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## Conference Announcement

**Course Name:** *Construction and Retrofitting of Homes in the Coastal Area:  
State Regulations, FEMA and Best Practices to Reduce Storm Damage*

**Course Code:** Coastal\_MIT

**Course Purpose:** Please join us for a one-day workshop on important State Building Codes, environmental permitting regulations, and best practices related to building and retrofitting homes and other buildings in coastal areas. The morning workshop topics will feature a look at best practices in design of structures to better withstand storm-related impacts such as coastal erosion and flooding, and will also provide guidance for local officials on how to use and interpret FEMA flood insurance rate maps and flood studies. The afternoon sessions will focus on the State Building Code requirements in flood hazard areas, and opportunities for local conservation commission to reduce hazard vulnerability and protect 'Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage' under the Wetlands Protection Act. The workshop will conclude with a presentation related to State and Federal funding opportunities to assist local officials plan for, and implement flood risk reduction projects. *This workshop is being hosted by the State Hazard Mitigation Interagency Committee's Flood and Erosion Workgroup.*

**Target Audience:** Conservation agents, planners, coastal community officials, engineers, building and zoning code officials, emergency managers, floodplain managers, wetland consultants, designers, architects, land owners, developers, mitigation specialists, etc.

### How to Apply:

All participants must register for the conference using MEMA's online Training Registration System (TRS). Login to the Training Registration System using the following link:

<https://mematraining.chs.state.ma.us/TRS>

For any questions regarding the conference or registration, please contact the assigned training contact for the conference.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 09, 2016

**Time:** 9:00AM – 4:30PM

**Location:** Plymouth Public Library  
132 South Street  
Plymouth, MA 02360

**Date:** Thursday, March 31, 2016

**Time:** 9:00AM – 4:30PM

**Location:** NOAA Fisheries Service  
55 Great Republic Drive  
Gloucester, MA 01930

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**Lunch:** Lunch held on your own.