

Sea Level Rise, Storms and Cape Cod

Two workshops focused on reducing risk and improving regional preparedness

Waquoit Bay Reserve, 131 Waquoit Highway, Waquoit (E. Falmouth)

Increased storminess and flooding events over recent years have continued to expose Cape Cod's vulnerability to storms and sea level rise and the type of impacts these hazards can have on the landscape and the economy. This, coupled with projections for more intense storms and greater sea level rise in the future, make it imperative for communities to enhance how they prepare for these threats.

Developing Planning and Decision-Support Tools to Meet Local Needs

**Thursday, March 12, 2015
9:00AM - 4:30PM**

Workshop I will focus on examining existing web-based mapping and visualization tools that can inform local planning and emergency response efforts and ways to enhance their utility. It will incorporate tools and planning processes that are being effectively used in New Jersey communities affected by Super Storm Sandy to strengthen resiliency planning and identify elements that may be transferable to Cape Cod. Through a blend of presentations, interactive demonstration, and discussion, the workshop will allow participants to contribute concrete ideas on ways to enhance mapping tools to make them as useful as possible to local decision-makers. Recognizing that mapping tools on their own are insufficient to achieve resiliency goals, the workshop will also provide a forum to highlight opportunities and collaborative action necessary to continue making progress towards a more resilient Cape Cod.

Snow Date: Friday, March 13, 2015

Target Audience:

- Regional and municipal planners & GIS staff
- Emergency and floodplain managers
- DPW staff, natural resource managers & conservation agents
- Local Boards (planning, conservation, emergency management)
- Environmental organizations
- State agency staff and local technical experts
- Town administrators and selectmen

Engaging the Community in Planning: How Can it Be Done and What Has Been Proven to Work?

**Thursday, March 19, 2015
9:00AM - 4:30PM**

Workshop II: Engaging the community is a key component in planning for coastal hazards and requires a thoughtful strategic approach to be effective. This workshop will present a variety of strategies that have been successfully utilized in New England and Florida-based projects where towns and organizations were able to make tremendous progress despite challenging beginnings. It will demonstrate how to use a structured collaborative process to build community support and identify techniques and lessons that may be applied on Cape Cod. The workshop will also present a guidebook and other great resources that local officials and organizations can utilize going forward.

Snow Date: Friday, March 20, 2015

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