

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Transportation to Norfolk Hilton The Main**

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Lunch and Site Visit Debrief**

CCX Congressional Fellows will have the opportunity to reflect on the Ryan Resilience Lab site visit and explore cross-cutting themes from the two site visits of the weekend. Prompts and questions will be provided to the group to facilitate discussion during the meal.

Moderator: Ryan Gallasch (Congressional Affairs Officer, NASEM)

Attendees: CCX Congressional Fellows, Fellowship Program Staff (NASEM)

Location: Momentum Room – Norfolk Hilton The Main

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Scheduled Break**

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM **Learning Module: Planning and Infrastructure**

1:30 PM – 1:45 PM Activity: Opening Discussion (Moderated by Ryan Gallasch)
Prompts and questions will be provided to the group to facilitate discussion on planning and infrastructure

1:45 PM – 2:05 PM Lecture: Housing Infrastructure (Carlos Martin)
This lecture will provide an overview of housing infrastructure in coastal communities and climate impacts on the built environment.

2:05 PM – 2:25 PM Lecture: Adaptation in Coastal Communities (Jessica Whitehead)
This lecture will provide insights into key climate issues facing coastal communities and strategies for adaptation and mitigation.

2:25 PM – 2:35 PM Break

2:35 PM – 2:55 PM Lecture: Green Infrastructure (Phoebe Murrell)
This lecture will review different types of green infrastructure that contribute to climate resilience.

2:55 PM – 3:15 PM Lecture: Coastal Engineering (W. Bryce Corlett)
This lecture will highlight how engineers and other practitioners are adapting to and preparing for the impacts of climate change on infrastructure.

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3:15 PM – 3:35 PM	Lecture: Community Driven Relocation and Land-Use (Miyuki Hino) *This lecture will introduce the concept of community driven relocation and the associated social and economic challenges.*
3:35 PM – 4:30 PM	Activity: Table Discussions (Moderated by Ryan Gallasch) *Facilitated table-level discussion on select planning and infrastructure topics.*
4:30 PM	Adjourn

Attendees:

- **Presenters:** Carlos Martin (Vice President for Research and Policy Engagement, Resources for the Future), Phoebe Murrell (Director of Restoration, Elizabeth River Project), W. Bryce Corlett (Senior Coastal Engineer, VHB Inc.), Jessica Whitehead (Executive Director, Institute for Coastal Adaptation and Resilience at Old Dominion University), & Miyuki Hino (Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina)
- **Moderator:** Ryan Gallasch (Congressional Affairs Officer, NASEM)
- **Participants:** CCX Congressional Fellows, Fellowship Program Staff (NASEM)

Location: Momentum Room – Norfolk Hilton The Main

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM **Scheduled Break**

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM **Working Dinner and Regional Resilience Networking Showcase**

Dinner will be made available for CCX Congressional Fellows, invited experts, and participants of the Regional Resilience Networking Showcase.

The showcase will feature local organizations at the forefront of resilience efforts. Fellows will have the opportunity to connect with organizational representatives, listen to short presentations, and learn more about resilience initiatives in the Virginia Beach-Chesapeake-Norfolk area.

Attendees:

- **Presenters:** Christy Everett (Hampton Roads Director, Chesapeake Bay Foundation), Jay Bernas (CEO/General Manager, Hampton Roads Sanitation District – Sustainable Water Initiative for Tomorrow), Katie Stanley (Communications & Operations Manager, Rise Resilience), Greg Grootendorst, (Deputy Executive Director, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission) & Derek Aday (Director, Virginia Institute of Marine Science)
- **Moderator:** Ryan Gallasch (Congressional Affairs Officer, NASEM)

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- **Participants:** CCX Congressional Fellows, Fellowship Program Staff (NASEM), Invited Experts and Instructors from Learning Module: Planning and Infrastructure

Location: Exchange Space – Norfolk Hilton The Main

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Day 3 - Sunday, March 8th: Travel

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM **Working Breakfast and Daily Overview**

CCX Congressional Fellows will be served breakfast while National Academies staff present an itinerary for the day and travel logistics information for returning to Washington DC.

Moderator: Ryan Gallasch (Congressional Affairs Officer, NASEM)

Attendees: CCX Congressional Fellows, Fellowship Program Staff (NASEM)

Location: Momentum Room – Norfolk Hilton The Main

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM **Learning Module: Oceans**

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM Lecture: Oceans (Emanuelle Di Lorenzo)
This lecture will cover impacts of climate change on oceans, including warming waters, acidification, and deoxygenation as well as the role of oceans in climate solutions.

9:30 AM – 9:55 AM Lecture: Coral Reefs (Kiho Kim)
This lecture will review the importance of coral reef ecosystems, vulnerabilities due to climate change, and ways to support coral reef conservation.

9:55 AM – 10:20 AM Lecture: Fisheries (Corey Garza)
This lecture will explore the impacts of climate on ocean and estuary fisheries, and how practitioners are utilizing a range of management strategies.

10:20 AM – 10:30 AM Break

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Lectures: Ocean CDR (Romany Webb and Adam Subhas)
A pair of lectures will review the technical dimensions of ocean-based carbon dioxide removal (CDR), how CDR can help mitigate climate change, and regulatory challenges related to scaling CDR.

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Panel: Future of Oceans (Moderated by Ryan Gallasch)
Invited experts and fellows will participate in a panel discussion, with a focus on the interdisciplinary connections of the previous topics.

11:30 AM Adjourn

Attendees:

- **Presenters:** Emanuelle Di Lorenzo (Professor, Brown University), Kiho Kim (Professor, Washington College), Corey Garza (Professor, University of Washington), Romany Webb (Deputy Director, Sabin Center for Climate

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Change Law at Columbia Law School), & Adam Subhas (Associate Scientist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution)

- **Moderator:** Ryan Gallasch (Congressional Affairs Officer, NASEM)
- **Participants:** CCX Congressional Fellows, Fellowship Program Staff (NASEM)

Location: Momentum Room – Norfolk Hilton The Main

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Lunch and Weekend Debrief**

CCX Congressional Fellows will have the opportunity to discuss cross-cutting themes from the weekend's learning modules and site visits. Prompts will be provided to facilitate discussion during the meal. National Academies staff will provide closing remarks.

Moderator: Ryan Gallasch (Congressional Affairs Officer, NASEM)

Attendees: CCX Congressional Fellows, Fellowship Program Staff (NASEM)

Location: Energy Room – Norfolk Hilton The Main

12:30 PM – 4:00 PM **Transportation back to Washington, DC** – 12:30 PM Departure Time

CCX Congressional Fellows and CCX Program Staff will be dropped off at the National Academies Keck Center at approximately 4:00 PM

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