Delaware’s Sea Level Rise Challenge

– Delaware, as a state almost surrounded by tidal waters, must be concerned with the predictions of Sea Level Rise (SLR). The Department of Transportation, as steward of over 10,000 lane miles of roadway and myriad related assets, must also be concerned with the specific effects of intruding salt water. The state Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (DNREC) has formed an advisory committee to study the effects of SLR on all aspects of life in Delaware. DelDOT is a key member of this study committee as many significant roadways may be affected by SLR. One outcome of the study will be to determine what populations and assets will be vulnerable under various scenarios. The DNREC SLR Vulnerability Study is scheduled to be complete in 2011.”

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