

What is the American Flood Coalition?

The American Flood Coalition is a nonpartisan Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that brings together elected officials, cities and counties, military groups, businesses, local leaders, and civic groups to advance national solutions that support flood-affected communities and protect our nation's residents, economy, and military installations.

What is the goal of the American Flood Coalition?

The American Flood Coalition advocates for policy changes and practical national solutions to address the issues posed by rising seas and flooding. We support policies that strengthen our economy, invest in our communities, and safeguard our national security. With effective planning, our flood-affected communities can adapt and thrive. By investing in planning and projects to proactively address flooding and sea level rise, we can protect our ports, highways, runways, businesses, schools, and homes while creating jobs and economic opportunities in our local communities.

Is the American Flood Coalition only focused on flooding and sea level rise?

Yes – flooding and sea level rise are serious and immediate issues that affect our communities and the hundreds of millions of Americans who live there each day.

What is the American Flood Coalition's platform?

We support policies that impact four key areas:

- **Economy:** Investing in infrastructure and natural solutions that boost the economy and protect property values by creating dedicated federal funding and incentives for resilience.
- **Communities:** Using smart planning to keep communities safe and save taxpayer dollars by expanding pre-disaster mitigation programs and adopting resilient standards for federal spending.
- **Rebuilding:** Rebuilding our communities with a clear-eyed view of future risk to protect them from future flooding.
- **Military:** Ensuring readiness 365 days a year by giving the military the authority to assess and address the impact of flooding on- and off-base.

Who is the American Flood Coalition?

Our coalition includes elected officials, military groups, towns, cities and counties, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and local leaders. We have a full list at this [link](#).

Why are flooding and sea level rise urgent issues right now?

Flooding and sea level rise are urgent because 126 million Americansⁱ are at risk. 1 in 8 Americans live within a 100-year floodplain, despite FEMA's flood maps estimating only 1 in 25 Americans are at risk.ⁱⁱ 53 mission-critical basesⁱⁱⁱ and 37 major ports^{iv} across the nation are also directly vulnerable. Here's what we know:

- **Proactive solutions save money:** Every \$1 spent on pre-disaster mitigation saves up to \$7 in disaster relief.^v This not only protects communities, but ensures we are faithful stewards of the taxpayer's money.
- **It's a major economic issue:** Crucial regional and national economic drivers - ports, tourism and hospitality industries, and real estate, among others - are under siege from flooding and sea level rise. These impacts extend far beyond the boundaries of individual flood-impacted communities.

- **It's a national security issue:** 53 mission-critical Navy, Army, and Air Force bases are currently vulnerable to sea level rise, leading to recurrent “sunny-day” flooding and reducing our military readiness.^{vi} For example, flooding in Virginia impacts the access road to Norfolk Naval Base about 10 times a year.^{vii}

What makes the American Flood Coalition unique?

The American Flood Coalition is unique because of its laser-focus on flooding and sea level rise and how its diverse, nonpartisan coalition works together to advocate for solutions and national policies to protect our communities. No other organization brings together this range of different organizations, cities, and individuals who are collectively advocating for solutions that address flooding at the national level.

Are there any costs or legal obligations to joining the American Flood Coalition?

No, there are not. Membership is entirely informal, costs nothing, and does not create any legal ties or obligations. As a result, any member is free to withdraw at any time.

Does the American Flood Coalition hold annual conferences?

Not at this time, but we do arrange events in Washington, D.C. and in multiple regions across the country.

How is the American Flood Coalition funded?

The American Flood Coalition is a nonpartisan Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is supported by philanthropic funding, including funding from multiple family foundations and institutional funders. The Coalition does not and has not ever received funding from the general public or from corporate sources. We comply with all public financial disclosure and transparency laws governing Section 501(c)(3) organizations.

Do you take on controversial issues/what if I disagree with your policy choices?

Our [policy platform](#) is a broad set of principles and goals that each member agrees to when they join the coalition. This platform is designed to focus on areas of common interest across our diverse membership. Coalition support for a particular policy or unique piece of legislation does not imply the endorsement of the individual members of the Coalition. Likewise, if an individual member of the Coalition voices support for a particular policy or piece of legislation, such support does not imply endorsement of the Coalition.

Who do I contact with additional questions about the American Flood Coalition?

Send an email to info@floodcoalition.org, and a member of our team will be happy to address your question.

i [NOAA](#), 2015
ii [CityLab](#) and [YaleEnvironment](#), 2018
iii [U.S. Department of Defense](#), 2019
iv [JOC Container Shipping and Trade News](#), 2019
v [Pew Research Center](#), 2019
vi [U.S Department of Defense](#), 2019
vii [National Geographic](#), 2017