



## REGISTRATION

[www.waquoitbayreserve.org](http://www.waquoitbayreserve.org)

There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

*Light refreshments will be available*

### Audience:

- Citizens and professionals interested in climate change and adaptation planning on Cape Cod
- Local Officials
- Town Boards and Committees
- Environmental Organizations
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Consultants
- Businesses
- Educational Institutions
- Social Service Organizations
- Town, State, and Regional Agency Staff

This workshop is part of the New England Climate Adaptation Project (NECAP)

NECAP is a collaborative effort aimed at building support for appropriate risk management measures.

Barnstable is one of four coastal communities involved in the project, which is funded by the National Estuarine Research Reserve Science Collaborative. Other community partners include Cranston, RI; Dover, NH; and Wells, ME.

Additional information on the project: <http://necap.scripts.mit.edu/necap/>

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# Planning for Climate Change: Testing New Methods for Community Engagement

## Thursday, October 3, 2013 1:00pm - 3:30pm

Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve  
131 Waquoit Highway Waquoit, MA 02536

The Town of Barnstable Growth Management Department is participating in a study with partners at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Science Impact Collaborative, the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and the Consensus Building Institute to test an innovative way to help coastal communities understand and prepare for the potential impacts of climate change. The project partners invite you to participate in a role-play simulation workshop that will explore various approaches to decreasing vulnerabilities to climate change threats and gauge community consensus on climate change adaptation strategies.

During this interactive workshop, participants will engage in a mock negotiation about how to deal with flooding risk in a coastal community similar to Cape Cod towns. Participants are given realistic scientific information to help them decide how they might go about addressing potential climate change impacts. Data collected from this workshop will help MIT researchers evaluate the effectiveness of role-play simulations as a tool for educating the public about climate change risks and possible ways of managing them. The results will help Barnstable and Cape Cod to better manage long-term vulnerability to climate change.

### Project Partners

