

## **Discussion Summary — Correspondence with Representative Ronald Gray’s Office Regarding Flood-Mitigation Support and State Coordination (October 2025)**

This summary reflects correspondence regarding flood mitigation, state support, and long-term resilience planning related to Mallard Lakes Community Association. It is provided for historical context and should not be interpreted as an official statement, commitment, or policy position of the State of Delaware or any participating official.

In October 2025, Simone Reba exchanged correspondence with representatives from the office of Ronald Gray regarding ongoing flooding and tidal inundation concerns affecting Mallard Lakes. The discussion focused on community questions surrounding the types and severity of flooding conditions that might qualify for future state attention, assistance, or advocacy efforts, including whether smaller-scale mitigation concepts such as variable floodgates or tidal-control measures addressing shallow but recurring inundation could potentially receive consideration.

In response, Representative Gray’s office explained that Representative Gray had been involved with flooding concerns affecting the Mallard Lakes area for more than a decade and had previously worked to identify potential local, state, and other funding resources that might support mitigation efforts. The office also noted that Representative Gray had recently met with a member of the HOA to discuss ongoing options and emphasized that decisions regarding project direction and implementation ultimately rested with the HOA and the relevant state agencies overseeing any approved work.

The correspondence further acknowledged the complexity, cost, and long-term nature of flood-mitigation planning in coastal communities and stated that state agencies and local officials would continue working with the HOA to help identify viable paths forward for addressing flooding and drainage concerns at Mallard Lakes. Simone Reba responded by expressing appreciation for Representative Gray’s continued engagement and clarified that her goal had been to ensure that accurate information regarding available state and federal options remained visible as the community evaluated possible long-term solutions. The exchange concluded with recognition that successful mitigation efforts would require ongoing coordination among homeowners, the HOA, local government, and state agencies.