

Yorkshire Future Flood Resilience Pathfinder

The Yorkshire Future Flood Resilience Pathfinder project has been funded by the Environment Agency to a value of £574,000. The pathfinder will work with communities, planning and construction professionals, the construction industry and the insurance sector to deliver behaviour change that will lead to the increase in the usage of property flood resilience measures (PFR) across the Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (YRFCC) area. The YRFCC SCRIMP (Skills, Capacity, Resource Improvements) initiative, led by City of York Council, have developed the pathfinder project with all LLFA (Lead Local Flood Authorities) in the YRFCC area.

The Living with Water initiative in Hull and the East Riding are developing a learning and demonstration site at Wilberforce College, this will be adapted by the pathfinder project to showcase PFR measures.

Work Package 1

- YRFCC wide survey and benchmarking of current PFR knowledge and uptake, output analysis to inform the development of physical and educational materials. The Yorkshire Integrated Catchment Solutions Programme (iCASP) incorporating the Universities of Leeds, York and Sheffield will lead this work.

Work Package 2

- Co-development of a physical demonstration site at Wilberforce College with the Living with Water initiative. Classrooms, exhibits, physical models and demonstration materials to showcase PFR and wider flood risk measures.
- Development of a suite of educational and awareness materials, a portable PFR 'test rig' and production of a 'touring display' of PFR products to be used in regional events and temporarily installed at LLFA sites.
- Procurement and training of three YRFCC PFR Project Officers who will programme in and deliver all educational and awareness sessions during the final phase of the pathfinder.

Work Package 3

- Delivery of awareness/education presentations through all YRFCC areas to a range of recipients including – schools, local planning authority officers, developers, insurance industry, communities etc. More than 600 training days are anticipated during this phase.
- The Wilberforce College Learning Centre will deliver a programme of events for communities, partners and industry to showcase flood resilience and PFR.
- PFR interpretation and demonstration materials will be displayed in prominent parts of LLFA real estate

Stage 4

- Repeat survey work by iCASP to evidence and evaluate the impact of the project.

The project is funded from September 2019 to April 2021.